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Summary

Main Entry: John Rowan Claypool Sermon Collection

Date Span: 1962 – 1981

Abstract: Collection of sermons of John Rowan Claypool, IV, who served as pastor of First Baptist Decatur, Georgia; Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky; Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas; and Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

Size: 2 linear ft. (4 document boxes)

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Biographical Sketch

John Rowan Claypool, IV, served as a prominent pastor and theologian at Southern Baptist churches for over twenty years. Born December 15, 1930 in Franklin, Kentucky, Claypool grew up in Nashville, Tennessee. He earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, and was ordained into the ministry in 1953. In 1959, he received a Th.D. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. The churches where Claypool served as pastor included: First Baptist Decatur, Georgia (1959 – 1960); Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky (1960 – 1971); Broadway Baptist Church, Ft. Worth, Texas (1971 – 1976); and Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi (1980 – 1981).

In 1986, Claypool left the Baptist faith and was ordained as an Episcopal priest, following training at the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest in Austin, Texas. He served as associate rector of Christ Episcopal Church, San Antonio, Texas, then as rector of Saint Luke's Episcopal Church in Birmingham, Alabama, from 1987 – 2001. Claypool was theologian-in-residence at Trinity Episcopal Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, from 2001 – 2003. He taught homiletics at the McAfee School of Theology at Mercer University's Atlanta campus and delivered the institution's commencement address in 2005.

Claypool authored eleven books including *Tracks of a Fellow Struggler: How to Handle Grief* (1974), *Stages* (1977), *The Preaching Event* (1980), *Opening Blind Eyes* (1983), *The Light Within You* (1983), *Glad Reunion: Meeting Ourselves in the Lives of Bible Men and Women* (1985), *Stories Jesus Still Tells: The Parables* (1993), *God in an Amateur* (1994), *Mending the Heart* (1999), *The Saga of Life: Living Gracefully Through All of the Stages* (2003), and *God the Ingenious Alchemist: Transforming Tragedy Into Blessing* (2005). He presented the Lyman

Beecher Lectures in Preaching at Yale University in 1978. He died in Atlanta, Georgia, on September 3, 2005.

Scope and Content Note

The John R. Claypool Collection (4 linear ft.) consists of sermons by Claypool in his role as pastor from 1962 to 1981. While most of the sermons are those of Claypool, the collection does include the sermons of other ministers who preached at his church in his absence. The collection includes sermons by Mahan Siler, Jr., Wayne E. Ward, Wayne E. Oates, Frank Stagg, Robert E. Lively, Jr., Fred D. Linkenhoker, Walter Delamarter, Charles E. Boddie, William E. Hull, G. Temp Sparkman, Bill Gaventa, Jr., Howard Hove, Fred Taylor, William Amos, Robert V. Myers, Rob Shipley, Hugo Culpepper, Thomas L. Budenheim, Larry McSwain, John D. W. Watts, Eric C. Rust, Monty Knight, Bill Amos, Mark C. Fowler, Roy E. DeBrand, William H. Gibson, John Paul Carter, Franklin M. Segler, Jim Wideman, and Dan McGee. The topics cover a wide range of subjects but illustrate Claypool's concern for family and marriage issues and the trusting God through the various stages of life. Other prominent sermon topics include repentance, believing in God, faith, prayer, and eternal life. Sermons related to Easter, Thanksgiving, and Christmas are common in the collection.

Arrangement

Sermons are arranged in chronological order.

Provenance

Assembled from a variety of sources by SBHLA staff.

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Access Restrictions

None

Subject Terms

Broadway Baptist Church (Ft. Worth, Texas)
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 Northminster Baptist Church (Jackson, Mississippi)
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Related Materials

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Container List

Box 1 Crescent Hill Baptist Church (Louisville, Kentucky)

1.1. 1962 – Sermons

Who Am I?, September 30, 1962
 What Is Wrong with the World?, October 7, 1962
 The Rainbow of Hope, October 14, 1962
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 A Matter of Life and Death, October 28, 1962 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 The Sharing Community, November 4, 1962
 Conquering Loneliness, November 11, 1962 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 Knowing and Believing, November 18, 1962
 Nevertheless, November 25, 1962
 The Good and the Best, December 9, 1962
 The Mysterious Birth of Christ, December 16, 1962
 The Perfect Gift, December 23, 1962
 Can Any Good Come?, December 29, 1962

1.2 January – June, 1963

What in the World Are you Doing?, January 13, 1963
 The Meaning of Baptism, January 20, 1963
 Our Continuing Need of Worship, January 27, 1963
 The Freedom Love Requires, February 3, 1963
 The Search for Meaning in Suffering, February 17, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 The Radio and Jesus Christ, February 24, 1963
 The Minister, the Church, and the World, March 10, 1963
 The Church Meeting the World, March 17, 1963
 No Good Is Ever Lost, March 24, 1963
 The Power of the Spoken Word, March 31, 1963
 Christ and the Changing Crowd, April 7, 1963
 The Resurrection Hope, April 14, 1963
 The Journey from I to We, April 21, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 Why do you Laugh?, April 28, 1963
 On Being Born Again, May 5, 1963
 Is the Christian Home Out of Date?, May 12, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 The Surprise That Is Every Man, May 19, 1963
 The Fear of Death, May 26, 1963
 To Whom Much Is Given, June 9, 1963
 The Priesthood of Believers, June 23, 1963
 Freedom: Means or End?, June 30, 1963

1.3 July – December, 1963

God and the Individual, July 7, 1963
 There Is No Escape, July 21, 1963
 The Beat Generation, July 28, 1963
 What Are You For?, August 4, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 Thanksgiving in August, August 11, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 The Growing Edge of Tension, August 18, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 The Dignity of Daily Labor, August 25, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 I Learned This by the Sea, September 1, 1963
 Ye Shall Be Witnesses, September 8, 1963
 Narrow Is the Way, September 15, 1963
 Looking Into the Heart of God, September 23, 1963 (Wayne E. Ward)
 A Continuing Concern, September 29, 1963
 Our Parting Benediction, October 6, 1963
 Taking Up the Cross, October 13, 1963
 Owning and Possessing, October 20, 1963
 The Significance of the Church, October 27, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 Changed by the Cross, November 3, 1963
 Believing Is Seeing, November 10, 1963 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 The Sin of Unawareness, November 17, 1963
 A Word for this Crisis, November 24, 1963
 The Importance of a Person, December 1, 1963
 The Freedom of a Slave, December 8, 1963
 God and the Government, December 15, 1963
 The Coming of the Light, December 22, 1963
 Growing Stronger in 1964, December 29, 1963

1.4. January – June, 1964

Amos: Ritual or Righteousness?, January 12, 1964
 Hosea: Invincible Love, January 19, 1964
 Isaiah: The Security of God, January 26, 1964
 Micah: The Champion of the Poor, February 2, 1964
 The Truth of Symbolism, February 9, 1964
 Understanding the Lost, March 8, 1964
 Coming and Going, March 15, 1964
 The Biblical View of Property, April 5, 1964
 The Creative Use of Conflict, April 12, 1964
 Lord, Teach us to Pray, April 19, 1964
 What Do You Do with Your Sins?, April 26, 1964
 Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, May 3, 1964
 The Family Legacy, May 10, 1964 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 Caught in Changing Times, May 17, 1964
 The Man Who Walked With God, May 31, 1964
 The Great Reversal, June 14, 1964
 To Provide Is to Prepare, June 21, 1964
 The Greatness of God, June 28, 1964

1.5. July – December, 1964

The Silent Ministry, July 5, 1964 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 The Power of a Purpose, July 12, 1964 (Mahan Siler, Jr.)
 A Crisis of Conscience, August 2, 1964
 A Person and His Circumstances, August 9, 1964
 The Punctuation Marks of Life, August 16, 1964
 The Need to Reassure, August 23, 1964
 The Making of a Man, August 30, 1964
 The Law and the Lawless, September 6, 1964
 A Vital Church, September 13, 1964
 Prayer and the Husband-Wife Relationship, September 30, 1964 (Wayne E. Oates)
 The Lukewarm Life, September 27, 1964
 I Still Have Good News for You, October 4, 1964
 Helping the Helpless, October 11, 1964
 Are You For Or Against?, October 18, 1964
 Where Is the Lamb?, October 25, 1964
 Use or Lose, November 1, 1964
 In Dead Earnest, November 8, 1964
 The Strong and the Weak, November 15, 1964
 The Hem of the Garment, November 22, 1964
 The Difficult Test, November 29, 1964
 Preparing for Christmas, December 6, 1964
 Did He Come Too Soon?, December 13, 1964
 The Word Become Flesh Today, December 20, 1964 (Frank Stagg)
 Can a Life Be Changed?, December 27, 1964

1.6. 1965

Is There Life After Birth?, January 3, 1965
 Loving Ourselves and Loving Others, January 10, 1965
 We Would See Jesus, January 17, 1965
 Let God Be God, January 24, 1965 (Robert E. Lively, Jr.)
 He Became As We Are, January 31, 1965
 Our Oneness and Our Differences, February 7, 1965
 The Love That Confronts, February 14, 1965
 Easter and God's Determination, April 18, 1965
 Respect for Personality, July 4, 1965

1.7. 1966

Eternal Life: Good News or Bad?, September 25, 1966
 Mary and the First Christmas, December 18, 1966

1.8. 1967

The Challenge of Fatherhood, June 18, 1967
 Is Faith Merely Fantasy?, June 25, 1967
 What Is a Church to Do?, July 2, 1967
 The Way One Grows, July 9, 1967

God and Evil, July 16, 1967
 Everlasting Mercy, July 23, 1967
 The Human Factor in One's Religion, July 30, 1967
 Our Business Is Love, September 3, 1967
 Authority and Brotherliness, November 26, 1967
 When Faith Cost Something, December 3, 1967
 The Man Jesus and Vietnam, December 10, 1967 (Fred D. Linkenhoker)
 Getting the Most Out of Christmas, December 24, 1967

1.9. 1968

The Forgiveness That Sets Free, January 7, 1968
 The Essence of Happiness, January 14, 1968 (Walter Delamarter)
 Small Hearts in a Big World, January 28, 1968
 God's Love and Hell, February 4, 1968
 The Ministry of Mankind, February 17, 1968
 The Inward and the Outward Journey, February 25, 1968
 The Value of Conflict, March 3, 1968
 Blaming or Solving, March 10, 1968
 Judas the Betrayer, March 17, 1968
 The Way God Changes Us, March 24, 1968
 Three Men Trudging, April 7, 1968 (Charles E. Boddie)
 Overcoming Evil with Good, April 21, 1968
 Worship as a Happening, May 26, 1968
 If I Go Down into Hell, June 2, 1968
 The Right and the Wrong Way to Pray, June 23, 1968
 We Are What We Eat, July 14, 1968
 The Way of Freedom, July 21, 1968
 The Vitality of Evil, July 28, 1968 (William E. Hull)
 Beyond the Ghetto, August 4, 1968 (William E. Hull)
 On Working for Rachel, August 11, 1968 (William E. Hull)
 The Broken Wall, August 18, 1968 (William E. Hull)
 Using Our Troubles, August 25, 1968
 The Man Who Lives By Grace, September 15, 1968
 Collaborating with Christ, September 22, 1968
 The Secret of Greatness, September 29, 1968
 Heritage, Fulfillment, and Change, October 6, 1968

1.10 June – December, 1969

Heritage "Up for Grabs", June 29, 1969 (G. Temp Sparkman)
 The Struggle for Freedom, July 6, 1969
 The New Challenge of Neighborliness, July 13, 1969
 What Does it Mean?, July 20, 1969 (Bill Gaventa, Jr.)
 What Is Truth?, August 3, 1969 (William E. Hull)
 For We Know in Part, August 10, 1969 (William E. Hull)
 Sight or Insight?, August 17, 1969 (William E. Hull)
 All That Is Within Me, August 24, 1969

Our Work: Too Little or Too Much?, August 31, 1969
 To Receive and to Give, September 7, 1969 (John Howard Hove)
 The Struggle for Greatness, September 14, 1969
 God and Our Times, September 21, 1969
 The Launching Pad of Christian Mission, September 28, 1969 (Fred Taylor)
 Fellowship and Witness, October 5, 1969
 Seeing Christ in the Hungry, October 12, 1969
 Christ and Thirst: A Communion Meditation, October 19, 1969
 Seeing Christ in the Stranger, October 26, 1969
 I Was Naked and You Clothed Me, November 2, 1969 (John John Howard Hove)
 Christ and Sickness, November 9, 1969
 Christ and the Imprisoned, November 16, 1969
 The Excitement of Insecurity, November 23, 1969 (William Amos)
 The Creative Power of Gratitude, November 30, 1969
 The Maturing of a Nation, December 7, 1969
 The Yoke Fellowship: A Strategy for Mission, December 14, 1969 (Robert V. Myers)
 In Defense of an Innkeeper, December 21, 1969 (William E. Hull)
 Christmas and the Sin of the World, December 28, 1969

1.11 January – June, 1970

In Memoriam, Laura Lue Claypool, January 12, 1970 (William E. Hull)
 The Present Moment of the Past, January 18, 1970 (G. Temp Sparkman)
 Loneliness, January 25, 1970 (John Howard Hove)
 The Miracle of Presence, February 1, 1970 (Bill Amos)
 There, Choose Life, February 15, 1970
 Value of Diversity, February 22, 1970
 A Christian Reflects on Power, March 1, 1970
 Doing Ones Thing, March 15, 1970
 The Art of Appreciation, March 22, 1970
 Tragedy and Hope, March 29, 1970
 The Game of Life, April 5, 1970 (John Howard Hove)
 Becoming a Son of God, April 12, 1970
 The Strength of Weakness, April 19, 1970
 Alienation and the Earth, April 26, 1970
 Nostalgia and Revolution, May 3, 1970
 Living By the Sword, May 10, 1970
 The gift of Pentecost, May 17, 1970
 Spiritual Fitness, May 24, 1970
 True Patriotism, May 31, 1970
 How do you Eat?, Communion Meditation, June 7, 1970
 A Mother's Love and the Father's Business, June 14, 1970
 Fathers and Foundations, June 2, 1970
 The Reason to Rejoice, June 28, 1970

Box 2 Crescent Hill Baptist Church (Louisville, Kentucky)

2.1 July – December, 1970

Strength for Family Living, July 12, 1970 (John Howard Hove)
 In the Beginning – Praise, July 19, 1970 (John Howard Hove)
 The Need for Vision, July 26, 1970 (William Amos)
 Student Unrest and the Silent Majority, August 2, 1970 (Rob Shipley)
 What on Earth Are You Doing?, August 9, 1970 (John Howard Hove)
 Shall We Call the Bible Infallible?, August 16, 1970 (William E. Hull)
 Mystery and Meaning, August 23, 1970
 Singing in a Strange Land, August 30, 1970
 Work and Fulfillment, September 6, 1970
 The Lonely Crowd, September 20, 1970 (William E. Hull)
 Eternity as a Sunrise, September 27, 1970 (Hugo H. Culpepper)
 The Ordeal of the Ministry, October 4, 1970 (William E. Hull)
 God and Man: A Partnership, October 18, 1970 (Thomas L. Budesheim)
 From Altar to Marketplace, October 25, 1970 (Larry McSwain)
 Giving and Growing, November 1, 1970 (John Howard Hove)
 Growth in Grace, November 8, 1970
 God in the Midst, November 15, 1970
 The Audacity of Jesus, November 22, 1970
 Crisis and Opportunity, November 29, 1970 (John D. W. Watts)
 To Blame or to Repent, December 6, 1970
 Wise Men – Then and Now, December 13, 1970
 Fearfulness and Christmas Hope, December 20, 1970

2.2 January – May, 1971

Gratitude and Indignation, January 3, 1971
 Reassurance, January 10, 1971
 Serenity, Courage, and Wisdom, January 24, 1971
 Eternal Life and the Historicity of God, January 31, 1971 (Eric C. Rust)
 Interrobang, February 7, 1971
 If Any Man Will, February 14, 1971 (Monty Knight)
 Dealing with Our Shadow Selves, February 21, 1971
 Choose Your Pain, February 28, 1971
 The Secret of Jesus, March 7, 1971
 The Table and the Brother, March 14, 1971
 The Theology of Ecology, March 21, 1971
 The Struggle of Freedom, March 28, 1971
 The Easter Perspective, April 11, 1971
 Remembering Who We Are: Elijah, April 18, 1971
 Remembering Who We Are: Amos, April 25, 1971
 Remembering Who We Are: Hosea, May 2, 1971
 Remembering Who We Are: Isaiah, May 9, 1971
 Remembering Who We Are: Jeremiah, May 16, 1971
 Remembering Who We Are: Ezekiel, May 23, 1971

2.3 June – December, 1971

The Challenge of Maturity, June 6, 1971
 Self-Fulfilling Prophecies, June 13, 1971
 What Kind of Inheritance?, June 20, 1971
 Was Jesus a Revolutionary?, July 4, 1971
 Is It I?, July 11, 1971
 Bearing Urban Burdens, July 18, 1971 (Bill Amos)
 Redefining Life After a Crisis Event, August 8, 1971 (G. Temp Sparkman)
 Ways of Worshiping, August 15, 1971
 Despising Youth, August 22, 1971 (Mark C. Fowler)
 The Quest and the Promise, August 29, 1971
 This Astonishing Gospel, September 5, 1971
 As You Go, September 19, 1971

Broadway Baptist Church (Ft. Worth, Texas)

Reassurance, October 31, 1971
 The Meaning of the Cross, November 7, 1971
 The Secret of Greatness, November 14, 1971
 Gratitude and Coping, November 21, 1971
 Getting Ready for Christmas, November 28, 1971
 We've a Story to Tell, December 5, 1971
 The Preparation of John, December 12, 1971
 In the City of David, December 19, 1971
 Christmas and the Sin of the World, December 26, 1971

2.4 January – June, 1972

Can a Life Be Changed?, January 2, 1972
 Christianity: Reality or Fantasy?, January 9, 1972
 Serenity, Courage, and Wisdom, January 16, 1972
 How to Share Christ, January 23, 1972
 Maturity and Materialism, January 30, 1972
 The Table and the Brother, February 6, 1972
 We Know in Part, February 20, 1972
 Spontaneity and Discipline, February 27, 1972
 From Garden to City, March 5, 1972
 Learning from Judas, March 12, 1972
 The Bridegroom of the World, March 26, 1972
 He Came Back, April 2, 1972
 God for Man April 9, 1972
 Dealing With the Dirt, April 16, 1972
 The Secret of Worship, April 23, 1972
 Choose Your Pain, April 30, 1972
 The Forgiveness that Sets Free, May 7, 1972
 Mothers of the Bible, May 14, 1972

The Christian Understanding of Death, May 28, 1972
 The Man Who Changed His Mind, June 4, 1972
 Mature Fatherhood, June 18, 1972
 The Lessons of Adversity, June 25, 1972 (Roy E. DeBrand)

2.5 July – December, 1972

The Secret of Christian Freedom
 The Thomas Nobody Knows, July 9, 1972
 The Making of a Man, July 16, 1972
 Teach us to Pray, July 23, 1972
 The Great Invitation, July 30, 1972 (Roy E. DeBrand)
 The Way of the Pilgrim, August 13, 1972 (Roy E. DeBrand)
 Getting Away From it All, August 20, 1972 (Roy E. DeBrand)
 Singing in a Strange Land, August 27, 1972
 Work and Fulfillment, September 3, 1972
 He Became as We Are, September 10, 1972
 He Eats with Sinners, September 24, 1972
 First Things First, October 1, 1972
 Our Shadow Selves, October 15, 1972
 What Jesus Believes about You, October 22, 1972
 You and Life, October 29, 1972
 Use or Lose, November 5, 1972
 Going Through Home Again, November 19, 1972
 Our Relation to the Earth, November 26, 1972
 The First Christmas, December 3, 1972
 The First Christmas: Joseph, December 10, 1972
 The First Christmas: Mary, December 17, 1972
 The First Christmas: Jesus, December 24, 1972

2.6 January – June, 1973

The Power Problem, January 14, 1973
 Taking a Chance on People, January 21, 1973
 When You're up Against It, January 28, 1973
 Love and Indifference, February 4, 1973
 Pilgrim's Progress or Humanizing our Heroes, February 11, 1973
 You and Your Treasure, February 18, 1973
 The Wider Perspective, March 4, 1973
 A Reminder in My Pocket, March 11, 1973
 How Is Faith to be Born?, March 18, 1973
 Day of Release, March 25, 1973 (William H. Gibson)
 How Do You Eat?, April 8, 1973
 The Cross and Human Nature, April 15, 1973
 The Easter Perspective, April 22, 1973
 When New Life Comes, May 6, 1973
 Today's Parenting Challenge, May 13, 1973
 Learning to Handle Grief, May 27, 1973

Balanced Christianity, June 3, 1973
 Self-Fulfilling Prophecies, June 10, 1973
 Communion: Getting Back Together, June 24, 1973

2.7 July – December, 1973

True Patriotism, July 1, 1973
 Someone to Believe in Us, July 22, 1973 (John Paul Carter)
 Hungering for the Transcendent, July 29, 1973 (Franklin M. Segler)
 God and Human Worth, August 5, 1973
 He Who Spared Not His Own Son, August 12, 1973
 One More Mountain, August 19, 1973 (Franklin M. Segler)
 Takers and Givers, August 26, 1973
 The Creative Power of Love, September 9, 1973
 Neighborliness in Today's World, September 16, 1973
 Worship as Involvement, September 23, 1973
 Cover-Up or Cure?, September 30, 1973
 Hide and Seek, October 7, 1973
 The Event of Forgiveness, October 14, 1973
 God's Love and Hell, October 28, 1973
 Small Hearts in a Big World, November 4, 1973
 What Is Enough?, November 18, 1973
 Cynicism and Idealism, November 25, 1973
 Learning How to Expect, December 2, 1973
 What Baptism Signifies, December 9, 1973
 The Perfect Gift, December 23, 1973
 Providence and the New Year, December 30, 1973 (John Paul Carter)

2.8 January – June, 1974

Remembering Who We Are: David, January 6, 1974
 Remembering Who We Are: Solomon, January 20, 1974
 Remembering Who We Are: Elijah, January 27, 1974
 Remembering Who We Are: Amos, February 3, 1974
 The Blood of the Lamb, February 17, 1974
 Reaching In: Reaching Out, February 24, 1974
 The Difference One Makes, March 3, 1974
 The Meaning of Money, March 10, 1974
 Where Is the Lamb?, March 17, 1974
 Something Had to be Done, March 31, 1974
 The Power of Resurrection, April 14, 1974
 Worthiness and Willingness, April 21, 1974
 Mother's Love and Father's Business, May 12, 1974
 The Courage to Be and Not to Be, May 26, 1974
 The Gift of Pentecost, June 2, 1974
 God and Evil, June 9, 1974
 To Provide Is to Prepare, June 16, 1974
 The Power of Memory, June 23, 1974

The Challenge of Freedom, June 30, 1974

2.9 July – December, 1974

The Value of Diversity, July 7, 1974

A Place for You, July 21, 1974 (John Paul Carter)

Freedom and Courage, July 28, 1974 (Jim Wideman)

Lessons from the Unexpected, August 4, 1974 (Franklin M. Segler)

Redeeming the Times, August 11, 1974

Disagreeing and Destroying, August 18, 1974

Clay or Wax, August 25, 1974

Our Work: Addition or Subtraction, September 1, 1974

Casting out Fear, September 8, 1974

Helping the Helpless, September 15, 1974

The Forgiving Process, September 22, 1974

The Good and the Best, September 29, 1974

We Are What We Eat, October 6, 1974

Security, Boredom, and Adventure, October 13, 1974

Growth in Grace, October 20, 1974

Experiencing God, October 27, 1974

A Future in Your Past, November 17, 1974 (John Paul Carter)

Becoming Clean Again, November 24, 1974

Out of Nazareth, December 1, 1974

Eating Together, December 8, 1974

A God Who Does Things, December 15, 1974

Learning from Mary, December 22, 1974

Sounds of a Different Drummer, December 29, 1974 (Dan McGee)

Box 3 Broadway Baptist Church (Ft. Worth, Texas)

3.1 January – June, 1975

Authentic Morality, January 5, 1975

Who Do You Think You Are?, January 26, 1975

Eternal Life: Good New or Bad?, February 2, 1975

Four Ways of Approaching the Table, February 16, 1975

The Challenge of Awareness, February 23, 1975

Growing Is Acceptable, March 2, 1975

Living in the Now, March 9, 1975

On Reviling and Being Reviled, March 16, 1975

Easter and Despair, March 30, 1975

Thou Preparest a Table, April 13, 1975

Naming the Whirlwind, April 20, 1975 (Jim Wideman)

Why?, Why?, Why?, May 4, 1975

Hospitality and the Home, May 11, 1975

Interrobang, May 18, 1975

Understand Death, May 25, 1975

Jesus and God's Reputation, June 1, 1975

How Much of Yourself Will You Give?, June 8, 1975
 Dimensions of Love, June 15, 1975 (Franklin M. Segler)
 The Bible and Women, June 22, 1975
 What Do You Bring to Table?, June 29, 1975

3.2 July – December, 1975

Guilt and Grace, July 13, 1975 (John Paul Carter)
 The Backup Systems of Life, July 10, 1975 (John Paul Carter)
 Strength out of Weakness, July 27, 1975 (John Paul Carter)
 Why Did This Happen to Me?, August 3, 1975 (John Paul Carter)
 The Power of the Spoken Word, August 10, 1975
 What Do You Do With Your Sins?, August 17, 1975
 Why Did They Kill Him?, August 24, 1975
 Grasshoppers in the Land of Giants, August 31, 1975
 The Saga of Life: Childhood, September 7, 1975
 The Saga of Life: Adulthood, September 21, 1975
 The Saga of Life: Senior Adulthood, September 28, 1975
 God and the Gods, October 5, 1975
 Without the Shedding of Blood, October 12, 1975
 Disappointment, Buddhism, and the Bible, October 19, 1975
 Given a Name, October 26, 1975
 Keep on Growing, November 2, 1975
 Communion Meditation: Acting out the Gospel, November 16, 1975
 The Power of Gratitude, November 23, 1975
 Letting John Get us Ready, December 7, 1975
 Bethlehem: Where Extremes Meet, December 14, 1975
 The Light of the World, December 21, 1975
 The continuing Light, December 28, 1975 (John Paul Carter)

3.3 January – May, 1976

The Lord's Prayer, January 4, 1976
 A Father in Heaven, January 11, 1976
 The Tie That Binds Us All, January 18, 1976
 Thy Kingdom Come, February 22, 1976
 Thy Will Be Done, February 29, 1976
 Joining the Church, March 7, 1976
 Our Daily Bread, March 14, 1976
 Forgive us our Trespasses, March 28, 1976
 Lead Us and Deliver Us, April 4, 1976
 The Future as Friend, April 18, 1976
 Known By His Gratitude, April 25, 1976
 Missing the Mark, May 2, 1976
 Unfinished Business, May 9, 1976
 What You Don't Know Can Hurt You, May 16, 1976
 Burying the Dead, May 30, 1976

3.4 June – December, 1976

The Effects of Pentecost, June 6, 1976
 The Eucharistic Person, June 13, 1976
 Asking and the God Who Already Knows, June 27, 1976
 Render Unto Caesar and Unto God, July 4, 1976
 Who Is Your Audience?, July 18, 1976
 As Thy Days, July 25, 1976
 Healthy Acceptance, August 8, 1976
 The Mystery of Goodness, August 29, 1976
 Claiming Your Place and Power, September 5, 1976
 Equipping the Saints, September 12, 1976
 Old Dreams and Burning Business, September 26, 1976
 The Prodigal Father, October 3, 1976
 Nostalgia and Hope, October 10, 1976
 Mutiny, Easter, and the Table, October 24, 1976
 As You Go, Remember..., October 31, 1976

Northminster Baptist Church (Jackson, Mississippi)

New Beginnings, December 12, 1976
 Emmanuel Is His Name, December 19, 1976

3.5 January – July, 1977

Can a Person Change?, January 2, 1977
 Being and Doing Church, January 9, 1977
 Faith: A Way of Knowing, January 16, 1977
 What Can One Expect of God?, January 23, 1977
 The Secret of Worship, January 30, 1977
 Sin, Identity, and Power, February 6, 1977
 Creative Change Agents, February 13, 1977
 Stages Toward Spiritual Maturity, March 6, 1977
 Is God Personal?, March 13, 1977
 Mobility, Loneliness, and the Church, March 20, 1977
 Despair, Hope, and Easter, March 27, 1977
 Palm Sunday and the Bridegroom, April 3, 1977
 Living Creatively with Change, April 17, 1977
 Seeing or Stereotyping, April 24, 1977
 Birthday Wishes, May 1, 1977
 Unfinished Business, May 8, 1977
 Forgiveness as Event, May 15, 1977
 What Jesus Believes About You, May 29, 1977
 The Choice is always Ours, June 12, 1977
 Providing and Preparing, June 19, 1977
 The Basis of Human Worth, June 26, 1977
 After the Far Country, July 3, 1977

Good God, Evil World: Why?, July 10, 1977
 Love to Spare, July 17, 1977

3.6 August – December, 1977

When Acceptance Is Healthy, August 7, 1977
 Pain, Loving, and Not Loving, August 21, 1977
 Venturing into the New, August 28, 1977
 Our Work: Addition or Subtraction, September 4, 1977
 The Challenges of Childhood, September 11, 1977
 The Challenges of Adolescence, September 18, 1977
 Servant Leaders in a Servant Church, September 25, 1977
 The Challenges of Adulthood, October 2, 1977
 The Challenges of Agedness, October 9, 1977
 The Table and Our Perspective, October 16, 1977
 Learning to Forgive Ourselves, October 23, 1977
 The Meaning of Money, November 6, 1977
 Authentic Christianity, November 13, 1977
 Gratitude and Coping, November 29, 1977
 Getting Ready for Christmas, November 27, 1977
 Letting John Get us Ready, December 4, 1977
 The Power of Expectation, December 11, 1977
 Christmas and God's Reputation, December 18, 1977
 The Light of the World, December 25, 1977
 What Should One Give God?, n/d, 1977

3.7 January – July, 1978

The Ministry of Encouragement, January 8, 1978
 Sowing and Reaping: Warning and Promise, January 15, 1978
 Dreams: A Forgotten Language, January 22, 1978
 What on Earth are You Doing?, January 29, 1978
 Seeing: A Many Splendored Thing, February 5, 1978
 The Courage to Venture, February 12, 1978
 The Power of the Word, February 19, 1978
 Saying Yes and Saying No, February 26, 1978
 A Package from Home, March 5, 1978
 The Cross and Human Potential, March 12, 1978
 Channeling our Emotions, March 19, 1978
 Easter and the Fear of Death, March 26, 1978
 When Your Moment Comes, April 2, 1978
 Diversity and Creativity, April 9, 1978
 Living From and Living For, April 16, 1978
 The Disciple Whom Jesus Loved, May 7, 1978
 The Significance of Pentecost, May 14, 1978
 The Art of Contentment, May 21, 1978
 Working Through Grief, May 28, 1978
 Be Here and Now, June 4, 1978

To Live Is to Improvise, June 11, 1978
 Affluence and Ministry, June 25, 1978
 Free at Last, July 2, 1978
 Taking Up For Thomas, July 9, 1978
 Adjectives, Nouns, and Redemption, July 16, 1978
 Learning to Hope, July 23, 1978
 Our Shadow Selves, July 30, 1978

3.8 August – December, 1978

He Became What We Are, August 6, 1978
 The Art of Caring, August 13, 1978
 It All Depends, August 27, 1978
 Claiming Your Place and Power, September 3, 1978
 Release From Remorse, September 10, 1978
 Walking in the Light, September 17, 1978
 Walking in the Light II, September 24, 1978
 Known by His Gratitude, October 1, 1978
 Coping With Fear, October 8, 1978
 Your Treasure and Your Creativity, October 15, 1978
 Copers, Choosers, and Changers, October 29, 1978
 Needs, Gifts, and Our Life Together, November 12, 1978
 The Power of Gratitude, November 19, 1978
 Walking Before Running Is Alright, November 26, 1978
 Surprise Is God's Other name, December 3, 1978
 What Does God Really Do?, December 10, 1978
 In Defense of the Innkeeper, December 17, 1978
 When God Becomes Tangible, December 24, 1978
 Growth in Grace, December 31, 1978

3.9 January – July, 1979

Authentic Morality, January 7, 1979
 Learning to Use Our Troubles, January 2, 1979
 The Problem of Our Power, January 28, 1979
 Learning From Judas, February 4, 1979
 The Man Who Changed His Mind, February 11, 1979
 Love Is Something You Do, February 25, 1979
 Oh, Say Can You See?, March 4, 1979
 The Secret Is Collaboration, March, 11, 1979
 Responding Creatively to Evil, March 18, 1979
 Exile and Homecoming, March 25, 1979
 Who Are the Real Fools?, April 1, 1979
 Palm Sunday and Heightened Responsibility, April 8, 1979
 Children of God: Being or Becoming?, May 20, 1979
 Courage and Death, May 27, 1979
 What Is Enough?, June 3, 1979
 Bearing One Another's Burdens, June 10, 1979

Baptists in Crisis, June 24, 1979
 Caesar, God, and the Christian's Responsibility, July 1, 1979

3.10 August – December, 1979

The Challenge of Awareness, August 5, 1979
 Who Gives You Your Grade?, August 12, 1979
 The Blood of the Lamb, August 19, 1979
 The Mystery of Goodness, August 26, 1979
 God Is an Amateur, September 2, 1979
 Who Am I?, September 9, 1979
 Everlasting Mercy, September 16, 1979
 Cellar Voices and Balcony People, September 23, 1979
 Asking and the God Who Already Knows, September 30, 1979
 The Things That Make for Peace, October 7, 1979
 Nostalgia and Hope, October 21, 1979
 You Can't Have It All, October 28, 1979
 Ministry and Expectations, November 4, 1979
 The High Art of Appreciation, November 18, 1979
 Where Is the Lamb?, November 25, 1979
 The First Christmas, December 2, 1979
 The First Christmas: Joseph, December 9, 1979
 The First Christmas: Mary, December 16, 1979
 The First Christmas: Jesus, December 23, 1979
 We Know In Part, December 30, 1979

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4.1 1980

Simplicity, Complexity, and Our Present Crisis, January 6, 1980
 The Lord's Prayer, January 13, 1980
 A Father in Heaven, January 20, 1980
 Hello and Goodbye, January 27, 1980
 The Tie That Binds Us All, February 3, 1980
 Hallowed By Thy Name, February 10, 1980
 Thy Kingdom Come, February 24, 1980
 Thy Will Be Done, March 2, 1980
 Our Daily Bread, March 9, 1980
 Forgive Us our Trespasses, March 23, 1980
 Lead Us and Deliver Us, March 30, 1980
 Easter and the Cultivation of Courage, April 6, 1980
 The Peril and Promise of Suffering, April 20, 1980
 The Service of Understanding, April 27, 1980
 Our Task: Acceptance and Challenge, May 4, 1980
 Mothers of the Bible, May 11, 1980
 Everything in God, God in Everything, May 18, 1980
 Growing and the Gift of Repentance, August 31, 1980

Slow Learners and Hope, September 7, 1980
 Divine Tenacity and Human Freedom, September 14, 1980
 Problems, Compassion, and Hope, September 26, 1980
 Growing Up and Growing On, October 5, 1980
 Clowns and High-wire Artists, October 12, 1980
 Neighborliness in the City, October 26, 1980
 What Is Morality?, November 2, 1980
 Givers and Takers, November 9, 1980
 The Compassion Challenge, November 16, 1980
 Anxiety, Gratitude and Trust, November 23, 1980
 Light and Warmth: God's Gift, November 30, 1980
 Light from an Unexpected Place, December 7, 1980
 Christmas and Experiencing God, December 21, 1980
 An Imprisoned Sermon, December 28, 1980

4.2 1981

Simon Peter Revisited, January 14, 1981
 Remembering Who We Are: Abraham, January 11, 1981
 Remembering Who We Are: Jacob, January 18, 1981
 Remembering Who We Are: Moses, January 25, 1981
 Remembering Who We Are: Samson, February 2, 1981
 Remembering Who We Are: Samuel, February 8, 1981
 Dealing With the Dirt, February 15, 1981
 Remembering Who We Are: Saul, February 22, 1981
 Remembering Who We Are: David, March 1, 1981
 Remembering Who We Are: Solomon, March 8, 1981
 What Do You Do With Your Guilt?, March 15, 1981
 The Alchemy of God, March 22, 1981
 God Has No Grandchildren, March 29, 1981
 Stoicism, Hope, and Easter, April 19, 1981
 Playing One Hand, May 3, 1981
 Reperceiving Compassionately, May 10, 1981
 Pressing Toward the Mark, May 24, 1981
 Death, Risk, and Confidence, May 31, 1981
 New Faces, Old Battles, June 7, 1981
 Obstacles to Prayer, June 14, 1981
 The Use and Misuse of Power, June 28, 1981
 Self-fulfilling Prophecies, July 5, 1981
 What Is your Secret?, July 12, 1981
 As You Go, Remember, July 19, 1981