



# THE VILLAGE CHURCH

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

By - Miss Carrie Lee Weaver

Folk, it's time to say "Hello" again and give you the news of the month about our church and it's work.

First, I want to tell you the debt on the Methodist Parsonage has been cleared. The Methodist folk are really proud of the parsonage and the fact that all funds have been raised. We are grateful to the other folk for the

interest they have shown in any way to help us along.

By the time you receive this writing, Rev. Clay will have gone to and returned from the annual conference which convenes at Statesville. He has just completed his fourth year with us; and it is rumored that he may be moving. Anyway, guess he'll know soon just what he will do.

At Sunday School: We have completed the round of special devotional programs by the different classes. Mrs. Cloninger with her class of beginners gave a very good program. My! how the little folk can and do sing.

For lesson thought this month, we are taking up the Ten Commandments. The first four deals with our duty to God. The last six deals with our responsibility to our fellowman. One writer has said, "They are just a description of what God really expects of us." Is He disappointed with you and me? Do we love Him? He says in His word, "If ye love Me, keep my commandments." As we study them and consider the part they should play in our lives, we can sum them all up in His own words - "Thou shalt love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and thy neighbor as thyself."

How deeply grateful we should be for a God - so great - so good - so superior - who comes so near to each of us at all times.

"Thou art the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win,  
Whose joys eternal flow."

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## SERMONETTE

By - Rev. J.W. Suttle

"THE SENSE OF THE PRESENCE OF GOD"

Text: "Thou art near, O Lord" - Ps. 119:151

One needs to learn to sense the presence of the Lord in four ways:

First, in an inward strengthening of personality so that one may feel that he can meet any situation, by seeing how Christ after His resurrection was with his disciples in moments of surprise. By exercising faith in the risen Lord, the disciples' experience may be ours.

Second, Christ's presence is recognized in a transcendent happiness, a kind of infectious gaiety of spirit which others caught from those who knew his presence in their hearts.

Third, "Christ's spirit seen in a deep serenity of spirit and inward peace, a mark which Jesus left as an assurance of his presence. All is well when one is in the hands of a living God.

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