



THE VILLAGE CHURCH

By
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"Now comes the grand old season when friendly hearts renew - The ties that mean so very much each day the whole year through; And as the signs of Christmas, one by one appear - It's good to wish you CHRISTMAS JOY and A HAPPY NEW YEAR."

The church work seems to be going along nicely with worship service attendance growing. The Sunday School will have their annual Christmas tree with the little folk presenting the program. They are preparing the program and we're expecting to enjoy a very interesting evening together. Of course, Ole Santa will come along with presents for all the little folk. We hope that he remembers every one of you with something that will cheer you and make the day joyful.

The young people, under the direction of our new pastor, Rev. C. G. Isley, are planning to organize a union through which they will work and do their part in the church work. They will need encouragement from the other folk.. Let's give it to them.

As we celebrate Christmas, may we remember the one who made it possible for us to have the day, and also, the best gift that any one could receive ... LOVE (John 3:16). Christ came that we might have life and LOVE sent Him into the world.

As I have mentioned before, we have been studying the Ten Commandments. We, too, have studied about the New Commandment given by Jesus. He combined the other ten making only two with the word love linking them together. First: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy soul, with all thy heart, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength"; second: "Love thy neighbor as thyself." Then He added the new commandment - "LOVE ONE ANOTHER". New in the sense that it gave us a new standard - "AS I HAVE LOVED YOU" ... STRONG, UNSELFISH, FORGIVING, DEVOTED. Christlike love makes us forget self and gives us the willingness to sacrifice for others - Love that passeth understanding. "Now abideth Faith, Hope, Love; the greatest of these is LOVE" The Key to real Happiness.

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"Christmas"

By
Rev. C. G. Isley

Although I am new here, I feel that it is a great honor to write a few lines for The Hoover Rail.

Bethlehem is a new beginning, a new birth for the world, a new opportunity, a new hope. At Bethlehem, old things pass away, and all things become new. Let us bow before Him at Bethlehem everyday, and go forth in the strength of our vision to service and to love.

The star that guided the Wise men rested over a humble home at Bethlehem. They entered and found the Christ-child - A child upon its mother's breast, was that all, yes, all, and everything. For in this child the stream of prophecy converge, and from this child radiate the glowing lines of history.

On the walls of the palace at Versailles, there is a series of battle scenes portraying "The Glories of France". In the cottage at Bethlehem the hope of Abraham, the dream of David and vision of Isaiah are realized. This is the center of the world.

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