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THE GREAT COMMANDMENT

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. Then one of them which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" Jesus said unto him, **Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.** Matt. 22:34-40.

CHRIST'S TEACHING ABOUT BLESSEDNESS

"Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord." Psalm 1:1-2.

Our Lord lived inside the City of Blessedness, and in Matthew 5:1-12 He reveals to all men the eight gates by which that City may be entered. For myself, I cannot go in by the Gate of Poverty of spirit, for I am not humble enough; nor by the Gate of the Mourners, for I am not grieved enough for my own sins or the sins of others; nor by the Gate of the Meek, for I often resent injury; nor by the Gates of Mercy, or Purity, or Peace. But I may claim to enter by the fourth Gate, for I HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS. And as I go in, I find myself inside the City, and in the company of all holy souls that have entered by the other gates. For in the Heavenly City, to enter by any gate is equivalent to having entered by all; and one grace which is inwrought by the Holy Spirit will ultimately lead on to all the rest.

WHAT IS BLESSEDNESS? According to our Lord's teaching, it is a condition or state of heart. Outward circumstances are not mentioned, unless it be reproach and persecution, as though they were matters of indifference. Blessedness is altogether independent of our outward lot, whether prosperous or perplexed, rich or poor. Blessedness begins and ends with a contented recognition of the Royalty of Christ's Kingdom; in the power of seeing the good in everything, and so inheriting the

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earth; in being satisfied, in obtaining mercy, in seeing God and being called His sons and daughters. Is it not worth while to strive to enter in at these wide open doors? And if you can say that you really do yearn after better things, hungering and thirsting for more likeness to Christ, and more fitness for His Kingdom—if that desire really represents the purpose of your life, you may account yourself as being already admitted within the Gates of the Blessed Life.

We must not suppose that Our Lord allocated the award of Blessedness to the possessors of certain attributes with an arbitrary and royal prerogative. He simply declared what was true in the nature of things. To be true, pure, merciful, and meek, is to have in your possession the seed-germs of the harvest of Blessedness. If you turn from this wonderful enumeration of Christian qualities to Galations 5:22, you will find all of them set forth in the list of the fruit of the Spirit. May He work in us and through us a well-balanced and full-orbed Christian character.—F. B. Mayer.

CHURCH SERVICES FIRST DURING JANUARY

After a six weeks' trial, it was unofficially decided by those in attendance at the Church Business meeting last Friday night to continue holding church services at 9:30 a. m. and Bible School at 10:30 a. m. during the remainder of January. The only difference in the program recommended was that a more complete Bible School service be carried out. While a majority of those voting on the proposition at Bible School the preceding Sunday favored holding the Bible School session first the "official" decision on this matter by the church body has been postponed until the February business meeting.

BIBLE SCHOOL OFFICERS AND TEACHERS MEETING

Supt. C. H. Monteith announces a Teachers and Officers meeting to be held 8:00 p. m. Tuesday January 15th. Place — presumably — Community Church.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Announcement is being made by Mr. and Mrs. Archie Moore, Munroe Falls, of the engagement of their daughter, Doris, to Ralph Ritchie, son of Mrs. Marie Ritchie, Darrowville. Miss Moore graduated from Miami university, Oxford, where she was a member of Com-Bus, women's business honorary sorority. After three years of service in the army air corps, Mr. Ritchie recently received his honorable discharge and is now completing college at Metropolitan School of Mechanotherapy in Cleveland. Both he and Miss Moore are graduates of Stow high school. No date has been set for the wedding.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS FOR YEAR 1946 STOW COMMUNITY CHURCH

Trustees: W. R. Lodge, full term of five years.
Mr. Clinton Peters, for unexpired term to serve two years.

Deacons: A. F. Stein, C. H. Monteith, Charles Gillam, Curt Husted, Ralph Nichols, C. V. Cross, M. M. Ayres.

Deaconesses: Mrs. Ralph Nichols, Mrs. Burl Cox, Mrs. Julian Evans Mrs. Geo. M. Hulme, Mrs. C. H. Monteith, Mrs. Ellis Schroeder, Mrs. A. F. Stein.

Bible School Superintendent: C. H. Monteith.

Church Treasurer: Mrs. Ermal S. Dunn.

Clerk: Mrs. B. B. Mineard.

Financial Secretary: Mrs. Lena Osman.

Head Usher: A. F. Stein.

Auditing Committee: C. H. Monteith, W. R. Lodge.

SELECTED PARAGRAPHS

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Attendance at Bible School last Sunday was eighty nine. Mr. Frye was the only one to celebrate his birthday.

The Adult Bible Class meets this Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orem, Hudson, Ohio.

Mrs. Wilma Leas is now convalescing at her home after a stay at St. Thomas Hospital. She would enjoy seeing her friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Okey Reed of Meadowbrook have a new baby girl.

Members of the Graham Road church and friends enjoyed a watch night party New Years Eve at the Sutton home, 1422 Munroe Falls Ave.

FISH CREEK

On Dec. 27 Mr. and Mrs. John Barkocy, Marsh Rd. received a telegram from their son Cpl. John Barkocy Jr. telling them of his arrival on the U. S. S. Arlington at Tacoma, Washington, coming from Yokahoma. Johnny did not get back to the f time for his twent anniversary.

That same day Margaret Elizabet wedding day, mar E. Smith in Akron been discharged fr The young couple live with his paren laide Blvd. Akron.

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Guy Brace is home on a ten day furlough. He goes on to West Virginia from here.

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Thot for last Sunday by Supt. Monteith. "The face is mirror of the heart."

Mrs. Ermal S. Dunn and Mrs. Bertha Stein were absent from Bible School last Sunday on account of illness.

All kinds of live stock bought sold—exchanged. M. E. Jackson, Diagonal Rd. Tel. OV-8461 (Adv)

John Davis, East Arndale Rd. is reported to be at home now.

Eugene Edminister is now at home.

GARDEN PLOWING and FITTING — Mowing. Good work. Louis Griggy, Ritchie Rd. Tel. OV-8407.—(adv.)

In serious condition Mrs. Hazel Gillam was taken to the University Hospital (Hanna House) in Cleveland last Thursday.

Mrs. Lena Osman is grandmother again. A baby girl, Shirley Ann, was born December 28th to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Harry Osman.

Lt. F. E. (Tommy) Thompson wrote his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Thompson of Munroe Falls, saying he would be discharged upon his arrival at Camp Atterbury.

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Roy Olson, GM 2/c was moved on Dec. 9th to Samar in the Philippines. He hopes to leave there for home sometime this month.

PLUMBING REPAIR — Earl E. Pontius, Diagonal Rd., Stow. Call OV-3176 after 2:00 p. m. (adv.)

Birthdays celebrated at Bible School last Sunday were those of Mrs. Ellis Schroeder, her mother, Mrs. Fourman, Mrs. Lena Osman, Mrs. C. M. Woodring and Mrs. Burt Mineard.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Peck, 934 Hudson rd. received a cablegram last Saturday with the season's greetings from son Pfc. Donald who is in Manila. He has hopes of starting home about the middle of this month.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Dike are grandparents now to three little girls. On Sunday morning December 30th (early) Mary Lou came to live with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Dike and two little sisters Carol and Nancy.

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It's now Lieutenant Colonel Foster J. Young. Approximately thirty days after receiving his discharge from the Army, Foster Young formerly of Stow (but soon to be of Cuyahoga Falls) received this promotion which is his rank in the Officers Reserve Corps. He is employed at Goodyear Research.

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Donna Biggs, freshman, flew up from University of Miami, Florida to be with her parents over the holiday season. She missed seeing her brother Max by just a few days.

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An unusual Family. Mother and Mother-in-law both celebrate Natal Day last Sunday. With a family dinner party and birthday cake, Mrs. Margaret Shakespeare of Munroe Falls celebrated her birthday last Sunday. Later in the day, Mrs. C. M. Woodring of Thorndale Ave. Stow also celebrated her birthday at home with a family party and birthday cake. Be it known, cakes for these parties were prepared by Mrs. C. V. (Esther Woodring) Shakespeare who as you can now understand is a member of both families. P. S. Mrs. C. V. (E. W.) S. does not bake cakes for everyone.

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