SERMON

John 1:29-39 and 46

John 1:38, "Where dwellest thou?" 1:39 "Come and see"—1:46 "Come and See."

As we examine the setting for these remarks, we find that John the Baptist had been speaking to his disciples concerning the coming of the Messiah. A study of the preaching of John the Baptist shows that he was preparing the Jews for the coming of their king. We do not know how completely John the Baptist had been informed concerning Christ's earthly sojourn. Nor whether he was fully aware of the fact that the king would be rejected and crucified. But we do know that he had been given enough foreknowledge to enable him to be a faithful witness for Christ. Not only did he witness faithfully, but he also witnessed so convincingly that even some of his own disciples were persuaded to leave the good to gain the best.

John the Baptist had emphatically declared Jesus to be the Lamb of God. I would that everyone, who stands behind the sacred desk, would always keep this truth in mind, and proclaim it as positively as did John the Baptist. For it was after hearing this testimony that these two of his disciples, Andrew and John by name, left John and followed Jesus.

Then, as now, this was indeed a step of faith. Andrew and John had been identified with a leader, who had been accepted by the multitudes as a prophet. Now they step out to follow an obscure personage of whom, in all probability, they knew little either as to the place or manner of life. Theirs was the experience of every newborn child of God. What would their place and manner of life be from then on? And so we hear them answering Jesus' question with one of their own, "Where dwellest thou?"

I should like to remind every Christian man and woman, boy and girl, that either mentally or audibly, someone is asking this same question of you and of me today.

The location of our physical dwelling, may not of necessity, be of too much importance. But even our physical surroundings often tell much, and frequently exert a very definite influence over our Christian testimony as well as upon the effectiveness of our example.

All of us know something of the history of Abraham and Lot. When they found it necessary to separate, Lot was given the first choice of locations. He chose the plain of the Jordan, because it had plenty of water and pasture for his flocks and herds. This gave Lot a commercial advantage. But the record also tells us that Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom. Now this does not mean that Lot immediately moved his tent up close to the gate of the city of Sodom, as some would tell us. An oriental tent is made with one end open. To pitch it in a certain direction, means to set it up with the open end facing that way. Since his flocks and herds were down in the plain, it was only natural that Lot should pitch his tent towards Sodom. But this brought another influence to bear also. For when Lot arose in the morning and looked out from his tent towards his flocks and herds, the range of his vision would take in the city of Sodom with all of its iniquity.

The Dr. Charles Goddall remarked, "as I stood upon the hillside, by the city of Bethel, where Abraham's altar had been located, and looked down over the plain of Jordan, I thought what a tragedy that Lot did not pitch his tent the other way, so that upon arising in the morning and looking
from his tent the first thing to greet his eye would have been the smoke from Abraham's morning sacrifice, instead of all the abominations of Sodom.

But, Lot was like many of us. Probably at first the sins of Sodom were extremely repulsive to him. However as he looked upon them day after day they became less and less detestable and the next reference we have to him he has lost his pilgrim character entirely. He has disposed of his tent and is established in the city of Sodom, becoming a part of its political and civic life. His example and his testimony have not overcome his surroundings, but rather his surroundings have choked his example and silenced his testimony. At the end of his sojourn, by the grace of God he escaped with his life, but with nothing to show for all those years, which should have been years of service for the Lord. What sort of answer would Lot have been forced to give to this question "Where dwellest thou?"

However, there are instances in which the influence of the individuals makes itself apparent even in the midst of most unfavorable surroundings.

Probably most of us have traveled along some street or highway through some town or city, or maybe in our own city, where we have seen a row or rows of houses. Probably they were all built alike. They were small and mostly dirty and unkempt. But somewhere, as we passed along one would attract our attention. It was just like all the rest in size and structure, but something made it stand out. The windows were cleaner. Maybe a few flowers bloomed in the yard. If we were to enter, we should probably find it very plainly but neatly furnished. Someplace in the living room, our eyes would be almost certain to fall on a Bible, and somewhere on the wall some scriptural motto or wall plaque. It is not a pretentious home. But because of the presence of Christ in the hearts of the makers, it is different. If we were to ask these folks "Where dwellest thou?" they would readily answer, "Come and see."

Now I believe that all of us have better homes than the ones to which our thoughts turn as we remember some which we have seen in our travels. But do our dwellings stand out from among those which surround us because of the Christian atmosphere which they radiate? Since we do not dwell in the midst of such surroundings as we have described, our homes may not present a physical appearance so very different from our neighbors, but the spiritual contrast should be just as great. When this question is asked of us, as it is, whether we are
conscious of it or not, can we answer. "Come and see"?

Now the apostle Paul, writing to the church at Philippi, declares, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that our conversation is in Heaven. If you have a Bible with marginal references, you will find that the word conversation is rendered "citizenship" in the margin. So the citizenship of the believer is in Heaven. Now you can usually tell from what country a person comes by the language he speaks and by his manner of life. In I I Cor. 5:20 we see that we are ambassadors for Christ. Now an ambassador is a person sent to a foreign land to represent the interests of his own nation abroad. If we were to visit the capitals of the various nations of the world, as we might do in times of peace, we would meet there the ambassadors of the various nations. Ambassadors must be individuals upon whom those who send them can safely rely to faithfully carry out the instructions which they have received. As we have said, we can recognize the nations which they represent by their conversation. And we are also influenced, very largely, in our estimate of the nation to which they belong, by the impression made upon us by the ambassadors which that nation has sent out. So let us again ask ourselves "where dwellest thou?" As ambassadors for Jesus Christ how did your conversation influence that man or woman who works next to you in the shop or at the next desk in the office? How did you respond to that obscene jest or remark made by one of those whose citizenship is not in the Heavenlies? What was your reaction when the name of your God was profaned? "Where dwellest thou?" Do we recall these incidents with shame and confusion of face as we think what kind of impression we have left upon the hearts and minds of those about us, who are aliens and strangers to the Grace of God? Again I say, can we answer "Come and see?"

Finally we want to come to the second "Come and see." Jesus had found Philip of Bethsaida and at Jesus' request, Philip had followed Jesus. He followed Him, we find, because he believed on Him as that prophet of whom Moses and the prophets had written. So thoroughly did he believe this that he wanted to tell others about Him. So when he had found Nathanael, he said unto him that he had found the promised one, and referred to Him as Jesus of Nazareth. Nathanael was at once skeptical. He knew that the Messiah was to be born at Bethlehem. He also knew the character of the city of Nazareth. Nazareth was located at the intersection of several caravan routes. Hence it was the meeting place for people from many different nations, and deep in all manner of sin. It was an extremely ungodly city, so bad that we hear Nathanael answer Philip with the question "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" Philip had not known Jesus for long. But he had learned one thing, which we as Christians would do well to remember namely: that the Word of God will do the work of God. So instead of wasting time in useless argument, Philip simply uses Jesus' own words, spoken to Andrew and John a short time before: "Come and see." This should always be our answer to every question concerning the person and work of our Christ. These are His own words and the authority which silences all argument.

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O. C. Wallace.

LAST SUNDAY

For the third of November or any other date on the calendar, last Sunday was a beautiful day. And it did not cost us a cent. If only one will stop and think, many of the things we enjoy most are FREE. For instance the tempered sunshine of a late Fall day costs us nothing but the effort to get outside and enjoy it. And though seldom do we give it a thought, the air we breathe is ours too. We could not live without it. Good cool fresh air is stimulating, invigorating, life sustaining, and, it is FREE.

Then there is SIGHT. All of the great outdoors is ours at which to look. From the grass and flowers under our feet and across the fields, to the stars and constellations in the Heaven above no man can say "Here—pay me" before you look. God so made it that to look at the beauties of nature around about costs us nothing. Therefore, to look and enjoy what we see is FREE.

Furthermore, in this Dispensation, though provided at great cost for those who would believe and accept, there is FREE Salvation. Yes, Salvation is FREE! To many, however, this joy is slow in coming. Spending too much time enjoying the physical things of this life, good tho they may be, spiritual happiness and joy in our Lord, the best of all joy, is crowded out. Last Sunday, for instance, may have been too nice a day for some folks to attend church. It may have been too nice a day to spend any time in secret morning prayer. And, how many take time daily to read a chapter or two in God's Word? Unless we can do these things, even though Salvation is FREE, our joy in the Lord will not be great. Let us resolve that the good will not crowd out the best. Let us lay up treasures in Heaven where moth and rust do not corrupt, where thieves do not break through and steal.

So! We attended Bible School last Sunday at Community Church Probably because the day was too nice some twenty or twenty-five less than the usual number were present. This reduction in numbers no doubt accounted for the fact that our Junior Boys Class with only 77% attendance won the banner. However, the unusual number of birthdays celebrated last Sunday morning is hard to explain. For names of these folks see the personal column.

At the morning church service, Mr. Wallace delivered the message. Afterwards we persuaded him to let us take his notes and if all goes well his sermon will be printed on the front page of this issue. If not, watch for it in next week's paper. We always enjoy listening to Mr. Wallace preach.

In the absence of Mrs. Rearick, who was unable to be present on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Dunn, Miss Bertha Nichols quite acceptably filled the place of pianist. Besides the anthem by the choir, a quartette consisting of Betty Schroeder, Florence Nichols, Martha and Mae Schroeder favored us with a selection.

The hours of service for next Sunday morning are:

**FOURSQUARE CHURCH NOTES**

Sunday School 9:45 A. M. Attendance last Sunday 117. We are rejoicing in the growth of our Sunday School. May you come out and help it continue its growth.

Morning Worship 10:45 A. M. Dr. W. L. Koon, the District Superintendent will be bringing the morning message.

Young People's services 6:30 p. m.

Evangelistic services 7:45 p. m. We are always glad to see all the new ones on Sunday evening. Come and enjoy the musical num-
bers and the preaching.

Monday night 7:45 Nov. 18 is a special night you can't afford to miss. A rally will be held at our Foursquare Church. Many other churches of this district will be present. Rev. Daniel Buser, pastor of the fine church in Amherst, Ohio will be in charge. Rev. Howard Clark, pastor of the Cleveland, Ohio, Foursquare Church will be the principle speaker of the evening. Rev. and Mrs. Clark will soon be leaving as missionaries to China. Come and enjoy this fellowship and the special music of all these churches.

The ladies of the church held a surprise linen shower for the parsonage Saturday night. A time of fellowship was enjoyed by all. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Carl Phelps and the Misses Beulah and Freda Lieving. This kindness was greatly appreciated by the pastor.

Robes were purchased for the junior boys choir for the Sunday morning worship service. We enjoy greatly the singing of this boys choir each Sunday morning.

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WEDDING IS SOLEMNIZED
AT NORTHFIELD

The United Presbyterian Church of Northfield Center was the scene of the wedding on Oct. 19 of Miss Virginia Haag, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Haag, Carter Rd., Sagamore Hills and Joseph C. Sauer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sauer of Stow. The ceremony was performed at seven in the evening by Rev. William Robb.

A half hour organ recital, during which Dorothy Melichar sang "Because" and "Till The End of Time" preceded the exchange of nuptial vows.
with black accessories. Both had yellow rose corsages.

For traveling on her honeymoon, the new Mrs. Sauer changed to a grey suit with black accessories. White rosebuds were pinned to the lapel of her suit.

After a honeymoon in Cincinnati, the newlyweds will reside in Akron, Ohio.

DEATH

Mrs. Anna Maddock, age seventy-three, passed away last Monday in Charlotte, North Carolina where, with her husband David J. she had been visiting for the past few weeks with her son Bruce.

Besides her husband and son she is survived by a daughter Mrs. Ruth Dodd of California and four grandchildren.

As yet plans for the funeral services have not been completed, though the same will probably take place the latter part of this week at McGowans. Burial will be in Stow cemetery.

Formerly residing in Stow, Mr. and Mrs. Maddock in more recent years have lived in Cuyahoga Falls. They also spent one winter visiting their daughter in California and also some time with their son in North Carolina.

P. T. A.

The Stow Parent Teachers Association will meet in the High School Auditorium on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 7:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Mr. Harold S. Vincent, assistant superintendent of Akron Public Schools. His topic will be "The Place of the PTA in the Community." Special music will be presented.

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PERSONALS

Perry Bixler left last Monday evening for Florida.

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Jim Trent and wife attended the Hockey game in Cleveland Saturday.

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N. L. Ritchie is reported to be confined to his bed at home, seriously ill.

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Mrs. Anna Mooney of 127 Beach St. was a visitor at Community Church last Sunday morning.

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Marine George Hooker was at home over the last weekend. He is stationed at Quantico, Va.

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Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Edwards, Rattle Road, are the parents of an eight pound baby daughter.

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L. C. Custer, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Custer, spent this last week end with his parents in Munroe Falls.

FOR SALE: One practically new rabbit hutch, four section, two-story compartments. In good condition. Call OV-3420 (Adv).

Mr. and Mrs. John Segelhorst are now visiting relatives in Illinois. They will return to Stow about December first.


Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sunthimer are the proud parents of a baby boy, James Thomas weight eight pounds, five ounces.

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With an attendance of seventy-seven percent the Junior Boys' Bible Class won the banner last Sunday. Birthdays celebrated were those of Joyce Grether, Caroll Morris, Bobby Oblak, Virginia Snyder, Ina Vogel, Helen Stein, Mr. Marvin Round and Mrs. Charles Gillam.

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Mrs. Lester Heimbaugh of the Graham Road Baptist Church entertained her Sunday School class with a party last Friday afternoon after school. Mr. Fry, dressed as a spook, invaded the gathering and much entertainment was afforded trying to guess his identity. Later in the evening a prayer meeting for adults was held at Mrs. Heimbaugh's home.

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The war officially ended at the Akron Union Station last Sunday evening when Mary Jo Woodring met Marine Corporal Edward Sanner, who had just returned from fifteen months service in the Pacific area and is now home on sixty day terminal leave. After that?????

P. S. Mary Jo and Eddie left Wednesday night for Washington, D. C. Mary Jo is on a short vacation. Eddie—well, Washington is where his folks live now.

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CHILDREN'S AND BABY'S PORTRAITS

STOW HIGH NOTES
Charles Ross, senior, has been named “Football King.” He will reign with the Queen at Coventry game Saturday Nov. 9 on the Stow field. The queen will be crowned in pre-game ceremonies. The Queen is Doree Ernst. Her attendants are Senior Mary Ann Yeager, Junior Ruth Capra, Sophomore Nancy Lou Nellis, Freshman Joyce Ewing.
Forty-two pupils participated in a declamation contest at Massillon October 23. Eleven of these came in first and in at least one of the three rounds, nineteen came in second, and nineteen took third honors.
Among those taking first were Richard Turner, Mary Zimmerman, Claude Hubbard, Karen Neilson, Joyce Staiger, Kathy}

Vonderseck, Virginia Gleason and Laura Lee Ross.
Stow also entered the Sweepstakes and took fourth place. Nine students entered. They were: Kathy Vonderseck, Dan Body, Pat Ripple, Carol Helton, Karen Neilson, Claude Hubbard, Mary Zimmerman, Rosalia Caracciola and Joyce Staiger.
Bill Brigge, Junior, is in St. Thomas hospital after being hit by an automobile last Sunday afternoon.
The Scorpions routed Norton last night in a 7-0 victory.
The Debbies held their formal initiation Friday night at 8:00 in the high school auditorium.
The Stow High school team was defeated 29-13 at North Canton on Saturday afternoon.
The Y-Teen Club (the old G.R. Group) held a Twin Twirler dance on Saturday nite in the high school auditorium. More than fifty couple danced to the music of Alice Jane Hoover's orchestra.

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It isn't often that one can risk sleeping out in the cabin in November. I've seen some Octobers when it wouldn't have been too inviting. We hear about the warm winter sun in Miami, the autumn days in New England and the chamber-o-commerce weather of California, but did you ever see anything to beat the golden, bracing days of the Ohio October we have just gone through? We hear so much about our weather that is bad. Some of my friends move away to other climates for their health, but this October we had weather that was good for the soul of man. I think that we ought to hesitate a little to be thankful for such days. I think that we ought to be proud of our Ohio October weather and our October country scenes—the nut-laden trees, the brilliant coloring of our autumn leaves, our corn shocks and pumpkins and our lovely moonlit roads. Truly Ohio is a fair land when the sun shines by day and the moon is nearing the full.

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