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**Horse Cave
 CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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Sunday: Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

Church Webpage: www.horsecavecoc.com

Focused on Christ - Thankful for our Salvation - Glorifying the Lord - Serving through Love - Preaching Christ to the

We gladly welcome you to our congregation, trusting that – if you are *seeking Christ* you will find Him here, if *sorrowing* you will receive comfort and strength here, if *troubled in spirit* you will gain the blessing of peace here, if *discouraged* you will rejoice in encouragement and hope here, if *friendless* you will find companionship and Christian love here. That these and other blessings may be yours is our prayer.

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The Value of Your Soul

by David A. Sargent

From the prolific pen of Joe Barnett come these words of valuable insight:

October 22, 2019, was the first day of the World Series between the Houston Astros and the Washington Nationals.

The games weren't Friday Night Lights for low-income families – the average per-ticket price was \$950. Standing-room started at \$360. A spot in the elite Diamond Club went for \$10,500.

For die-hard fans, it was the most important event in the world. One buff offered a kidney for a ticket to the first game of the series. But the post that sent chills down my spine was a tweet from Kaylise, offering to sell her soul for World Series tickets. Kaylise's offer causes us to cringe. But aren't there many who sell their soul for the paltry returns of all-consuming desires?

Things like — •Popularity •Position •Pleasure •Possessions

Jesus asks, "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?" – Mark 8:36-37

As you contemplate the value of your soul and what you might be willing to give in exchange for it, consider the price God paid to save your soul.

"But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." – Romans 5:8

When we sin – and all of us have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23) – we "exchange our souls" for temporary pleasures that end in death (Romans 6:23; James 1:14-15).

But God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son to die on the cross for our sins (John 3:16). Jesus paid the price for our redemption from sin: "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

God will save, redeem, and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

Your soul is too valuable to exchange it for some paltry pleasure or possession.

If the value of something is determined by the price that is paid for it, consider the value that God has placed on your soul: He gave His Son to die for you to save your soul.

To Christians – those who have accepted God's offer of salvation and eternal life through their trusting obedience – Peter reminded them of the price that was paid for them: "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (1 Peter 1:18-19 NIV).

Won't YOU accept His offer? To exchange your soul for anything less would be an eternal loss.

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Willie Cyphers has been really sick with a respiratory infection; it has been great seeing Doris Wallace back at some of our services as well as Becky Hatcher and Malon Schuler; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week. Her surgery on her arm is set for Thursday in BG; Wayne Hatcher received a good report from an echo cardiogram last week; Connie Campbell; Billy Bybee; Mike Thompson; Jackie Coop; Becky Bush; Joyce Dye will have one more melanoma skin cancer removed in Feb.; Mary Whittington; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Joey Palmore; Helen Edwards in Bowling Green; Don Waddell; Carl Thomas; Steve Seaton; Terry Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Ron Hogan recovering in Anchorage from back surgery; the family of Nanette "Nan" Doyle Raymer a 1991 graduate of Caverna H. S.

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE in Horse Cave

Brenda Jagers

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks
World English Institute (WEI) Darrell Wallace
Manna Project

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10 a.m.

We are in our Winter Quarter studying the book of *Esther*. Darrell Wallace will be the teacher this morning and for the remainder of January. Dennis Hogan will begin in February.

PREACHING TODAY

11 a. m. Darrell Wallace
5 p. m. Dennis Hogan

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

We are studying the *Parables of Jesus*. Scott Huff will be the teacher this week.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this work as the seed of the gospel is being sown in this ministry.

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com** You may choose to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES COMMODITIES OUTREACH

Special thanks to those who brought items for the commodity program or gave money. They left more Coin Cans if you would like to help with that as well. They are on the table in the foyer.

THANK YOU NOTE

To the church,

Rex and I want to "Thank" everyone for the prayers, cards, calls, visits and food as well as the beautiful flowers from the Ladies Class. Your prayers were heard and I'm on the road to full recovery! God has blessed us richly with a loving and caring church family.

In Him,
Doris Wallace

CHANGE IN BULLETIN FORMAT

I have agreed to continue editing our bulletin as I have done for the past 22 years. I was given the option if I chose to change the format and size. As of now, I plan to print it on a 8 1/2 x 11 instead of the 8 1/2 x 14. The main focus is to try and keep everyone informed on news and events of interest to our congregation. There will be less articles.

I want to thank Martha Cyphers for folding the bulletins over the years while Willie prepares the communion on Saturday afternoon. Thank you Willie for making sure communion is prepared for worship on the Lord's Day. - Wayne

SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you"
I Peter 1:3-4

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