



A Weekly Publication of the



WHERE WE MEET

120 Cave Street
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WHEN WE MEET (CST):

Sunday: Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible Study 5 PM

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

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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on one
Luke 15:4

What man of you,
having a hundred
sheep, if he loses
one of them, does
not leave the
ninety-nine in the
wilderness, and
**go after the one
which is lost**

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Purpose and Direction

A certain company that provides internet service has been running a cute TV ad. It portrays the sales staff having a meeting to remind them of various desirable features of their company's service. The price is good. The service is fast. You can use it on your mobile devices. Then the team leader asks, "What else do people want?" A team member responds in a doubtful tone of voice: *"A sense of purpose and direction in life?"*

Consciously or unconsciously, people do, indeed, want a sense of purpose and direction in life. Your friendly neighborhood internet company probably isn't the best place to find it!

Secular progressive society and New Age religion urge us to look within ourselves to discover our purpose and determine our direction. *"Follow your heart!"* Glaringly absent is any reference to God or the Bible.

Human beings need answers to three basic questions: 1) *Where did I come from?* 2) *Why am I here?* and 3) *Where am I going?* Only when the first question is answered correctly can there be solid answers to the second and third questions. If we are merely the end result of a blind process of organic evolution, then looking inward is our only option for finding purpose and direction. But since we are the creation of God, His word tells us our purpose as well as our destiny.

Most people routinely look to unreliable sources for their sense of purpose and direction. Human philosophy, secular "science," and even respected religious leaders give answers that sound good on the surface but fail in the final analysis. Faithful Christians have the assurance that our purpose is to serve God by serving other people under the direction of His word. We also have the privilege and duty to help others learn about their purpose and direction. May God help us to fulfill our purpose diligently!

--Joe Slater (Justin, TX)

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Bush was able to be out last Sunday and also Mary Whittington; Joey Palmore recovering from knee replacement; Candice Eastridge ask for our prayers on Wed. night; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X a week; Joyce Dye; Connie Campbell; Mark Hatcher; Dennis Hatcher; Fran Mears; Rebecca Higdon has been suffering with migraines; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Allen England, Jean Bale's nephew; Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter); Donnie Alexander (Dennis Hatcher's brother-in-law); John Gray; Mary Hatcher; Fred Proffitt member at South Green St. cancer; Marty Pennington is trying to requalify for the heart transplant list. Marty's mother-in-law Martha Hurt is taking dialysis in Glasgow where Becky Hatcher also goes; Francine Strode, formerly of Cave City, was moved Monday to Massey Springs Assisted Living in Bowling Green

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Daisy Haydon (neighbor & friend of Wayne & Becky)
George Sturgeon is in Caverna Hospital Room 116B
Tim Shipley

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

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

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

Lori Brewer is in Room #203

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M.

We are studying the book of Luke and are in ch. 5

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan - Jesus...Name Above All Names
2 pm Dennis Hogan - Be Still and Know

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 5 PM

This week we will resume our study of *Genesis*, and will be in chapter 40. Come spend it in worship and study as we begin a new year.

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests, and we are very thankful for your presence. Please use one of the QR cards on the pew or back of the pew so we may have a record of your attendance.

OUR LOCAL RADIO PROGRAM

We encourage you to listen to our radio program **"In Search of the Lord's Way"** heard on WLOC 101.7 FM or 1150 AM here in Horse Cave each Sunday morning from 8:30--9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. This is an **excellent** program! It is also aired on Cable tv across the US.

Are you listening to any of the great lessons??

ELDERS DEACON MINISTER MEETING

Has been rescheduled for next Sunday, Jan. 11 at 3:00

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTERIES

We are participating again in helping stock their pantry. Checks or Cash also accepted. They plan to be here the week of Jan. 11 to pick up our items:

The items requested for us to collect are:

Cooking Spray Laundry Stain Remover
Snack Crackers Individual Juice Boxes
4T/5T Pull Ups Girls and Boys

Happy New Year 2026

This is our first Newsletter for 2026. I try to make it informative and spiritually beneficial. Thanks to those who have expressed appreciation for receiving it.

- Wayne

Do Not Forget To Live

Someone wrote, *"The tragedy of life is not that it ends so soon, but that we wait so long to begin it."*

- First I was dying to finish high school and start college.
- And then I was dying to finish college and start working.
- And then I was dying to marry and have children.
- And then I was dying for my children to grow old enough for school so I could return to work.
- And then I was dying to retire.
- And now, I am dying, and suddenly I realize I forgot to live.

"For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away." James 4:14

Why not make 2026 the year to devote your life to Christ while you have the time and opportunity before it's too late. - Wayne



You may go back and listen to his previous sermons!!

Check it out!!

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