



A Weekly Publication of the



120 Cave Street  
Horse Cave, KY 42749

*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.*

**TIME OF SERVICES (CST):**

**Sunday:** Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible Study 6 PM

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

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## *Sense and Sensibility* by Joe Slater Justin, TX

Do you remember Mr. Spock, the half-human/ half-Vulcan character on the old Star Trek program? (Leonard Nimoy, who portrayed Spock, passed away just a few months ago.) Among other memorable features, Spock lacked emotions (feelings). Everything he thought or did supposedly sprang from pure logic, uninfluenced by grief, joy, anger, affection, et. al. To him, feelings were a sign of weakness; Vulcans had "evolved" beyond them!

Due to our tendency to go to extremes, both logic and emotions have gotten a bad rap of late, especially in spiritual matters. Let us realize that they are not mutually exclusive; we need not choose one and reject the other! No one's logic is more sound than that of Jesus of Nazareth (just ask the Scribes and Pharisees He debated)! Yet His tears, His tenderness, His joy, and His fury shine forth to complete the picture.

Nowadays, emotions have come to the forefront. Feelings rule the day! Even our vocabulary demonstrates it. People routinely ask, "How do you feel about" some particular issue (rather than, "What do you think about it?") Way back in 1977, Debbie Boone's hit song, **You Light Up My Life**, concluded: "It can't be wrong when it feels so right." This erroneous sentiment only grew for 20+ years until LeAnn Rimes re-recorded the song.

While emotions are God-given, they are not the standard for deciding what is right and what is wrong. Our culture insists that we must get in touch with our feelings, looking within ourselves for the answers to life's perplexing questions. To the contrary, God said through Jeremiah, *"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked"* (Jeremiah 17:9). The same prophet wrote: *"O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps"* (10:23). Long before, the wise King Solomon had written, *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death"* (Proverbs 16:25). Right and wrong, truth and error, then, are determined by God through His word, not by our feelings one way or the other.

I'm glad we're not like Mr. Spock! God has emotions; being made in His image, we have them, too. God's emotions, however, do not rule over His reason. To the contrary, His feelings are the result of His reasoning with the facts. God said, *"Come, now, and let us reason together"* (Isaiah 1:18). He did not say, "Come, now, and let us get in touch with our feelings together."

Let us reason carefully and correctly with God's word. Believing and obeying it will result in the most wonderful feelings we have ever experienced!

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## **FOCUS 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**

# NEWS & NOTES...

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Willie Cyphers is doing better; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week who is encountering an issue with it not being as effective. She goes Wed. to her vascular surgeon; Billy Bybee hasn't felt able to be out recently; Becky Bush will have more tests/procedures in Jan. & Feb.; good seeing Sonny & Joyce Dye out last Sunday and Mary Whittington; Dixie Napier is back home; Fran Mears' sister fell and broke her hand and will have surgery either Sat or Sun; Joey Palmore; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister Linda Lewis; Barbara Smith; Becky Bush's daughter Angela is going to see a gastro specialist in Nashville before going to the Cleveland Clinic; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; please pray for Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) who lives in Murfreesboro, TN needs our prayers; Freddy Proffitt member at South Green St.; Randy Meredith member at Three Forks who was seriously injured while cutting a tree is now back home recuperating

**FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY** Tim Shipley; Brittany Smith; Melinda Grant; Darrell Wilkerson (throat cancer);

## 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.

The auditorium class is studying the book of *John*. Dennis Hogan will be teaching this morning

## PREACHING TODAY:

11 am Dennis Hogan "Come To Jesus"  
2 pm Dennis Hogan "Great Die-offs of the Bible"

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are studying in the book of *Genesis*. Bring your bibles for this great study. Dennis Hogan is teaching.

## 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**. Please pray for this great ministry as the gospel is being proclaimed. Search website: <https://www.searchtv.org/>

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the station or do not live in our area, you can go to [wloconline.com](http://wloconline.com) and choose to listen on your computer or select the **tunein** app for your mobile device.

## WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, we are very thankful for your presence. Please use one of the QR cards on the pew or on back of the pew in front of you as we would like to have a record of your attendance.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

Ziploc Sandwich Bags      AuGratin Potatoes  
Wheat Thins                      Banana Nut Muffin Mix

## Diapers Girls 4T-5T

They have changed the time to pick up our donations **to Tuesday January 14th at 12:30**. They will also accept a monetary donation if you are unable to shop.

**NOTE:** If you have one of their Coin Can's, you may also bring those in during this time.

## TIME CHANGE IN EFFECT FOR SUNDAY EVENINGS

Sunday evening services are now meeting at **2 p.m.** during December, January and February.

\*Sunday mornings and Wednesdays are not affected.

## SPECIAL THANKS

We appreciate Rex Wallace for building strong rails to the steps to the baptistry on both sides which will make it safer. He also made both entrance doors wider.

## MEETING AFTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Dennis Hogan has ask to meet to start year 2 for the Power of One program and Sowing Seeds in 2025. We encourage you to participate in this good work.

## AS I PREPARE THIS NEWSLETTER

on Saturday afternoon, the weather forecast is a winter storm adversary in effect for Sunday possible ice. There is a possibility that services might be cancelled. If so, you will receive a phone call using our new Call System to inform you.

**Welcome to 2025!!!**

## Dennis Hogan's Podcast

<https://jesus360degrees.podbean.com/>



You may listen to his previous sermons!! Check it out!!

**WEI** is the good work that Darrell Wallace is involved in around the world. He is in charge of teacher training and recruitment.



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