



A Weekly Publication of the



120 Cave Street
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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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Not Getting What We Deserve

“Do all things without grumbling or disputing” (Philippians 2:14).

We often grumble because we don't have what we want, instead, we should be thankful that we don't get what we deserve. The Bible tells us that the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23). Since "all have sinned" (Romans 3:23), we ought to be ever so grateful that, in Christ, we do not get what we deserve (Romans 8:1).

While modern man seeks to redefine sin and restructure God's commandments, the Bible clearly says that sin is "the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). Sin is not determined by popular opinion, but by the word of God. God rebuked those in Isaiah's day who called "evil good, and good evil" (Isaiah 5:20). Many in our day have been afflicted with the same twisted morality. This is why we must get serious about discovering what the Bible says about sin rather than trying to make the Bible say what we want it to say.

Being delivered from the penalty of sin involves knowing and obeying the truth. Jesus said that "the truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). The truth, as it is embodied in Christ and His word, can set us free from the power and penalty of sin. However, we must accept His word by faith. Paul tells us that we are saved by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). Faith is the means by which grace is appropriated. Biblical faith is known by its obedience (James 2:18). Consequently, ours must be a faith that works through love (Galatians 5:6).

Grace is a beautiful concept. But, it is not cheap. Neither should it be taken for granted. Instead, grace must be accepted by means of an active faith. Grace and gratitude are inseparably connected. Only those who have been sufficiently impressed by the grace of God will respond with overflowing expressions of thankfulness and love.

Rather than grumbling or complaining about life's difficulties or hardships, focus instead on the grace of God as it is extended to us through Jesus Christ. In Christ, we can always be grateful that we do not get what we deserve!

-- Glen Elliott

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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

Billy Bybee is in the Medical Center at Caverna with pneumonia; Willie Cyphers was taken to the ER at TJ Samson on Sat. due to blood loss. He probably will be admitted; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week; Thurs. we went to BG where the vascular surgeon repaired and did maintenance on her fistula; Becky Bush will have more tests/procedures in Jan. & Feb.; Joey Palmore; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister; 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 Peditgo; please pray for Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) has been taken to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Hoston; Freddy Proffitt member at South Green St.; Randy Meredith member at Three Forks is home recuperating from an accident cutting a tree

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 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

The new time to pick up our donations is **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.

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.

WINTER STORM LAST WEEK

The snow, extreme temperatures combined with lots of sickness brought things to a stand still as all services on Sunday and Wed. were cancelled. Our new One Call System proved to be very effective when our elders were able to notify us of decisions to cancel services. Thanks to Ken Russell for being the voice on the phone.

ALL SERVICES ON SCHEDULE FOR SUNDAY

The parking lot has been cleared of snow and the streets are clear. Thanks to Malon Schuler and Darrell Wallace, our sidewalk and ramps are all clear.

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.



Church Website

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