

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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Do Christians Expect Too Much?

In seeking to get men to become His disciples Jesus never led them to think that there would be no personal cost. Nor did He indicate that everything would be rosy and perfect from the time of their conversion onward. It may be that some have been disillusioned in discovering, soon after conversion, that things are not as ideal in their lives as they had envisioned.

It is so important for those who would be the children of God to understand that it is possible to expect more than God has actually promised. Let us not labor under any false impressions about what to expect.

1. Let us not expect to have every physical, material thing we will ever desire. He has promised, however, that there will be enough to sustain us. He has urged us to be free of fearful anxiety about the necessities of life (Matt. 6:31-33).

2. Let us not expect that there will be no work to do as Christians. We will not be able to "sit down and take it easy" in getting to heaven. "Labor" and "work" are frequently used terms in the New Testament (1 Thess. 1:3; Heb. 6:10). He said "your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). We must not be lazy (Gal. 6:9)!

3. Let us not expect freedom from Satan's temptations. God has never said that since we are Christians we will be free of the devil's efforts to turn our hearts away from Christ. What he has promised is help to overcome them (1 Cor. 10:13).

4. Let us not expect as Christians to be spared from persecutions and a measure of mistreatment from enemies of the truth. God has not promised that if we serve Him we will have no opposition. He has, however, stated that there is a "crown of life" for those of us who overcome as victors (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:8).

5. Let us not expect a life of exemption from disappointments and heartaches that plague humanity. There is still crying, groaning, sickness, death, and such. But while God has not promised a life of uninterrupted joyous bliss, He has promised eternal life in that better country where all that brings unhappiness will be banished (Rev. 2:14; 7:14-17).

We live in a world that is largely dominated by Satan and evil (1 John 5:19). There is no way we can avoid the unpleasant things that exist where the devil has such influence. Let us not expect to be free of these. Instead, let us eagerly expect the blessings God has promised us both in this life and in that which is to come.

- Barney Keith

**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 was transferred to Greenview Hosp. in B.G.; with pneumonia; Willie Cyphers spent a few days at TJ Samson Hospital; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week; Becky Bush still undergoing tests/procedures; Joey Palmore; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister; Barbara Smith was able to be out Wed. night; Becky Bush's daughter Angela Reese; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; please pray for Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) has been taken to MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston; Freddy Proffitt member at South Green St.

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY Tim Shipley; Brittany Smith; Darrell Wilkerson; family of Laura Burks

PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE

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*. We are in ch. 13 Dennis Hogan is the teacher

PREACHING TODAY:

11 am Dennis Hogan "*Enemies of Our Faith*"
2 pm Dennis Hogan "*Enemies of Our Faith*" Part 2

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

We are studying 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 & MINISTRIES

Special thanks for your participation again in collecting commodity items for Potter and for those who collected coins or gave money to help the children. We have 8 new Coin Cans if you want to help again or do so for the first time.

TIME CHANGE IN EFFECT FOR SUNDAY EVENINGS

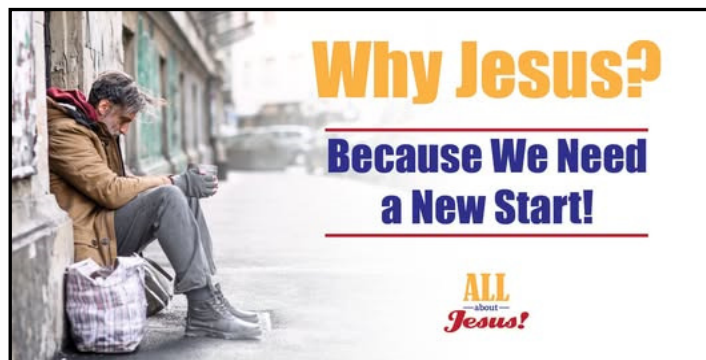
Sunday evening services are now meeting at **2 p.m.** during December, January and February.

BRIEF MEETING AFTER SUNDAY AFTERNOON SERVICE

Power of One program and *Scattering Seeds* in 2025. You are encouraged to participate in this good work.

LOOKING AHEAD TO AN EVENT WE ARE SPONSORING

on April 12, 2025 at the Cave Area Conference Center (formally known as the Cave City Convention Center) to promote Jesus. It is called "*All About Jesus*" More details to come.



HE KNEW IT

A little boy had learned the verse, "*Suffer the little children to come unto Me.*" He stood on a platform and began. "*Suffer*"—it was his first attempt at speaking in public. He was frightened and stopped for a moment. Then he began again. "*Suffer little*"—again his fear overcame him. But being determined, he made a third attempt, and said, "*Suffer little children.*" With a last grand effort, he said, not exactly the verse, but these words, "Jesus wants us all to come to Him; and don't anybody try to stop us." - Author Unknown

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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