



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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Confusion

One word that would fittingly define the state of our world is “confusion.” Among the dictionary-definitions of the word “confuse” are these: “to disturb in mind or purpose...blur...to mix indiscriminately...to fail to differentiate from an often similar or related other.” When there are many voices speaking from multiple ideologies, and given equal status, confusion results. In a society obsessed with multiculturalism, and the desire to further the goals of globalism on one side, and the voices of conflicting cultures—principally Christian, secular and Islamic—the national and world situation becomes chaotic, with utter confusion. Issues that arise, especially in election years, can become very disturbing as cultures and ideologies clash. As Christians raised in an environment that has been regarded as of Judeo-Christian ideology, it is troubling to see much of our Christian principles, such as the value of human life, especially of the unborn, being diminished by abortion “rights,” and sexual standards of days gone-by ignored. We are to no longer even determine one’s sexuality by his or her biological nature. Marriage is to be defined by whatever society and its courts decree, not by biblical definition. The Western, formerly “Christian” culture has basically opened its doors to the reception and welcome of the totally different theological force of Islam, and for some reason seems surprised when this new way of thinking clashes with our freedoms. Islam refuses to compromise its system of shariah-law by assimilating into a diverse culture, insisting that their new host-countries must bend to their wishes. Possessed by a liberal view of tolerance, Western society increasingly yields, having really already compromised prior Christian principles. The result — confusion.

Confusion exists in our world, even within churches that claim to be Christian, as a multitude of **voices are allowed to drown out the voice of God. God certainly is not the author of confusion as men “depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1).** When liberal theology and political correctness drown out the voice of Christ and Scriptures, confusion, chaos and ruin ensnare Satan’s victims. To avoid such, may all heed the middle chapter of the Bible—the shortest chapter of the Bible--Psalm 117: *“Praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise Him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the Lord.”* The middle verse of the Bible must be heeded as well—Psalm 118:8: *“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.”* What has made our country great in years gone by has been the voice of Scripture which ensures the treasures of “liberty and justice for all.” May we heed the words of Jesus to His disciples: *“Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall set you free” (John 8:32).*

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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

Jackie Coop is to have knee replacement surgery Tues.; Lorie Brewer recuperating from a "do-over" of a shoulder replacement; Willie Cyphers awaiting test results; Becky Bush still undergoing tests/procedures; Joey Palmore; Mike Thompson having surgery this week; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Connie Campbell; Barbara Smith; Becky Bush's daughter Angela Reese; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Randy Meredith; please continue to pray for Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood). He is back home in Murfreesboro, TN seeking other alternatives; Freddy Proffitt member at South Green St.; my 1st cousin Judy Smith's husband Paul in Louisville, KY; Lanelle Sexton had a tumor removed from her pituitary gland last week. She is recovering at her daughter Lisa's home.

SYMPATHY

Continue to remember the family of our Billy Bybee. His funeral service was last Tuesday at Winn Funeral Home conducted by Dennis Hogan, Robbie Fudge, and Wayne Hatcher. Scott Huff led us in congregational singing with beautifully selected gospel hymns.

Prayers for the family of Wilburn McGahey, a faithful shepherd and dear friend when I was the preacher at the Fairview Church of Christ in Fairview, TN 1980-83.

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY Tim Shipley; Brittany Smith; Darrell Wilkerson

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 "The God of the Impossible"
2 pm Dennis Hogan "Snapshot of Faithfulness"

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM

We are studying the great book of Genesis, chapter 12

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 back of the pew in front of you as we would like to have a record of your attendance.

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 an event called "***All About Jesus***" We want to persuade people **why they need Jesus** and what He has done, is doing and will do for us. More details later

MEETING AFTER OUR 2:00 WORSHIP TODAY

Dennis Hogan wants to meet with us as we resume our second year on *Focus On One*. Your participation is important and needed.

It's A Fact!

Take a leaf from a branch, lay it aside, and watch! Slowly the color fades, the leaf goes limp, curls up, and dies!

Take a fish out of a lake, lay it on the sand, and watch! Frantically it twists and struggles, gradually weakens, then quivers and dies!

Take a Christian away from the fellowship and worship of the church, let him remain home on the Lord's day, and watch! Gradually he will stop praying, miss the Lord's Supper, and participate in activities that keep him from assembling with the saints. Soon there are "too many hypocrites in the church," or the church is always asking for money, or there is some other excuse. Eventually he takes his stand against the Lord and His church, and he dies!

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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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