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**Horse Cave
 CHURCH OF CHRIST**

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TIME OF SERVICES (CST):

Sunday: Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 5 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM

Church Webpage: www.horsecavecoc.com

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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What Soil Describes Your Heart?

In His parable of the sower (Luke 8) Jesus described God’s word as seed planted into four types of soil (human hearts). The seed’s fruitfulness, or lack thereof, depended on the condition of the soil (heart).

First was the “wayside,” literally **the path or road surrounding the field (Luke 8:5)**. As seed cannot germinate and grow on hardpacked ground, God’s word cannot grow in a hard heart. Satan easily removes the word from the resistant soul.

Next came the rock (v. 6). This doesn’t mean stony ground, but a thin layer of earth atop bedrock. Seed might sprout on such shallow soil, but the tender shoot would wither and die, having no deep root to reach water. Just so, a person with shallow faith might joyfully receive the word of God at first, but would fall away in times of trial.

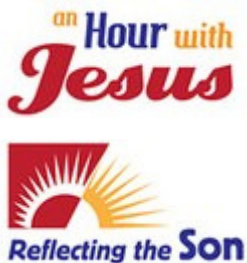
Third, Jesus spoke of ground infested with thorns (v. 7). Seed could begin to grow under such conditions, but the thorns would eventually choke out the good plants, rendering them fruitless. Thorns represent distractions – worldly cares, riches, and pleasures (v. 14). God’s word produces no harvest in a distracted heart.

Finally, the good ground produced an abundant crop (v. 8). The good, noble heart isn’t hard, has a deep and abiding faith, and steers clear of the world’s distractions. Such a person not only believes God’s word, but keeps it (i.e. obeys it, v. 15).

Which of these four soil types best describes your heart? Are you resisting God’s word with a hard heart? Is your faith shallow, fading away when trials appear? Are you distracted with the deceitful world’s cares, riches, and pleasures? Or do you have a deep, abiding faith that keeps God’s word?

You control the condition of your heart!

- Joe Slater minister of the Church of Christ in Justin, TX



NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher undergoing dialysis 3X times a week. They are now using her new fistula port; Doris Wallace undergoing therapy; Billy Bybee met with his dr. in Nashville on Thurs as he seeks relief from his pain; Mary Whittington; Joey Palmore recuperating at home from orthopedic surgery; Becky Bush's back surgery went well Friday; expected to come home today; Tony Bush as he is having cardiac issues and cannot seem to find what's wrong; Mark Hatcher; Connie Campbell; Mike Thompson; Joyce Dye; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Helen Edwards in Bowling Green; Don Waddell; Carl Thomas; Steve Seaton; Willadean Jones (Becky's aunt) recovering from broken hip; Terry and Debbie Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee

BARREN COUNTY HEALTH & REHAB

Brenda Jagers Room #47

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.

We are studying the *Gospel of John*. Dennis Hogan is serving as the teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

11 a. m. Dennis Hogan "EVERY Knee Shall Bow"
5 p. m. Dennis Hogan

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

We continue our study of the *Parables of Jesus*. Darrell Wallace was the teacher last week. His lesson was on *the Parables in Luke 6*. This Wed. Scott Huff is to be the teacher.

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

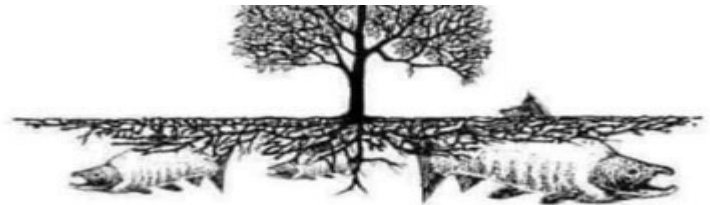
We are very pleased to sponsor "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this great ministry as the seed of the gospel is being sown by means of this biblical program. Phil Sanders does an excellent job!! It is produced in Edmond, OK

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com** You may choose to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We also are pleased to share that Mary Whit-

tington has reestablished her membership here at Horse Cave She lives at 108 Knob Hill Road, Horse Cave, KY 42749



I LOVE THIS ANALOGY

When GOD wanted to create fish, HE spoke to the sea. When GOD wanted to create trees, HE spoke to the earth. But, when GOD wanted to create man, HE turned to himself. Then, GOD said "Let us make man in our image and in our likeness."

If you take a fish out of water, it will die; and when you remove a tree from soil, it will also die. Likewise, when man is disconnected from GOD, he dies.

GOD is our natural environment. We were created to live in HIS presence. We have to be connected to HIM because it is only in HIM that life exists. Let us stay connected to GOD.

—Author unknown

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