



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. & 5 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible Study 6 PM

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"A Kingdom of Priests"

"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us a kingdom, priests unto God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 1:5-6, NEV).

Priesthood is often regarded in today's world as religious professionals, sometimes as a "clergy" class, with special access to God, a privilege not shared with ordinary Christians. The New Testament, unlike the Old Testament, makes no such distinction. The Old Testament priesthood foreshadowed the priesthood of Christ, Hebrews 10:21 declares Him to be the "high priest over the house of God," while all Christians serve equally with one another as "priests unto God" (Rev. 1:5-6). While Christ is the "one mediator between God and man" (Titus 2:5), a position not held by clergymen, angels, saints, nor even Mary, Jesus' mother, all Christians who are in right-standing with God have access to God through Him. As Christians, we are priests under Christ, our High Priest.

As priests, we are to be intercessors in behalf of others. God's word teaches us to intercede "for all saints" (Ephesians 6:18), "for all men" (including "kings and...all that are in authority" (1 Timothy 2:1-2). What an obligation and privilege with which the Lord has entrusted His people! A priest is defined, not only as an intercessor for others, but also as "one in charge of the things of God." In the Old Testament, special priests were assigned to serve in the tabernacle, and, later, in the temple. In the New Testament, Christians, as priests of God, are charged to be guardians of the things of God. He has especially commissioned the church to take the gospel of Christ "into all the world" (Mark 16:15-16). As priests, we are to regard our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 6:19), of which we are to be guardians against sin and defilement Christ, as our High Priest" has offered His blood for the sins of all (Hebrews 9:12), while those, thus cleansed, are to offer their own bodies as "living sacrifices" to God –"holy and acceptable" (Romans 12:1-2). Hebrews 13:15 enjoins believers to "offer up praise to God continually, that is, the 'fruit of our lips, giving thanks to his name," which was done, not only privately, but as an assembled church-body as well (Acts 2:46; Col. 3:16; Eph. 5:19; etc.) We are also to be benefactors to others, spoken of as thus being well-pleasing to God (Heb. 13:16).

As priestly guardians of the things of God, Christians must also be guardians of the standard of God as set forth in His word (2 Tim. 3:16-17). We have been forewarned that "the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine...and they shall turn away their ears from the truth..." (2 Tim. 4:3-4). We dare not sit idly by while the world cares more for what is politically correct than what is Biblically correct. As Christians, remember: we are a "kingdom of priests."
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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

Mike Thompson and Vickie Thompson; Bobby Russell (Ken's brother); Mary Whittington had an upper and lower scope; Jackie Coop is home recuperating after knee replacement surgery; Joey Palmore recuperating after another rotator cuff surgery and also gall bladder surgery; Lorie Brewer recuperating from a "do-over" of a shoulder replacement; Becky Hatcher dialysis three times a week, she was unable to have her second cataract surgery on Thurs. due to sickness; Sonny Dye is having repeat issues with the rash; Connie Campbell; Becky Bush; Dennis Hatcher tested positive for COVID; Justin Matthews (son of Shannon Matthews, Becky Hatcher's first cousin); Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister) says she is cancer free; Becky Bush's daughter Angela Reese; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Rebecca Napper Higdon recuperating from surgery at Bonnie Turner's home, keep her in your prayers; please continue to pray for Mark Isenberg in Murfreesboro, TN seeking other alternatives; Freddy Proffitt member at South Green St.; Paul Smith husband my 1st cousin Judy in Louisville; Lanelle Sexton is now back to her home, her daughter Lisa Storey had major back surgery a few days ago; Todd Curkendall (E-town congregation)

SYMPATHY

Continue to remember those who have recently lost loved ones: the Bunnell, Ward, Bybee & Brooks families; the family of Elijah Heacock, a sophomore at Caverna High School, also his fellow students, staff and the Caverna family.

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

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*. We are in ch.14 Dennis Hogan is the teacher

PREACHING TODAY:

11 am Dennis Hogan *"The Surrendering Savior"*
5 pm Dennis Hogan *"Are We Just Getting By?"*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM

We are studying the great book of Genesis, chapter 15

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

NOTE: You may also hear the program at wloconline.com and choose to listen by 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.

SPRING FORWARD

Daylight Savings Time begins today Sunday March 9

AREA-WIDE SINGING TODAY MARCH 9 2 PM

at Poplar Log Church of Christ 12220 Tompkinsville Rd. Glasgow, KY

SPRING GOSPEL MEETING 3 DAY EVENT

BIG Questions for the Journey March 14, 15 & 16
South Green St. Church of Christ with Dr. Matt Cook from Freed-Hardeman University Henderson, TN
Fri. 7 PM: What is my Mission in Life?
Sat. 7 PM: How Can the Church be Relevant in 2025?
Sun. 9:30 AM Bible Class: How Does the Holy Spirit help me Today?
Sun. AM Worship: What is God's Will for my Life?

SPRING GOSPEL MEETINGS

March 27—30 Center church of Christ Speaker: Tyler Alverson preacher for the Highland Heights church of Christ Lebanon, TN. Theme: He has chosen the theme "It All About Jesus" 6:30 each evening Thurs—Sunday, 10 am Sunday bible study, 11 am Sunday worship

April 6-9 Poplar Log Church of Christ near Temple Hill Speaker: Robby Eversole Sunday 10 & 11 a.m. Mon.-Wed. 7 p.m. A potluck meal will be served after the morning worship service on Sunday.

Dennis Hogan's Podcast

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



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