

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.

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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

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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

Beware of "Only"!

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Words like "only" and "alone" appear well over 100 times in the New Testament. Sometimes they indicate something exclusive. Other times they are joined with the word not, thereby emphasizing a matter that isn't exclusive. Jesus, for example, showed exclusiveness when He said, "You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only shall you serve." (Matthew 4:10). Just six verses earlier He used "not" to show a matter that wasn't exclusive: "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (4:4).

Few have any problem understanding these uses of "alone" and "only." Worship belongs exclusively to God. But while people eat food, that's not everything necessary for life, especially eternal life. These easily understood passages illustrate the need to be careful how we use words like "alone" and "only."

A large religious group in Georgia posted typical Evangelical error on their web site: "There are approximately 160 verses in the New Testament that clearly state that salvation is solely based on a person's faith, trust, or belief in Jesus Christ as Savior." They listed numerous passages that affirm salvation by faith, but not a single one that even comes close to saying "solely" (i.e. only) by faith. Salvation by faith is eminently Biblical; "faith alone/only" is patently false!

New Testament Christians aren't immune from abusing words like "only" and "alone." Misguided brethren have added "only" to the New Testament teaching about the church helping needy members. Limiting use of the church treasury to "saints only" flies in the face of passages like 2 Corinthians 9:13 where church assistance benefitted **not only** Christians (saints) but "all." "Saints <u>only</u>" is every bit as erroneous as the Evangelical "faith <u>only</u>" doctrine. Beware of "<u>only</u>"!

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mark Hatcher has been struggling with various health issues, dr. appointments; Mike Thompson reported Wed. night that he received a good report this past week; Becky Hatcher dialysis three times a week; Mary Whittington; Lori Brewer and Fran Mears; it was good seeing Sonny & Joyce Dye out last Sunday; Joey Palmore; Connie Campbell; Becky Bush has arthritis in her shoulders and degenerative disc disease in her neck; J. Larry Smith has been recuperating at home. He has a dr. appt. tomorrow; Becky Bush's granddaughter Jessica Bush-Dennison; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Rebecca Napper Higdon

Please continue to pray for Mark Isenberg in Murfreesboro, TN; Freddy Proffitt member at South Green St.; Billy Joe Cline member at South Green St.

Prayers for the family of our Jackie Coop; the family of Fred Wayne Cunningham

Marty Pennington, member of the church of Christ at Center, has qualified and is now on a waiting list for a heart transplant. Prayers are appreciated.

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY family of Kenneth Mel-Ioan; 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 chapter 16. It is an enriching study that builds our faith in what our Savior did for us. Dennis Hogan serves as the teacher

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan Plugging In...to the Power of JESUS! 5 pm Dennis Hogan "Christian Graces" (Part 3)

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM

We are studying in the book of Genesis, chapter 19

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.

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 as we would like to have a record of your attendance.

ELDERS DEACON MINISTER MEETING

This afternoon at 3:00 in the Library down stairs

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Will meet tomorrow morning at 10:00 in the Annex

What Is In It....For You?

Among the wonderful blessings that result from salvation are these:

God remembers forgiven sins no more (Acts 2:38; Hebrews 10:17).

Rest and peace of mind (Matthew 11:28-30; John 16:33).

Reconciliation with God (2 Corinthians 5:18–19)

The privilege of worshipping God (John 4:24; Acts 2:42; 20:7; Ephesians 5:19).

All spiritual blessings (Ephesians 1:3).

Help in trials and afflictions (Acts 18:9–10; 2 Timothy 4:16-18).

Hope of eternal life (1 John 2:25; Mark 10:30; Titus 3:7).

- Eris Benson

Jesus: "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

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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