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WHERE WE MEET

120 Cave Street
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WHEN WE MEET (CST):

Sunday: Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible Study 6 PM

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Focused on Christ - Thankful for our Salvation - Glorifying the Lord - Serving through Love - Preaching Christ to the World

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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It's OK Because

Rationalize: "to attribute one's actions to rational and creditable motives without analysis of true motives and especially unconscious ones"; "explain away" (Merriam-Webster online dictionary & thesaurus).

Nobody likes being held accountable. Rationalizing provides a mechanism to evade personal responsibility and justify sin. Common rationalizations include the following:

"It's not my fault. He/she/they upset me." The Israelites upset Moses (Numbers 20). He struck the rock rather than speaking to it and failed to give God glory. It cost him the privilege of entering the Promised Land. To his credit, he made no attempt to rationalize.

"It's just the way I am." Perhaps so, but you can and should change. You are not helpless! The very word "conversion" means change. God didn't call you to remain as you are, but to walk in newness of life! (See Romans 6:4.)

"Everyone does it." Even if that were true (which it isn't), would that make it right? God didn't call you to be like "everyone." "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Romans 12:2).

"God wants me to be happy." Indeed, He does! But real happiness doesn't come from satisfying the desires of the flesh! "Blessed (happy) are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled . . . Blessed (happy) are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:6, 8).

Rationalizing indicates severe spiritual immaturity! We expect little children to make excuses for bad behavior. Let it never be so for mature Christians!

- Joe Slater

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** until he finds it?

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Bush reoccurring health issues, undergoing therapy; Joyce Dye experiencing health issues, seeing specialists; Willie Cyphers; Lori Brewer had a shoulder replacement surgery on Tues. in BG, home recovering; Fran Mears is on oxygen at home; Bessie Brooks; Mary Whittington sick last Sunday; Becky Hatcher dialysis three days a week, and has been sick last week; Mark Hatcher; Connie Campbell; Joey Palmore; Rebecca Higdon has been to be see her grandmother who is very sick in Indiana; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister) had a stint inserted at T. J. on Wed. and spent time in ICU; Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter); Donnie Alexander (Dennis Hatcher's brother-in-law); John Gray; Mary Hatcher; Karen Brown (Mary Hatcher's friend; Marty Pennington is back on the heart transplant list. Marty's mother-in-law Martha Hurt, is on dialysis where Becky Hatcher goes; Stanton Burchett Boot Camp at Paris Island, SC

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

To the family of Judy Page who passed away last Sunday. Visitation and sharing of memories were held on Wednesday at Hatcher & Saddler Funeral Home. Judy was the first cousin to our Carolyn Russell

THANK YOU NOTE

Dear Church Family, Thank You for the calls, texts and cards especially the wonderful pie. The ferns are beautiful! Deaths sting of losing my sister Linda was softened by your love and support. I have the best church family! In Christian Love, Lisa Schuler

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sammy Jo (Doyle) Eubank cancer, daughter of Sammy & Rita Doyle here in HC

Tim Shipley at his home, close friend & neighbor to our late Sydney Bunnell

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 book of Luke, ch. 8. Dennis Hogan is the teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan The Radical Jesus!

5 pm Dennis Hogan Tools of Satan (#10) "The Tool of Procrastination"

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

This Wed. night we will study in Exodus, ch. 6 Dennis Hogan is our teacher.

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests, and we are very thankful for your presence.

OUR LOCAL RADIO PROGRAM

We encourage you to listen to our radio program "**In Search of the Lord's Way**" on WLOC 101.7 FM or 1150 AM here in Horse Cave Sunday mornings from 8:30--9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. This is a **quality** program con-

sisting of 30 minutes of gospel songs and a biblical message!! It is also aired on Cable tv across the U.S. **Are you listening to any of the great lessons??**

His lesson for this Sunday May 24 will be: "*Glorifying God*" Isaiah 43:7 reminds us that God created us for His glory. Many live for themselves with little thought of God, not realizing how great God truly is. God's desire is that we truly glorify with our lives, our words, and our deeds.

For more info, go to their website at: searchtv.org

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 22—24th

The theme: UNTANGLED - Wild About God's Divine Plan

OUR 9TH SUMMERS SERIES - LESSONS FROM JAMES

Our Summer Series on Wednesday evenings have always been a blessing to us. The first lesson will begin on July 8 and go through August 26 . Please make this a priority for your plans this Summer.

BREAD OF LIFE EVANGELISM PROGRAM

We plan to begin on Saturday the 6th of June

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT SUNDAY MAY 31

Since it will be a 5th Sunday, we look forward to having Robbie Fudge preach for us at the 11:00 worship hour. We also will be blessed to have Mike Brooks at 5 PM to give us a report on the work in Nepal & Bangladesh.

CONGRATULATIONS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!!

The following names were submitted to me:

Lauren Neville Barren County High School. Daughter of Les & Ashley Neville, granddaughter of Ken & Carolyn Russell. She will be attending WKU in the Fall

Garrett Cyphers Brentwood Academy in Brentwood, TN son of Todd & Leigh Ann Cyphers, grandson of Willie & Martha Cyphers. He received a baseball scholarship to play at the Univ. of Southern Indiana, attending this Fall. If there are others who have not notified me, please let me know, and I will include next week. Wayne



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WEI is the good work that Darrell Wallace is involved in around the world. He's in charge of teacher training and recruitment.



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"Where you can do evangelism from your kitchen table or desk"