

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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## He Gave His Dearest Possession

In a small, Midwestern town lived a young widow with her five-year-old son who had been born blind. After months of saving money, the young mother traveled to an Eastern city to see a doctor whom she was informed could give sight to her son.

When told that the mother was not able to pay the normal fee, the surgeon replied that restoring the boy's sight was the first priority. Following several operations and long days and nights of waiting to remove the bandages from the boy's eyes, a smile of delight came upon the boy's face as he beheld his mother for the first time. "Mother," said he, "you are more beautiful than I ever dreamed you could be!"

When the day came to leave the hospital, the lad wanted to give the doctor something, but the only thing he had was a small teddy bear which had been his companion since infancy. One arm was gone, one leg had lost its stuffing, one eye was missing, but the bear was still the dearest possession he had. Nonetheless, he gave it to the doctor and the doctor, under protest, reluctantly accepted it.

When the boy and his mother arrived back home, a huge package awaited them in which was the biggest and finest teddy bear money could buy. However, in the surgeon's office, carefully placed in a glass container sits a little brown and battered teddy bear with one arm, a limp leg, and only one eye. On a card in front of the bear are these words: "The largest single fee I ever received for professional services."

This story is true. The boy gave something virtually worth nothing for something priceless, but it was all he had to give and his most precious possession. Do you make the connection spiritually? Jesus died to give us a priceless possession eternal life for our sin-sick and dying soul! We owe Him so much for such a gift, but we have virtually nothing to give Him for it except our most precious possession: ourselves! What have you given the Lord for what He has given you?

by Phil Johnson

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16 NKJV).*

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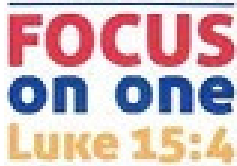
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What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost

# NEWS & NOTES...

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week; Mark Hatcher, Billy Bybee and Joey Palmore recovering from back surgeries; Becky Bush had surgery for a detached retina; Fran Mears; Mary Whittington was admitted to TJ Samson due to pneumonia, she came home Thurs.; J. Larry & Barbara Smith have sick with COVID; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Robin Wallace's brother Daniel Smith; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister undergoing treatments); Carl Thomas; Reda Hester had a biopsy on her leg that came back good; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Diane King; Bobby Pedigo; Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) who lives in Murfreesboro, TN is having some health issues, undergoing treatments; continued prayers for those who have lost loved ones recently; the Sydney Bunnell, Laura Brooks and Julia Crain families

**FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY:** Jerry Cherry; Tim Shipley; Brittany Smith; Melinda Grant; a lady ask for our prayers for her husband Doug Ready and for Darrell Wilkerson (throat cancer); prayers for our local schools Caverna, Barren and Hart County as they are back in session for the 2024-25 school year especially with all the social media threats lately.

## 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*. Be sure and be a part of this valuable study. We are in chap. 8

## PREACHING TODAY: Dennis Hogan

11 am "Jesus...Tell Me About Yourself"  
5 pm "Neglect Is Not Love!"

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

A new study in *Genesis* is underway on Wed. night. Dennis Hogan will be teaching. Bring your bibles and be a part of this good study. Next Wed. evening will be time for our singing & devotional

## OUR LOCAL 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 or 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 through this biblical program. Phil Sanders continues to do an excellent job!!!

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal or do not live in our area, you can go to [wloconline.com](http://wloconline.com) and then choose to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app on your mobile device.

## HORSE CAVE HERITAGE FESTIVAL CONCLUDES

We had a nice booth again at this years Annual Horse Cave Heritage Festival. We greeted people with a warm and friendly smile. We gave away bibles, water, a \$50 gift certificate to one of our local Mexican Restaurants, books from Apologetics Press for young people, literature, God and Man books, pens, information to World Bible School and invited folks to attend services. A majority of the attendees walked by showing no interest, but thankful for those who stopped by and talked with us.

We were honored to represent and make known the Lord's church here in Horse Cave.

Special thanks to those who worked hard to make this happen, all to the glory of God.

## THANK YOU CARD

A very special thanks to the church for the beautiful red roses you sent for my mother Julia Crain's funeral. Special thanks to those who sent flowers, gifts, brought food, sent cards, for your prayers and every expression of sympathy.

Love, Becky (Wayne) Hatcher and all the Crain family

## Dennis Hogan's Podcast

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



You can listen to previous sermons!! Check it out!!

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