



A Weekly Publication of the  

**Horse Cave  
 Church of Christ**

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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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## ***Actions Without Authorization***

All through the Bible, we see an important principle revealed – we are not to change what God has authorized.

In Leviticus 10, Nadab and Abihu, priests of God, offered a kind of fire for the burning of incense that God had not authorized (v.1). As a result, God struck them dead (v.2-3).

In 2 Chronicles 26, King Uzziah, who was doing his best to follow God’s ways (v.1-15), decided one day to do something God had not authorized. He entered the temple to burn incense before the Lord even though only priests were authorized to do so (v.16-18). Consequently, God punished him with leprosy which remained with him the rest of his life (v.19-21).

In Matthew 15, the Pharisees insisted on a certain hand washing procedure as a part of worship which God had not authorized (v.1-6). Because of this, Jesus informed them, through a prophecy of Isaiah, that their worship was not accepted by God (v.8-9).

In 2 Timothy 4, Paul reminds Timothy that he needed to keep teaching the truth because there would be those who would not follow God’s authorized ways and fall prey to false doctrine (v.1-4; see also 1 Timothy 4:1-3). The context of the passages are that they are endangering their souls by disobeying God.

On and on we could go, but I think you get the idea. God desires us to follow His authorized pattern – for salvation, for life, for worship, for everything we do. It’s serious business with Him, and it needs to be just as serious with us. For us today, He has given us the New Testament Scriptures for all instructions in life and godliness (2 Peter 1:3).

So here’s the principle to remember: Actions without authorization are dangerous. We jeopardize our lives, souls, and our relationship with God when we stray away from His authorized instructions. Many people conduct their lives (physical and spiritual) based upon what they feel or what is popular in society. In using these as barometers for approval of God, they place themselves on very thin ice. Why not just look to the Word of God for approved actions and stick with them, knowing that we will please our Father in heaven in by so doing?

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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

Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week; Becky Bush recovering from surgery of a detached retina (was good seeing her Sunday morning), also her daughter Angela and a great-grandson is having health issues; Joyce Dye lost her balance when getting into their truck and fell backwards and landed on her back which compounded her back issues; Joey Palmore had a meniscus tear repair in his knee (good seeing him Sunday morning); Fran Mears; Mary Whittington; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister undergoing treatments); Carl Thomas; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Diane King undergoing treatment for cancer; Bobby Pedigo; Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) who lives in Murfreesboro, TN undergoing treatments; Cindy Binkley (daughter of our late Genie & Marilyn Hogan) has been diagnosed with cancer. She is seeking medical care at MD Anderson in Houston; Clayton Gerald (former member here) suffered a stroke recently. He is being moved to a Rehab facility in Elizabethtown.

Sympathy and prayers for the family of Diana King who passed away yesterday. Winn Funeral Home is handling her arrangements.

**FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY** Tim Shipley; Brittany Smith; Melinda Grant; Doug Ready is doing better; Darrell Wilkerson (throat cancer); prayers for our local schools; the severe aftermath of Hurricane Helena and Milton

## 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*. A great study on the life of Christ. Dennis Hogan is the teacher

## PREACHING TODAY:

11 am Dennis Hogan "Jesus Is My King"  
5 pm Dennis Hogan "Radically Different Christian" #3

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

A new study in *Genesis* is underway on Wed. night. Dennis Hogan is the teacher. Bring your bibles and be a part of this good study.

## 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**. Please pray for this great ministry as the gospel is being proclaimed. Phil Sanders does an excellent job!!! Search website: <https://www.searchtv.org/>

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the station or do not live in our area, you can go to [wloconline.com](http://wloconline.com) and

choose to listen on your 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 on back of the pew in front of you as we would like to have a record of your attendance. You always will be welcomed at any of our services. You may drop it in the collection plate when it passes. You are not expected to give a contribution, only if you want to.

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

As we have done for many years, we will be helping with their Commodities Outreach. We have been asked to donate these needed pantry items:

Ziploc Sandwich Bags      AuGratin Potatoes  
Wheat Thins      Banana Nut Muffin Mix  
Diapers Girls 4T-5T

They will be here to pick up our donations the week of **January 5, 2025**. If you prefer, they will also accept a monetary donation if it is hard to go shopping.

## FOCUS ON ONE

We will have a brief meeting after services tonight  
**VETERANS DAY TOMORROW**

We salute all the men and women who have served in the U. S. military to preserve the freedoms we enjoy!

## Dennis Hogan's Podcast

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



You may listen to 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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