



A Weekly Publication of the



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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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Thanksgiving & Worship

(Psalm 100:4)

Mike Johnson

Psalm 100 is thought to have been written by David and is about worship. Speculation is that the Jews used it as a call to worship and as a hymn in their public praise. Verse 4 says, ***“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”*** In this verse, we learn that thanksgiving is to be a part of our worship. Consider, this concept as we take a closer look at the verse.

Verse 4 specifies, *“Enter into His gates with thanksgiving”* and *“be thankful to Him.”* The use of the terms “gates” and “courts” in this verse probably refers to parts of the temple, so this describes what God expected under the former dispensation. Although we do not have a building like the temple today, Christians are still to assemble with other Christians and worship. The church today is the temple of God (Eph. 2:21, 1 Pet. 2:5). Christians today should worship God with thanksgiving!

In the Old Testament, there is an association of thanksgiving with worship. There is even a category of psalms called “Psalms of Thanksgiving.” Psalm 69:30 says, *“I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.”* Psalm 95:2 says, *“Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms.”* (Note also Ps. 50:14.)

In the New Testament, God’s people are also encouraged to be thankful. We are to be grateful for everything, as Ephesians 5:20 says, *“...giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* Christians should be especially thankful for salvation. 1 Corinthians 15:57 reveals, *“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

From Psalm 104:4, we learn we are to enter into public worship today with thanksgiving. When we worship, we should do so with gratitude to God for what He has done for us. Thanksgiving should permeate our homage!

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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; Joyce Dye is feeling better from her fall and back issues, recovered from a 'bug'; Wayne Hatcher tested positive last week for a mild case of Covid; Joey Palmore recovering from a meniscus tear repair in his knee; Fran Mears; Mary Whittington; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister undergoing treatments); Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) who lives in Murfreesboro, TN undergoing treatments; Cindy Binkley (daughter of our late Genie & Marilyn Hogan) is in serious condition in Houston, TX with cancer. Clayton Gerald (former member here) suffered a stroke recently and is in a Rehab facility in Elizabethtown and doing better.

Sympathy and prayers for the family of Frances Houk and Jimmy Harper, two long time residents of Horse Cave.

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY Tim Shipley; Brittany Smith; Melinda Grant; Darrell Wilkerson (throat cancer); prayers for our local schools

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*. It is a great study over the life of Christ. Dennis Hogan is the teacher

PREACHING TODAY:

11 am Dennis Hogan Follow the Leader
5 pm Dennis Hogan Radically Different Christian #5

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6 PM

This Wednesday will be our monthly singing and devotional. It also will be Thanksgiving Eve. Let's have a good turnout of worship and praise.

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 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, unless you want to.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

As we have done for many years, we will be helping with their Commodities Outreach. These 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 you are unable to shop.

NOTE: TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY EVENINGS

Effective December, January and February, Sunday evening services will be at **2 p.m.** *Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings will remain the same.

ONE CALL PHONE SERVICE

has now been setup, and will be very beneficial to allow us to quickly share important announcements or news. If you submitted your phone # to participate, you should have received a "test" call last Tuesday.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Dennis Hogan's Podcast

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



You may listen to his previous sermons!! Check it out!!

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