



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. & 2 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible Study 6 PM

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"Give Me" or "Make Me"?

Joe Slater

We sing, "Have Thine own way, Lord." I think sometimes we should change the words to "Have mine own way"! Jesus taught that true spirituality centers around submission and service; but modern religion has opted for self-will and being served.

In the parable of the lost son (Luke 15), the young rebel demanded: "Give me the portion of goods that falls to me" (v. 12). His "give me" mentality was far from unique; indeed, it is alive and well today. Give me what I want, or I'll go down the street to a church that will! Legion are those who are choosing churches based not on where they can best serve God faithfully, but where they themselves will be served as they wish. Give me entertainment; give me day care; give me emotional gratification.

Eventually the lost son came to his senses in the hog pen. Humbled, he thought to himself: "I will arise and to go my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants'" (vv. 18, 19). What a difference! No longer did he arrogantly demand, "Give me . . .," but meekly asked his father to "make me . . ."

Change comes from within. The son first thought he needed freedom and a change in financial status. In reality, he needed a change in attitude and the true liberty of submission to a loving father.

Think about it! Aren't those our needs, too? Only when we abandon the "give me" mentality, and submit to God, saying, "Make me what You want me to be" – only then are we fit to be His children. As the song says, "Mold me and make me after Thy will, while I am waiting, yielded and still."

Friend, what shall it be with you? "Give me," or "Make me"?

**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; Billy Bybee; Becky Bush; Joyce Dye has been very sick with Covid; Joey Palmore; Fran Mears; Mary Whittington; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister undergoing treatments); falling seems to be a pattern once more as Barbara Smith and Willie Cyphers fell recently and both are stoved up; Connie Campbell fell and cracked a bone on top of her shoulder; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) who lives in Murfreesboro, TN is undergoing treatments (see Thank You Note in next column)

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

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

We are so heart-broken of hearing that Cindy Binkley (daughter of our late Genie & Marilyn Hogan) passed away Sat. Nov. 30th at Houston Hospice. Sympathy to her husband Ron, her children, grandchildren, her brother Greg who lives in Cave City, and all her family.

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 *Who Is Jesus?*

2 pm Dennis Hogan *Radically Different Christian #8*

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6 PM

This Wednesday we are studying from the book of Genesis being taught by Dennis Hogan.

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. 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.

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**. They will also accept a monetary donation if you are unable to shop.

NOTE: If you have one of their Coin Can's, you may also bring those in as well by the end of December.

NOTE: TIME CHANGE FOR SUNDAY EVENINGS

Sunday evening services are now meeting at **2 p.m.** during December, January and February.

*Sunday mornings and Wednesdays are not affected.

REJOICE WITH OUR NEW SISTER IN CHRIST

Last Sunday was a happy day when **Allison Eastridge** committed her life to Christ, acknowledging Him as Lord and Savior. Wayne baptized her into Christ for the remission of her sins. May God be praised and glorified. Allison is the daughter of our John & Candice Eastridge, granddaughter of our Mary Whittington. We appreciate our brethren at Munfordville for the use of their baptistry as ours was temporarily empty due to constructing the new hand rails.

THANK YOU CARD

Dear Christian Family, We want to thank you for all the cards and prayers you have sent our way. We certainly love and appreciate each and everyone at the Horse Cave Church. Please keep praying. We have a long road to travel yet.

In Christian Love, Mark & Debbie Isenberg

Dennis Hogan's Podcast

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



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

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the word of God
while they learn
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