



A Weekly Publication of the



WHERE WE MEET

120 Cave Street
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WHEN WE MEET (CST):

Sunday: Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 2 p.m. **Wednesday:** Bible Study 5 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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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**

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Optimism

Optimism is an essential ingredient for the growth and well-being of the body of Christ both individually and congregationally. Leroy Brownlow writes, "The world is not going to follow the man who has a gloomy outlook. We like the person who enjoys the donut rather than griping about the hole in it."

Optimism is a byproduct of hope. The Christian's hope is not rooted in this world, but is anchored in the next (Hebrews 6:19). It is a hope that "does not disappoint..." (Romans 5:5). When life grows dark and dreary, threatening to dampen our enthusiasm, we must set our "mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2). Easier said than done. An optimistic outlook requires a disciplined mind. Paul says, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if here is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Output is determined by input. So long as we fill our minds with polluted, negative thoughts, we will enjoy little success maintaining a positive attitude. By contrast, when Paul sought to fill his heart with things lovely and noble, he was able to rise above physical hardships and proclaim, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Wouldn't you rather look at life through the hopeful optimism of faith in Christ? We will not always be treated fairly in life. Hardships will come even into the lives of Christians. But, in Christ, we have the resources to deal with life at its worst and still maintain our hope for the future. Remember, "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

- Glen Elliott

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

We are thankful Martha Cyphers received good news from her heart cath on Friday, no blockages; Becky Bush at home from recent heart procedures; Joey Palmore is recovering from knee replacement, also hamstring strain and suffering with a lot of pain; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X a week; Joyce Dye still suffering with a lot of pain; Connie Campbell; Mary Whittington recently fell but nothing broken; Mark Hatcher; Mike Thompson; Dennis Hatcher spent two days in T J. Samson and is back home; Fran Mears; Lori Brewer (at home); Rebecca Higdon had COVID but is better; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter); Donnie Alexander (Dennis Hatcher's brother-in-law); John Gray; Mary Hatcher; Fred Proffitt member at South Green St. cancer; Marty Pennington, member of the church in Center has been undergoing PT in Glasgow, and trying to requalify for the heart transplant list. Marty's mother-in-law Martha Hurt is taking dialysis in Glasgow where Becky Hatcher also goes; Francine Strode, formerly of Cave City, is in Greenwood Rehab Center in Bowling Green

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Wayne Ballard (husband of Jennifer Ballard, who serves on the Caverna School Board with Wayne Hatcher) is in great need of our prayers

George Sturgeon ICU Med Center in BG

Daisy Haydon (neighbor & friend of Wayne & Becky)

Tim Shipley

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 and are in ch. 4

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan "Our God Is Able!"

2 pm Dennis Hogan "Love NOT the World!" #2

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 5 P.M.

We are studying through the great book of Genesis. We will be in chapter 38 where our focus will now be on Joseph. 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. Please use one of the QR cards on the pew or back of the pew so we may have a record of your attendance.

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**. This is an **excellent** program! It is also aired on Cable tv across the US.

Are you listening to any of the great lessons??

CHANGE OF EVENING WORSHIP TIMES

Remember we meet at **2:00** for our Sunday evening services during the winter months of Dec. Jan and Feb. This is being done to accommodate those who don't feel safe driving at night.

Wednesday night has been moved back one hour to **5:00**. Also **take note** we will meet Wed. Dec. 23rd at 5:00 No service on Wed. Dec. 24th.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTRIES

We are participating again in helping stock their pantry. Checks or Cash also accepted.

The items requested for us to collect are:

Cooking Spray Laundry Stain Remover
Snack Crackers Individual Juice Boxes
4T/5T Pull Ups Girls and Boys

Jesus Christ Offers...

... forgiveness for the past,

... purpose for the present,

... hope for the future

- Selected

The church is not a cruise ship where a handful of people serve the others who are relaxing.

The church is a battleship where it's "all hands on deck" and everyone serves the cause.

- Selected



You may go back and listen to his previous sermons!!

Check it out!!

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