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

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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**

Three Responses To Paul's Sermon

"And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." So Paul departed from among them. However, some men joined him and believed, among them Dionysius the Areopagite, a woman named Damaris, and others with them" (Acts 17:32-34).

Paul had preached his sermon to the men of Athens at Mars Hill; he concluded by telling them that God commands all men to repent and then reminded them of the coming judgment. In verses 32-34, there are three responses from those who heard Paul.

1. **Some mocked him** (v. 32). Luke says that some who heard Paul "mocked" him. They had heard Paul preach the truth of the gospel, but instead of accepting the preaching of Christ they were unwilling to change their lives to do what was acceptable to the will of God. There was a similar response of those on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:13), they belittled or mocked the preaching of the apostles. It is a disposition like this that Paul mentioned to the Corinthians when he referred to people thinking the preaching of the cross as foolishness (1 Corinthians 1:18, 21).
2. **Some were wanting to hear more** (v. 32). The second response is seen by those who heard and said, "We will hear you again on this matter." They were not out-right refusing to listen to Paul, but they wanted to wait. Perhaps it was a difficult decision for some to hear the truth and obey it. They still desired to learn more, but they needed to respond. It is this disposition that Felix displayed (Acts 24:25). The parable of the ten virgins in Matthew 25 teaches the importance of not waiting because while we delay, our lives may end without being prepared.
3. **Some of them who heard believed** (v. 34). There were some among those who heard Paul preach who believed. There were those that as Paul preached the word of God, their hearts were pricked, and they responded and continued on in the work of the Lord.

The responses to Paul's sermon were three-fold, and the reactions Paul encountered are the same responses people have today to the preaching of God's word. What is our response to the preaching of the gospel? Do we mock the word of God by defying the necessity to obey or mock those who are striving to live right? Are we waiting to hear more? Are we ready to commit to obey and cleave to God's word? Let us remember the lessons of God's word and believe and obey Him now; not mocking or waiting until a convenient time.

- David Cox

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week and has not felt well the past few days; Billy Bybee; Becky Bush will have more tests and procedures in Jan. & Feb.; Joyce Dye has been very sick with Covid; Wayne Hatcher is to have a colonoscopy this Wed.; Fran Mears had surgery Thurs. for a place on her face; Mary Whittington is having to use oxygen, appt. Thurs. with lung dr.; Joey Palmore; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister undergoing treatments); Tony Bush (Becky Bush's son) had neck surgery Wednesday and is still in hospital & Becky's daughter Angela is trying to get into Cleveland Clinic; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) who lives in Murfreesboro, TN is undergoing treatments.

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*. Wayne Hatcher will be filling in for Dennis Hogan this morning while he takes his last week of vacation.

PREACHING TODAY:

11 am Wayne Hatcher "Why Do Some Refuse Salvation?"
2 pm Darrell Wallace

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6 PM

This past Wednesday night Darrell Wallace had an interesting study on Noah and the Flood. He filled in for Dennis Hogan who will be back this Wed. to resume our study of the book of *Genesis*.

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

Wheat Thins

AuGratin Potatoes

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 during this time.

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.

Five Tragedies of Life

- A man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank on his car was empty. It wasn't!
- A man patted a strange bulldog on the head to see if the critter was friendly. It wasn't!
- A man speeded up to see if he could beat the train to the crossing. He couldn't!
- A man touched a high voltage electric wire to see if it was still charged. It was!
- A man quit attending services of the church on Sundays to see if he could make more money in overtime work. He did—but he lost his eternal soul in the process!

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Rom. 6:23.

Who are you working for?

-Selected

Dennis Hogan's Podcast

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



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

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