



A Weekly Publication of the



120 Cave Street
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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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The Word Among Us

The apostle John began his gospel: *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God....and the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory of the only begotten, full of grace and truth"* (John 1:1, 14).

The Bible, the inspired written word of God tells us of the personal living Word of God coming and dwelling among us. Jesus didn't come into the world simply to deliver some message—prophets frequently had done that throughout the Old Testament period. The world was in need of someone greater than a prophet—one who would reveal to us the fullness of the glory of God, embodying totally His "grace and truth." Jesus came as the living Word of God, "the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15), in Whom dwells "the fullness of the Godhead bodily" (2:9).

God, the Father, has not only "spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1) with oral and written messages, but also His Son is the message. He personally is "the Truth" (John 14:6). He is personally God's greatest message to an alien world, conveying the love of God and offering hope to man. It is one thing to **read** God's message (which is good), but it is another thing to be led by that word **to see**, by faith, that message embodied in a Person—Jesus Christ.

In Jesus we are able to see not only God **above** us, but also, as John declared, God "**among** us." Or, as it was prophesied in Isaiah 7:14, and quoted in Matthew 1:23, "A virgin shall conceive and bare a son, and they shall call his name Emanuel, that is, God **with** us." He came among us, bearing our griefs and carrying our sorrows (Isaiah 53:3). He, too, had to struggle with the same temptations to which we are heir, in that "He was tempted in all points like as we are, yet without sin" (Hebrews 4:15). In our darkest hours we can take comfort in the words of one of my favorite hymns: in answering the question, "Does Jesus Care?" the reply is:

"Oh yes, He cares, I know He cares; His heart is touched with my grief. When the days are weary, The long nights dreary, I know my Savior cares."

Have you put your trust in the Word among us?

- Ron Bartanen

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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

Willie Cyphers went to the ER at TJ Hospital on Wed. for an infection, returned next day for an Out Patient procedure; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X times a week; Billy Bybee; Becky Bush will have more tests and procedures in Jan. & Feb.; Joyce Dye; Wayne Hatcher had a colonoscopy Wed.; Mary Whittington spent a night in the hospital last Sunday and is back home; Michael Greenwell was sick last Sunday; Joey Palmore; Mike & Vickie Thompson; Jackie Coop; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister Linda Lewis; Tony Bush, Becky Bush's son; Becky's daughter Angela is going to see a gastro specialist in Nashville before going to Cleveland Clinic; Steve Seaton; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Bobby Pedigo; Mark Isenberg (a friend since childhood) who lives in Murfreesboro, TN is undergoing treatments; Freddy Proffitt member at South Green St.

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*. Dennis Hogan is back after a few days of vacation. He will be teaching this morning in John 12

PREACHING TODAY:

11 am Dennis Hogan "What Can Jeopardize Heaven?"
2 pm Dennis Hogan "We Are NOT Our Own"

NOTE: WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Since Christmas falls on this Wed., the elders have moved our Wed. services to Thursday evening at 6

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 during this time.

TIME CHANGE IN EFFECT 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.

God Sent Jesus

If our greatest need had been **entertainment**,
God would have sent a **performer**.

If our greatest need had been **technology**,
God would have sent a **scientist**.

If our greatest need had been **money**,
God would have sent an **economist**.

But since our greatest need was **forgiveness**,
God sent us a **Savior**.

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Merry Christmas 2024

Dennis Hogan's Podcast

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



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

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