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**WHERE WE MEET**

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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**

## If You Don't Know Your Purpose...

Life is a difficult and arduous journey—so challenging and gut wrenching, many refuse to believe in God.

How could a loving God allow His prized creation to suffer? That fair question has been asked by millions of broken hearts for thousands of years.

Amidst life's perils, it's imperative to remember this vital truth:

If you don't know your purpose, you'll only know your problems.

I recently listened to a podcast about the exciting, yet exhausting life of entrepreneurs. Being in business for yourself sounds illustrious, but it's full of stressful days and sleepless nights. The speaker (who was also an entrepreneur) remarked, "In business, if you don't know your purpose, you'll only know your problems." Said in another cliché, "If you don't remember the 'why,' you'll inevitably fail at the 'what.'" Problems are guaranteed. Remembering your purpose propels you forward.

The same could and should be said for the journey of faith.

The path that Jesus paves is never easy. He expects us to count the cost (Luke 9: 57-62). He informs us that there will be troubles (John 16: 33). This all while the evil one fires flaming arrows to deter or destroy us. But remembering our purpose keeps us faithful. When we forget our purpose, we veer off course.

So, what is our purpose? While we all have our own purpose (or calling) from God, two general purposes direct disciples of Jesus:

**#1: Glorify God**

Every moment of every day, every victory and every defeat, should be wrapped in worship. Peter said that God saved us so we could declare His praises (1 Peter 2: 9). Paul said that that in all things we are working for the Lord (Colossians 3: 23 -24). When trials come, we surrender our suffering to God's glory.

**#2: Make Heaven Crowded**

In any sphere or season, how can we make more followers of Christ? When God gifts us, He isn't thinking about us, but others. How can you use your God given

gifts to grow the Kingdom? The answer to that question is the gateway to purpose.

If in all things we strive to glorify God and make heaven crowded, we won't only know our problems.

We'll be aware of our problems. We'll have to navigate and manage our problems, but we won't be controlled by our problems. Why? Because we know our purpose.

My friend, if you don't know your purpose, you'll only know your problems.

So, what do you know?

- Jacob Hawk

# NEWS & NOTES...

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mary Whittington; Becky Bush; Joey Palmore recovering from knee replacement; Candice Eastridge ask for our prayers; Becky Hatcher, her dialysis failed twice last week, we returned to Med Center and had surgery to install a permacath; Joyce Dye; Connie Campbell; Mark Hatcher; Dennis Hatcher; Fran Mears; Rebecca Higdon has been suffering with migraines; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Allen England, Jean & David Bale's nephew; 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 is 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, was moved Monday to Massey Springs Assisted Living in Bowling Green

## PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Daisy Haydon (neighbor & friend of Wayne & Becky) George Sturgeon resident of Horse Cave  
Tim Shipley, close friend & neighbor to our late Sydney Bunnell

## PRAY FOR MISSION EFFORTS WE SUPPORT

Nepal and Bangladesh - Michael Brooks  
World English Institute (WEI) - Darrell Wallace  
Manna Project

## SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE

Lori Brewer is in Room #203

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M.

We are studying the book of Luke and are in ch. 5

## PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan - Built to Stand or Bound to Fall  
2 pm Dennis Hogan - Showing Up...The Hidden Path to Greatness

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 5 PM

This week we will resume our study of *Genesis*, and will be in chapter 41. Come spend it in worship and study in this new year.

## 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??**

## ELDERS DEACON MINISTER MEETING

This afternoon Sunday, Jan. 11 at 3:00 in the library

## POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME & FAMILY MINISTERIES

We are participating in helping stock their pantry.

This is our last week. They will be here Jan. 15 to pick up our items. 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

## THANK YOU CARD

There's someone who is thanking God today, Someone who appreciates your warm and caring way, Someone who's remembering the special things you do And wishing you His blessings every day the whole year through.

*"I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, visits, text messages I have received the past few weeks, for the food that was sent. Thanks to the church leaders and the Ladies Bible class for all the cards I received. Also for the gift cards during the holidays.*

*I love you all. Dennis Hatcher*

## Do Good

"Depart from evil and do good" (Psalm 34:14)

"Trust in the LORD, and do good" (Psalm 37:3)

"... nothing is better for them than to rejoice, and to do good" (Ecclesiastes 3:12)

"Learn to do good" (Isaiah 1:17)

"... do good to those who hate you" (Matthew 5:44)

"Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all" (Galatians 6:10)

"But do not forget to do good and to share, for with such sacrifices God is well pleased." (Hebrews. 13:16)

"Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." (James. 4:17)

-compiled by Edd Sterchi



You may go back and listen to his sermons!!

Check it out!!

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