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CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

Wednesday: Bible Study 6 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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No Escape

How will we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? —Hebrews 2:3

Neglect is defined as omitting by carelessness or design to do, use, employ or attend to; to omit to receive or embrace; forbearance to do anything that can be done or should be done. Spiritually, there are many dangerous sins that have the power to bring the wrath of God down on us in judgment. I, for one, believe the writer of Hebrews warns us of one of the greatest, namely neglect. Neglect is the one thing that is going to cause many people to come to everlasting grief one day.

Neglect is a malady that appears often in the form of forgetfulness, slothfulness, procrastination or just plain old rebellion against the will of God. Consider this, anyone who neglects for whatever reason, to obey the will of God, will one day hear the words, "I never knew you, depart from me" (Matt.7:21-23, Luke 6:46-49, 2 John 9). Outside of Christ there is only condemnation while being in Him, there is redemption (Acts 4:12, Col. 1:12-13). To be in Him and become a partaker of eternal life one must believe in him (John 6:29, John 3:16), repent (Luke 13:3, 17:30), confess (Matt. 10:32-33, Acts 8:37), be baptized for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38, Mark 16:16, 1 Pet. 3:21, Gal. 3:27), remain faithful until death (Rev. 2:10).

One of the greatest areas of neglect among members of the Lord's church is

seen in a failure to study God's word as they should and thus they starve for spiritual food. Far too many rely on a 35-40 minute sermon by a preacher once a week to feed them spiritually for a week. To hear someone who has just become a new creature in Christ say, "I don't know much about the Bible" is one thing but to hear someone who was baptized into Christ 10, 20, 30 or more years ago say that, makes my blood run cold. We are told by Peter to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ so we will not be carried away by the error of men (2 Pet. 2:17-18). Paul admonishes us to study to show ourselves approved (2 Tim. 2:15). Peter tells us that like newborn babies we should long for the pure milk of the word so that by it we may grow in respect to salvation (1 Pet. 2:2). Through Hosea, God says, my people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6). Do not starve spiritually because of a lack of spiritual food.

Yet another area of neglect that affects many is seen in a failure to be actively involved (James 1:22, 1 Cor. 15:58, Titus 3:1). I am a branch in Christ the vine (John 15:5). I cannot get by on the fact that other branches are fruitful and neither can you. I am a stone in the building (1 Peter 2:5) and I cannot get by on the fact that the other stones fit in their place and do their work well in supporting the church while I do not and neither can you. We must be a candle on the candlestick personally letting our light shine before men (Matt. 5:14-16, Phil. 2:14-15). If we neglect our responsibilities, if we fail to let our light shine, if we do not bear fruit, the chances are great that we will become lukewarm, indifferent and lose our souls.

May we ever be on guard against the sin of neglect. To God be the glory forever and ever!

- Charles Hicks Gallatin, TN

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

It was good to see Willie Cyphers able to be back out and feeling better; Becky Hatcher undergoing dialysis 3X times a week. She was able to have surgery on her arm this past Thursday in BG; Connie Campbell; Billy Bybee; Mike Thompson; Jackie Coop; Becky Bush; Joyce Dye will have one more melanoma skin cancer removed in Feb.; Mary Whittington; Dixie Napier's son Randy; Joey Palmore; Helen Edwards in Bowling Green; Don Waddell; Carl Thomas; Steve Seaton; Terry and Debbie Bunnell; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Becky Bush's granddaughter Jessica Dennison had her appendix removed Thursday

SYMPATHY to the family of Larry "Pete" McGuire father of Paula (Daryl) Lowe who is Martha & Willie's sister-in-law. Visitation will be Tuesday from 12 to 7 p.m. and from 9 a.m. Wed. until funeral at 11 a.m. Winn Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. The family has ask Wayne to conduct his service.

Deaths in our community: the family of Karen Briggs; family of Henry Meador; family of Jill Lawler Smith

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE in Horse Cave

Brenda Jagers

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 in our Winter Quarter studying the book of *Esther*. Darrell Wallace will be the teacher this morning and next Sunday. Dennis Hogan will begin in February studying the book of John

PREACHING TODAY

11 a. m. Darrell Wallace

5 p. m. Dennis Hogan "Lessons from Fiery Serpents" Numbers 21:5-9

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

We are studying the *Parables of Jesus*. Last week Scott Huff did a great job on the Parable of the Ten Virgins.

THIS WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:00

is time for our monthly singing and devotional. This month has five Wednesdays and Dennis Hogan will teach next Wed. the 31st

OUR RADIO PROGRAM

We are pleased to sponsor "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" heard on our local radio station WLOC 101.7 FM and 1150 AM each Sunday morning from 8:30 - 9:00 with **Phil Sanders**. Please pray for this great work as the seed of the gospel is being sown in this ministry.

NOTE: If you are unable to pick up the radio signal, you can log on to **wloconline.com** You may choose to listen on your computer or use the **tunein** app for you mobile devices.

RETIREMENT RECEPTION FOR WAYNE HATCHER FEBRUARY 4

Our elders are planning a special day to recognize Wayne (and Becky) for their 51+years of service in the Lord's church and for nearly 22 years here at Horse Cave. It will be held in our Annex next door from 2 pm to 4 pm CST. Friends in the church and community are cordially invited.

WELCOME NEW MINISTER SUNDAY FEB. 4

We will also be welcoming our new minister, Dennis Hogan and his wife Peggy on that occasion as well on Feb. 4 from 2-4

Dennis officially starts Feb. 4

WINTER WEATHER ARRIVED LAST WEEK

Bitter cold temperatures arrived along with our first snow fall this past week. The streets around our building are now clear, parking lot is clean, and we are blessed to have a warm building. Remember worshipping together is important!!

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