



A Weekly Publication of the

Horse Cave Church of Christ

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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: **Sunday:** Bible Study 10 a. m. **Worship** 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.
Wednesday: Bible Study 6 p. m.

Elders: Billy Bybee, Willie Cyphers, Kenny Russell, R. T. Turner

Deacons: Mark Hatcher, Phillip Perkins, Rex Wallace

Ministers: Wayne Hatcher Associate Pulpit Minister: Mike Thompson

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Suspicion by Joe Chesser

In 1964, the Terry Stafford recording of “Suspicion” rose as high as #3 on the US Top Ten Hit list even though it had been previously recorded and released by Elvis Presley just two years earlier on his album “Pot Luck.” As I remember, the core of the song says:

Suspicion torments my heart
Suspicion keeps us apart
Suspicion why torture me

These words capture the feelings where there is no trust in a relationship. Uncertainty and doubt rips the heart to shreds. Suspicion can destroy a friendship. It can destroy a marriage. And it can destroy a church. Suspicion is a tool of the devil that torments, tortures and separates.

An example of what suspicions can do is King Saul. During the first part of his reign over Israel King Saul was a humble servant of God. But after his rebellion to God by not destroying all of the Amalekites (1 Sam. 15), God rejected him as king and had Samuel anoint David as the next king. Saul’s jealousy of David grew rapidly and his spirit became evil. His suspicions of David drove him mad, attempting to kill David on several occasions. David did all he could to ease Saul’s suspicions, but never could. Eventually Saul disgracefully died (1 Sam. 31, 2 Sam. 1).

Satan loves to fill our minds with suspicions. He loves it when we take every opportunity to think negative thoughts about each other. He loves it when we look on the actions of others with distrust and when we always expect the worst from each other. He loves to see friendships and marriages and churches tormented and torn apart. He loves to place little doubts in our minds about each other. We must love it too, for even the strongest of Christians will sometimes allow Satan to fill them with suspicions. Then we like to get into little groups or on social media and share our suspicions with those who are willing to listen. I’ll bet Satan can’t keep from lol (laughing out loud)!

But for those who truly love God and truly want to be like Jesus, there is absolutely no place for suspicions in their hearts, conversations or actions. If you don’t have the facts, don’t suspect the worst about each other. God is about building friendships, marriages and churches, not destroying them. God is about filling our minds with constructive thoughts about each other. His is about building the Kingdom with positive words and actions. We are instructed by the Holy Spirit through Paul to fill our minds with things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent and praiseworthy (Phil. 4:8). We are to love each other. That means, according to 1 Cor. 13, to be patient and kind with each other, to not be rude or easily angered or to keep a record of wrongs, but to always protect, trust, and hope in and for the one you love. “Honor one another above yourselves” (Rom. 12:10), whether they deserve it or not.

Suspicious torment and separate. Love and honor binds and blesses.

NEWS and NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Bessie Brooks on dialysis; Leon Seaton; R. T. Turner; Renee` Perkins; James Horton; Linda Forbes; Parker Bybee; Wrendle Jones (Becky Hatcher's dad) who is confined to bed at home; Dennis Hatcher

FRIENDS OF OUR COMMUNITY

Joey Chaney; Randy Scott; Ruby Whitlow; Stella Downs (teacher at Park City) and friend of Lisa Schuler; Sherian Gray (member at S. Green St. in Glasgow)

HIGHLAND RIDGE ASSISTED LIVING

Ruth Bradford 180 Scottie Drive Glasgow

HOMETOWN MANOR ASSISTED LIVING

Jean Turner 201 Trista Lane Glasgow Ky

SUNDAY MORNING AUDITORIUM CLASS

Our study for the Winter Quarter is Samuel: Judge and Prophet. We are on lesson 12 this morning, *Samuel Anoints David* (I Samuel 16:1-13). Wayne is serving as teacher.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY

We are studying "Circles of Truth" with Mike Thompson teaching. We meet at 6:00 Come be a part to search the scriptures and see the circle of truth.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Remember our ladies are working on collecting coats (new or lightly used) for both adults or children. You may bring them in anytime. They will be stored in the basement of the annex.

LADIES INSPIRATION DAY

March 19 Elizabethtown Church of Christ with Celine Sparks as guest speaker. Theme: *"Happiness Is A Choice"* *See bulletin board for details

WELCOME BACK TO HORSE CAVE

Last Sunday morning we rejoiced to welcome back Candice Eastridge and Mary Whittington. They both desired to be identified as members of this congregation again. This was certainly very great news!!!

AWAY TRAVELING

Eugene & Connie Campbell recently enjoyed a week in Florida. They missed the last Sundays snowfall of 4-5 in. Thankfully it did not stay long. Welcome home!!

OUR RADIO PROGRAMS

"Words of Truth" 8:30-8:45 a. m. - Billy Bybee

"Truth in Love" 8:45- 9:00 a. m. - Wayne Hatcher

They are broadcast on WLOC 1150 on the AM dial and on WLOC's website each Sunday morning.

SERVING FOR TODAY Feb. 21, 2016

Read Scripture – Scott Huff

Make Announcements – Sydney Bunnell

Officiate at the Lord's Table – Bill Brooks

Serve Communion to the Congregation -
Theron Schultz Phillip Perkins Malon Schuler

Lead Singing – Ken Russell

Preaching – Mike Thompson 11 am & 5 pm

And I, If I Be Lifted Up (John 12:34)

Jesus stated His complete submission to the will of God, even though it meant death on the cross. He would not allow His disciples to prevent His death. To be "lifted up" indicates the kind of death He would die, but implies a great deal more.

There is a similar expression in John 3:14 where "lifted up" means "made visible" to others. But the symbolic lifting up was more in the mind of Jesus. He would be lifted up from death. It was His resurrection from death by the power of God that would attract others to Him. If He was raised from death will we be?

He was also lifted up from the earth at His ascension. His exaltation to the right hand of God, the place of authority and power, is attractive to men seeking to overcome oppressive forces in the world.

But to be really attractive to others, Jesus must be "lifted up" in the lives and examples of His own disciples, His followers - Christians. Those who are like Christ and who do what Christ would do are able to draw others to Him - He is able to draw others to Himself through them.

Here is a point worth noting: the Christ who has been lifted up has power to lift others up too, to exalt and glorify His people. Are you lifting Christ up so that He can glorify you and draw others to Himself through you?

- Gerald Cowan

WHERE VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED!!!

We hope that you find the services honored and glorified God and encouraging to each of us. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of us.