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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.

WHERE WE MEET

120 Cave Street
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WHEN WE MEET (CST):

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

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What Is God Telling Me?

What is God telling me with the problems He permits in my life? The problems we face will either defeat us or develop us, depending on how we respond to them. Unfortunately, most people fail to see how God wants to use problems for good in their lives. They react foolishly and resent their problems rather than pausing to consider what benefit they might bring.

Here are five ways God wants to use the problems in our lives:

- 1. God uses problems to direct us.** Sometimes God must light a fire under us to get us moving. Problems often point us in a new direction and motivate us to change our ways (Proverbs 20:30).
- 2. God uses problems to inspect us.** People are like tea bags. If you want to know what is inside them, just drop them in hot water! Has God ever tested your faith with a problem? What do problems reveal about you? "My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience" (James 1:2–3).
- 3. God uses problems to correct us.** Some lessons we learn only through pain and failure. It is likely that when we were children, our parents told us not to touch a hot stove, but we probably learned by being burned. Sometimes we only learn the value of something like health, money, or a relationship by losing it. "My lips shall utter praise, for You teach me Your statutes. My tongue shall speak of Your word, for all Your commandments are righteousness" (Psalm 119:171–172).
- 4. God uses problems to protect us.** A problem can be a blessing in disguise if it prevents us from being harmed by something more serious. Last year a friend was fired for refusing to do something unethical that his boss asked him to do. His unemployment was a problem—but it saved him from being convicted and sent to prison a year later when management's actions were eventually discovered. Joseph said "you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good" (Genesis 50:20).
- 5. God uses problems to perfect us.** Problems, when responded to correctly, are character builders. God is far more interested in your character than your comfort. Your relationship to God and your character are the only two things you are going to take with you into eternity. "Not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3–4).

Here is the point: God is at work in our lives—even when we do not recognize it or understand it. However, it is much easier and profitable when we cooperate with Him.

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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** until he finds it?

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Joyce Dye ask for our prayers facing three health issues as she will be seeing specialists; Becky Bush is back on a heart monitor for 2 weeks, then an echocardiogram later this month; Fran Mears recovering from a virus; Mary Whittington; Lisa Schuler has a neurologist apt. later this month; Becky Hatcher dialysis three days a week; Mark Hatcher; Connie Campbell; Joey Palmore; Rebecca Higdon; Lori Brewer home; Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter); Donnie Alexander (Dennis Hatcher's brother-in-law); John Gray; Mary Hatcher; Marty Pennington is back on the heart transplant list. Marty's mother-in-law Martha Hurt is taking dialysis in Glasgow where Becky Hatcher goes.

Bessie Brooks was released from T.J. Samson on Saturday April 4th. Thankful she has improved a lot

THANK YOU NOTE:

On behalf of my mom and myself, we would like to thank everyone for the prayers and publically thank God Almighty for answering those prayers. Everyone should know we appreciate the visitors, check-ins and prayers from everyone. We have truly felt those blessings and the uplifting of spirit the Lord has given us.

With Christian love, Mark and Bessie Brooks

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sammy Jo (Doyle) Eubank cancer daughter of Sammy & Rita Doyle here in HC

Tim Shipley, close friend & neighbor to our late Sydney Bunnell

NHC HEALTH CARE Glasgow

Barbara Smith for therapy Room #100

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 the book of Luke, beginning in ch. 7 today. The class is taught by Dennis Hogan

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan – A Prison of Our Own Making!

5 pm Dennis Hogan - The Tools of Satan #5

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

We will begin a **new** study of Exodus. The class is taught by Dennis Hogan.

WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests, and we are very thankful for your presence.

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 a **quality** program consisting of 30 minutes of gospel songs and a biblical message!! It is also aired on Cable tv across the U.S. **Are you listening to any of the great lessons??** His lesson for this Sunday April 12 will be: **"Our Forgiveness"**

ing God" We should not think the God of the Old Testament has no interest in saving us from sin. He loves us and sent His Son Jesus so that we would not perish but find everlasting life. We can know our Father by looking at Jesus.

For more info go to their website at: searchtv.org

AREA SPRING GOSPEL MEETINGS

April 12-15 at Elizabethtown church of Christ AWAKEN with Joe Wells Sunday 6 pm, Mon—Wed 7 pm EST

April 16-19 at the Center church of Christ with Rodney Nulph "Assurance" - An Aged Apostle Speaks Confidently Lessons from I John *See flyer on bulletin board

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark these dates June 22—24th

FREE ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

We want to remind you again to take advantage of the **FREE** online bible study: *Discover the **BIG PICTURE** of the Bible*. This an excellent and interesting study. Here is the link to register:

<https://www.housetohouse.com/study/>

You may also watch the previous lessons at this link:

<https://www.housetohouse.com/study-archive/>

Two Simple TRUTHS

GOD—Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God." How can one look around the beauty of the world without seeing the work of God? "The heavens declare the glory of God" (Psalm 19:1). The design of the universe is found in one word: *God*.

GOD LOVES—From the creation, the love of God has been demonstrated. The world was created so it could sustain life. God provided for the needs of all His creation. God's love is seen in the feeding of the birds (Matthew 6:26). God's love is seen as He sends blessings our way.




You may go back and listen to his sermons!!
Check it out!!

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