



A Weekly Publication of the



WHERE WE MEET

120 Cave Street
Horse Cave, KY 42749

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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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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Optimism

Optimism is an essential ingredient for the growth and well-being of the body of Christ both individually and congregationally. Leroy Brownlow writes, "world is not going to follow the man who has a gloomy outlook. We like the person who enjoys the donut rather than griping about the hole in it."

Optimism is a byproduct of hope. The Christian's hope is not rooted in this world, but is anchored in the next (Hebrews 6:19). It is a hope that "does not disappoint..." (Romans 5:5). When life grows dark and dreary, threatening to dampen our enthusiasm, we must set our "mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth" (Colossians 3:2). Easier said than done. An optimistic outlook requires a disciplined mind. Paul says, "Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if here is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things" (Philippians 4:8).

Output is determined by input. So long as we fill our minds with polluted, negative thoughts, we will enjoy little success maintaining a positive attitude. By contrast, when Paul sought to fill his heart with things lovely and noble, he was able to rise above physical hardships and proclaim, "I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).

Wouldn't you rather look at life through the hopeful optimism of faith in Christ? We will not always be treated fairly in life. Hardships will come even into the lives of Christians. But, in Christ, we have the resources to deal with life at its worst and still maintain our hope for the future. Remember, "This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it" (Psalm 118:24).

- - Glen Elliott

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 facing three health issues as she will be seeing specialists; Becky Bush reoccurring health issues, undergoing therapy, has an echocardiogram this week; Fran Mears is now on oxygen; Bessie Brooks; Mary Whittington; Lisa Schuler has a neurologist apt. this week; Becky Hatcher dialysis three days a week; Mark Hatcher; Dennis Hatcher has been suffering with kidney stones; Connie Campbell; Joey Palmore; Lori Brewer; Rebecca Higdon; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); 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.

PRAYERS FOR FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Dorsie Phillips, neighbor behind our building and mother of Sandy Roberts Dunn, fell and fractured her hip. She is in rehab at Signature Health here in HC

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

Tim Shipley at his home, 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

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 10 A.M.

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

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan Who Does Jesus Think He Is? #2

5 pm Dennis Hogan The Tools of Satan #7

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 PM

This Wed. night will be time for our monthly singing and devotional

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 26 will be: **"Transforming Grace"** The grace of God does far more than merely save us from sin. God's grace transforms our lives so that as we are born again, we can be redeemed from every lawless deed and become a person zealous for good works. For more info go to their website at: searchtv.org

AREA SPRING GOSPEL MEETING

May 22-24 at the South Green St. church of Christ in Glasgow KY with John Moore. Bringing the BIBLE to life.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark these dates June 22—24th

OUR 9TH SUMMERS SERIES - JAMES

Our Summer Series has always been a successful and a rich benefit to us. They have always been on Wednesday evenings in **July** and **August**. Please make this a priority for your plans this Summer.

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*. 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/>

WELL SAID . . .

"If religious books are not widely circulated among the masses in this country, I do not know what is going to become of us as a nation. If truth be not diffused, error will be; if God and His Word are not known and received, the devil and his works will gain the ascendancy; if the evangelical volume does not reach every hamlet, the pages of corrupt and licentious literature will; if the power of the gospel is not felt throughout the length and breadth of the land, anarchy and misrule, degradation and misery, corruption and darkness, will reign without mitigation or end."

—Daniel Webster, U.S. Secretary of State 1841–1843

(What would he say now some 185 years later? -WH)



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

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