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120 Cave Street
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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 (CST):

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

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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**

Mothers: The Heart of the Family

Nations rise and fall, empires prosper or crumble, and men are stirred to great accomplishments or driven to shameful failure often because of the influence of a wife or mother. The wise poet has properly said, "The hand that rocks the cradle, is the hand that rules the world."

For most women, motherhood is a great privilege, a crowning joy, and a sublime fulfillment. Perhaps the greatest privilege of motherhood is that of sharing and giving. No one shares and gives as a mother does. She shares her body with another in order to conceive. She shares it again with her unborn child. Then she shares her time, energy, and talent with it after it is born in order to meet its needs and cause it to grow and develop. But most of all, she shares her heart and her love as she weeps, laughs, sorrows, and rejoices with her child through the months and years of infancy, adolescence, youth, and adulthood.

Motherhood, while being a great privilege, also involves obligation. No task on earth requires more dedication, greater skill, or fuller commitment. Her responsibilities demand devotion to the highest ideals and patient perseverance over long years of time. Her task is formidable, because there is no human obligation that is less adaptable to substitution than motherhood. You can substitute for the teacher, policeman, governor, and almost anyone else, but no one has found an adequate substitute for a mother's love.

The greatest writers and speakers of the ages have tried to capture the fullness of motherhood, but all have failed to maximize it. Only in Scripture do we see the blessedness of a good mother fully described. *"Her children rise up and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her; Many daughters have done well, But you excel them all. Charm is deceitful and beauty is passing, But a woman who fears the lord, she shall be praised"* (Prov. 31:28-31).

Happy and blessed is the home and the children of a loving mother, one devoted to her husband, children, and the Lord. Let us thank God if our home is so blessed.

- Gene Taylor

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mark Hatcher has been struggling with various health issues, dr. appointments; Mike Thompson reoccurring problems; Becky Hatcher dialysis three times a week; Joyce Dye had a tough week, stat flighted to Louisville, tests, but is home with occupational therapy; Mary Whittington; Lori Brewer and Fran Mears; Joey Palmore; Connie Campbell; Becky Bush; J. Larry Smith is still having reoccurring issues; Becky Bush's granddaughter Jessica Bush-Dennison; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Rebecca Napper Higdon

Please continue to pray for Mark Isenberg in Murfreesboro, TN; Freddy Proffitt member at South Green St.; Billy Joe Cline member at South Green St.

Prayers for the family of our Jackie Coop; the family of Fred Wayne Cunningham

Marty Pennington, member of the church of Christ at Center, has qualified and is now on a waiting list for a heart transplant. Prayers are appreciated.

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY Tim Shipley; April Arms; Brittany Smith; Darrell Wilkerson

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.

The auditorium class is studying the book of **John** We are in chapter 16. It is an enriching study that builds our faith in what our Savior did for us. Dennis Hogan serves as the teacher

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan *"Is Sacrifice Required"*

5 pm Dennis Hogan *"Christian Graces" (Part 4)*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM

We are studying the great book of Genesis, chapter 21

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**.

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, we are very thankful for your presence. Please use one of the QR cards on the pew or back of the pew as we would like to have a record of your attendance.

The Paradox of the Cross

The cross of Christ is the greatest of all paradoxes. It was the most tragic event in the history of the world, yet the most wonderful thing that ever happened. It was the saddest spectacle man ever beheld, yet it was the most stunning defeat Satan ever suffered and the most glorious victory Christ ever won. He won by losing. He conquered by surrendering.

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The cross was the greatest exhibition of divine justice in condemning sin, yet the most wonderful demonstration of divine mercy in pardoning sin. It was God's greatest manifestation of hatred for sin, yet His supreme proof of love for the sinner.

The cross was the darkest hour in his tory, yet it was the time of greatest light. Though the sun refused to shine, and God hid his face from Christ, the cross was the means by which Christ became "the light of the world" (John 8:12). In the cross we see man's hatred for Christ, yet we see Christ's love for man. There we see human vengeance as the crowds cried for His blood, yet we see divine forgiveness as Jesus prayed, *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do"* (Luke 23:34).

The cross portrays man's sinfulness and God's holiness; human weakness and divine strength. It demonstrates man's inability to save himself, and God's ability and power to do this for him. The cross, from the human standpoint, is foolishness; yet it is a revelation of the highest wisdom of God.

—Eugene Britnell

"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" 1 Corinthians 1:18 NKJV

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