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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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## Spiritually Shabby Reflects on our Father

by Richard Cliner

When I was growing up, the one thing that you did not do was embarrass our parents. That is not to say I never did it! I can almost hear my mother now: "Richard Matthew, do not embarrass us!" Mom was high on what other people thought about her young'uns! I feel the same way today.

I think in a similar way our Heavenly Father would have each of us live in such a way that others would see him in His proper place. Calvin Miller writes, "The great sin against God is to live in such a way that others don't see us as wealthy in the spiritual sense." To live a spiritually shabby life is to cause others to see God as a poor father! (See Romans 2:24.)

The great sin of the prodigal son was in his making his father look bad! If anyone saw him at the hog pen, they would have surely thought that his father didn't love him at all! They would have never dreamed that hanging on the wall in a big house back home was the portrait of this filthy hog herder! When we walk through life looking just like everyone else, everyone else may think we are just like everyone else! But when we walk through life with the confidence that God is our Father, and that He is a Father who cares for his children, and who provides everything, down to the very bread we eat and the clothing that we wear, then others can see how glorious our Father is! But if we walk through this life not caring how we present ourselves; not caring about our attitudes, our actions, or our appearance, others will think we have a poor father!

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven!" Remember, HE IS A GOOD, GOOD FATHER!

**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**

# NEWS & NOTES...

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mark Hatcher has been struggling with various health issues, dr. appointments; Mike Thompson reoccurring problem after surgery; Becky Hatcher dialysis three times a week; Joyce Dye is home with occupational therapy; Mary Whittington; Dennis Hatcher has been dealing with a kidney stone; Lori Brewer and Fran Mears; Joey Palmore; Connie Campbell; Becky Bush; J. Larry Smith is still having reoccurring issues; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Rebecca Napper Higdon; we have members traveling, prayers for their safety; continue to pray for Mark Isenberg in Murfreesboro, TN; Freddy Proffitt & Billy Joe Cline members at South Green St.

Prayers for those in our church family who have lost loved ones

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.

## PRAYERS DEADLY TORNADO VICTIMS

Friday night dangerous storms passed through our state from the Midwest. As of Sat., 24 deaths here in KY, 23 of them in London, KY alone. Our hearts are broken for the loss of so many people from this deadly storm.

**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 17. 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 *"Why Jesus? Because of His Teachings"*

5 pm Dennis Hogan *"Christian Graces" (Pt 5) Knowledge*

## WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM

We are studying the great book of Genesis, chapter 23

## 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 Simple Gospel

No book written by man has so many simple words as the New Testament. (con't to next column)

There is an air of simplicity about the biographies of Jesus which, like the breezes from the Galilean hills, blows upon our sophisticated minds.

The gospel has not been recorded in philosophical phraseology, scientific terms, complicated sentences, or the dialects of angels; it has been expressed in the simplest terms so that even children can understand.

Man has muddled the stream of divine thought by theological and ecclesiastical terms and phrases until it is much more difficult to understand the doctrines of men than the simple teachings of the New Testament.

The gospel of Jesus contains truths so plain and clear that the untrained minds of innocent children can begin to catch and follow them (Matthew 19:13).

Teachers often confuse by their clouded explanation, when, if they would just read the New Testament aloud, the simplicity of thought would be gained.

While on earth, Jesus replaced the traditions of men with respect to the law by His simple teachings. The instructions given to Christians as to how to live the Christian life can be understood. No one has a just complaint to make against the requirements of the New Testament toward a simple life.

- H. Leo Boles

"...the simplicity that is in Christ" 2 Corinthians 11:3

## Dennis Hogan's Podcast

<https://jesus360degrees.podbean.com/>



You may listen to his previous sermons!! Check it out!!

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