



A Weekly Publication of the



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**

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5 Pictures of *Hope*

The Bible uses five pictures to help us understand hope. If a picture is worth a thousand words, then five pictures are worth a whole sermon full of words.

Hope is light—to help us see through the darkness of sin.1 God said, "I will prepare a lamp for My Anointed" (Psalm 132:17). As the lamp of the tabernacle never went out (Exodus 27:20–21), so gospel hope shines as a beacon drawing us to salvation. Hope does not deny the reality of dark and painful circumstances. However, it does shine a bright light into these valleys.

Hope is a peg—to hold things together when the world is falling apart. "Grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a peg in His holy place" (Ezra 9:8). We all have those days when one bad thing after another happens (cf. Job 1:13–19). Sometimes that "day" stretches into weeks in a hospital bed or waiting room, and months in therapy or grief (cf. Job 7:3). How does one keep going? He hopes that tomorrow will be better.

Hope is a door—a way out of despair (Hosea 2:15). The meaning of hope in Scripture is almost the opposite of ordinary usage now. When we "hope" for something, we express uncertainty. Biblical hope not only desires a thing, it also expects it.

Scriptural hope does not mean "cross your fingers." It is not a lip-biting gaze as you watch the kicker go for a field goal in the last seconds when down by two points. The confidence of hope is not mathematical or logical; it is a moral certainty.

Hope is a helmet—to shield us from the harsh blows of life: "As a helmet the hope of salvation" (1 Thessalonians 5:8). A helmet protects a soldier's head in battle (1 Samuel 17:5, 38), a player's head in a game, or a worker's head in construction. The gospel blocks Satan's vicious blows (Ephesians 6:10–17).

Hope is an anchor—to hold us in place in storms. There are sixty-six drawings of anchors in the catacombs, the tunnels where Christians hid during Roman persecutions. Hope was their anchor (Hebrews 6:19; 10:34). Christians have strong consolation (Hebrews 6:13, 17).

Hope is ultimately only found in Jesus. We get into Him and His church by baptism (1 Corinthians 12:13; Galatians 3:27) and remain there by faithfully walking in the light (1 John 1:6–9).

Want hope in the midst of this chaos? There's only one way: become a Christian.

—Allen Webster (copied and edited)

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Mark Hatcher is now at SKY Rehab in B.G. for therapy after is back surgery. He is in Room 307-B; Mike Thompson reoccurring problem after surgery; Becky Hatcher dialysis three times a week; Phillip Perkins has been able to be out after his surgery; Mary Whittington; Dennis Hatcher was able to be out last week for worship; Joyce Dye is home with occupational therapy hoping to be out soon; Lori Brewer & Fran Mears; Joey Palmore; Connie Campbell; Becky Bush; Carolyn Russell has a fracture in her foot; J. Larry Smith plans to see a new dr. in B.G. next month; Mary Hatcher; Parker Bybee; Rebecca Napper Higdon; Freddy Proffitt & Billy Joe Cline members at South Green St. in Glasgow

Prayers for Marty Pennington, member of the church of Christ at Center is now on a waiting list for a heart transplant. His mother-in-law Martha Hurt is also taking dialysis where Becky goes; Bennie Stephens also a member at Center diagnosed with prostate cancer will have surgery Tuesday at Greenview in BG.

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

SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Eugene & Connie Campbell and family in the passing of Eugene's dad early on Friday.

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*, now in chapters 18, 19. It is an enriching study that builds our faith in what our Savior did for us. Dennis Hogan is the teacher.

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan *Don't Deceive Yourself*

5 pm Dennis Hogan *Christian Graces 9 – Brotherly Kindness*

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6:00 PM

We are studying verse by verse through the great book of Genesis. This week will be in chapter 26. Dennis Hogan is the teacher.

OUR LOCAL RADIO PROGRAM

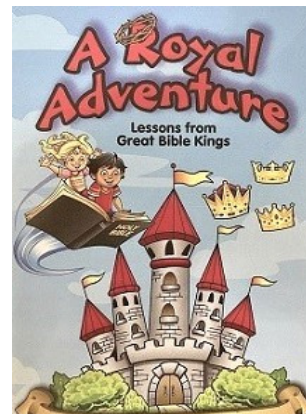
We encourage you to listen to our radio program *"In Search of the Lord's Way"* heard on WLOC 101.7 FM or 1150 AM here in Horse Cave each Sunday morning from 8:30--9:00 with **Phil Sanders**.

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.

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 14, 15 & 16

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Your Calendars
and Plan To Be
A Vital Part of
Our VBS
"Lessons from
Great Bible
Kings"



OUR ANNUAL SUMMER SERIES

will begin Wednesday night July 2. at 6:00 CST. It will continue through each Wed. night in July & August with different speakers. The only exception will be July 16 of our VBS. The lessons will be from the book of *Romans*. More details in next week's Newsletter.

HAPPY



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

WEI is the good work that Darrell Wallace is involved in around the world. He is in charge of teacher training and recruitment.



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