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## WHERE WE MEET

120 Cave Street Horse Cave, KY 42749

WHEN WE MEET (CST):

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.

Sunday: Bible Study 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 5 p.m. Wednesday: Bible Study 6 PM Newsletter Editor: Wayne Hatcher Church Webpage: www.horsecavecoc.com

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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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# Faith On the Earth?

by Joe Slater

Jesus' parable of the persistent widow concluded with a promise and a question. Jesus promised that God will speedily avenge His persecuted people; and He asked, "Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth" (Luke 18:8).

Trials and mistreatment test our faith. The persistent widow in the parable kept pleading to the unjust judge for justice and finally received it. How much more should the servants of a just and faithful God keep praying even under the worst of circumstances?

But some disciples allow severe trials to destroy their faith. In the parable of the sower (Luke 8), Jesus spoke of the rocky soil where the tender plant had no depth of root and perished in the hot sun. This illustrated people with shallow faith who "in time of temptation/trial fall away" (8:13).

Christians in the early church endured devastating persecution from both Jews and the Roman government. Many remained faithful unto death; but some surrendered their faith to save their lives. They gave up before God avenged the blood of the martyrs by destroying Jerusalem and causing the fall of the Roman Empire.

Faithful believers have continued to be abused down through the centuries by Catholics, Protestants, atheist governments, and others. Here again, some brethren remained steadfast while others threw in the towel. Nobody said waiting for God to take His vengeance would be easy.

If persecuted Christians should remain faithful under such challenging circumstances, how much more ought we to serve the Lord zealously when the worst we face might be an ugly remark or a door slammed in our face? We know not when Jesus will return, but when He does, will He find you being faithful?

- Justin, TX

# **NEWS & NOTES...**

#### **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

Connie Campbell is home and remains very sick and desires our prayers; Joyce Dye; Mark Hatcher; Becky Hatcher dialysis three times a week, she needs some teeth extracted and will need approval due to being on blood thinner; Mary Whittington; Rebecca Napper Higdon experiencing health issues; Becky Bush; thankful Conner Huff is slowly improving; Lori Brewer spent a few days last week in T. J. Samson Hospital; Fran Mears; Joey Palmore; J. Larry Smith is still doing better after surgery; Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter); Bobby Pedigo; Fred Proffitt & Billy Joe Cline members at South Green St.; Lauren Turley, cancer; Marty Pennington, member of the church of Christ at Center is undergoing PT in Glasgow, plus Marty's mother-inlaw Martha Hurt; Kelly Jones, close friend of Dennis Hogan; Greg Briggs, member at Shady Grove church of Christ recovering from 5 by-passes. He is recovering at home; Ed Wharton, one of my (Wayne) treasured teachers at the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, TX 1971-73

#### FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Tim Shipley; family of Schyler Oldham who lost his life Thurs. in a tragic car accident on I-65. He was a Senior at Hart County High School

#### 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 studying the book of Luke, ch. 2. Dennis Hogan is teaching. Be here for this great learning opportunity.

#### PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan "Why Treasure the Bible?" 5 pm Dennis Hogan "Trusting God Without A Net" #4 WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 P.M.

We are studying the book of Genesis, we are in chap. 30 WELCOME VISITORS

If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests, and we are very thankful for your presence. Please use one of the QR cards on the pew or back of the pew so we may have a record of your attendance.

## **OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING**

Mark this date on your calendar. October 12—15 W Tom Hall will be with us for a great study from God's Word. We know this effort will be a blessing for everyone need a relationship with Christ.

## AREA GOSPEL MEETINGS

Sept. 25-28 at the Center Church of Christ 44 Main St. Center, KY 42214 "When Jesus Speaks" Speaker: Tim Alsup Great Oaks Church of Christ Memphis, TN Thurs. — Sat. 6:30 p.m. Sunday 10 a.m. 11 a.m. & 6:30 Oct. 5-8 Poplar Log Church of Christ Speaker: Randy Bybee Sunday 10 a.m. 7 p.m. Mon-Wed. 7 p.m. 12220 Tompkinsville Rd. Glasgow, KY

Oct. 12-16 Elizabethtown Church of Christ Speakers: Clarence DeLoach & Hiram Kemp Sunday 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 6 p.m. Mon—Thurs 7 p.m. Times EST

#### **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 an excellent program! It is also aired on Cable tv across the US.

#### THANK YOU NOTE

I want to thank everyone for all the prayers, calls, visits and food on my behalf, especially all the cards I received. The Ladies bible class did a great job. There's nothing better than having a great church family like you all. Thanks again for everything. I love you all.

Dennis Hatcher

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Becky Bush welcomed her 7th great-grand baby. Charlotte Ann Dennison was born Sept. 23 at 6 p.m at the Medical Center, Bowling Green. She weighed 7 lbs and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud parents: Logan and Jessica Dennison, grandparents are Angela and Scotty Reece, and great-grandmother Becky Bush.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Amanda Brooks Rosser obtained a Bachelor of Science in Health Information Management from Western KY University in 2020. Since then she has also earned a certification in Applied Data Analytics and accredited by the American Health Information Manage-Association as a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA). Amanda is the granddaughter of Bessie Brooks and daughter of Mark Brooks. Congratulations!!





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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