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WHERE WE MEET

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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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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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Not Strange

The apostle Peter admonished, *"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you"* (1 Peter 4:12).

How easy it is to become accustomed to comfort! When all things are going well with us, we are prone to believe that it should always remain so. Anything that disrupts our accustomed comfort is regarded as "strange" or alien to the way things should be.

Believers in Christ in our country have grown accustomed to the blessing of freedom, as guaranteed by our Constitution. We, especially, as Christians, have relished our freedom to practice our Christian faith without fear of government interference, and to share Christian faith and values with those around us. Indeed, the founders of our nation based these freedoms upon scriptural principles. However, at no time in our history have these freedoms been so threatened as they are now. In the last two years attacks on churches have grown from earlier years to over 1000—some against church buildings, others against congregants.

For a people who have taken for granted that this situation would be forever secure, it has become "strange" that we are expected to endorse such cultural changes as the killing of babies in their mothers' wombs, same-sex sexual relations, and even same-sex "marriage," or find ourselves threatened by "hate-crime laws". For a preacher to preach what the Bible teaches (Lev. 18:22; Rom. 1:26-27) against these practices will put him in jeopardy for arrest and civil lawsuits, as has been the case in other nations. It should not surprise us if the Bible itself will be viewed as a vehicle for "hate-speech".

However, we should not consider such to be "strange." Jesus has informed us that the absence of persecution would be strange. He told His disciples, *"If we were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you"* (John 15:19). Paul spoke of the eventual deliverance of believers *"from this present evil world"* (Gal. 1:4). By "world" is meant the age or dispensation, not the earthly globe. It is of this age that Satan is declared to be *"the god of this world (age)"* (2 Cor. 4:4), that is, it is he that dominates the present world-order. In such a system, it is imperative that the Christian don *"the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day"* (Eph. 6:11), being *"strong in the Lord"* (v. 10), struggling *"against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"* (v. 12). In fact, to some degree we may be confident that *"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"* (2 Tim. 3:12). We are to be as the faithful of the Old Testament who *"confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth"* (Heb. 11:13b). Yes, in this world-order, believers are the "strangers," or strange ones. The reason is that *"our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,"* (Phil. 3:20 NKJV).

May we never become so comfortable in this world that we feel we must conform to its standards, but live in the light of the Gospel of Christ. - Ron Bartenan

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Bush is to have a heart cath this Wed. the 29th, her heart Dr. said she did not have AFib which is good; Joey Palmore is to have his left knee replaced on Wed. the 29th; Lisa Schuler had a stone removed and gallbladder removed at the Med Center in BG, came home Fri. night; happy Connie Campbell was able to be here Wed.: Joyce Dye; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X a week; Mary Whittington will have an Amulet device put in her heart Tues. at Med Center one overnight stay; Mark Hatcher; Lori Brewer; Fran Mears; Rebecca Napper Higdon; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Lucille Johnson (Jean Bale's aunt) is in SKY Rehab in BG improving and may go home Tuesday; Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter); Sharla Jones Young (1st cousin to Becky Hatcher) is facing health issues; Fred Proffitt & Billy Joe Cline members at South Green St.; Marty Pennington, member of the church of Christ at Center is undergoing PT in Glasgow, and Marty's mother-in-law Martha Hurt;

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Tim Shipley

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 and are in ch. 2

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan *"The HIStory of Jesus"*

5 pm Dennis Hogan *"Trusting God Without A Net"* #7

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 P.M.

This week will be time for our monthly singing and devotional. Make plans to be here for this wonderful time of worship and fellowship with one another.

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 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.

REMEMBER THE FAMILY OF ED WHARTON

His obituary and arrangements are on line through Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock, TX

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/lubbock-tx/edward-wharton-12569618>

His service will be available on **YouTube**:

https://www.youtube.com/live/6qSvo_Mpn_w

A Tribute to Edward "Ed" C. Wharton



Bro. Ed taught Bible at Sunset International institute for 56 years. SSOP 1963-65; Sept 1968-Fall 2017

I will forever be grateful for the profound impact and influence bro. Ed had on my life during my 50+ years of ministry. I first met Ed when I began my studies at Sunset School of Preaching in Sept of 1971. His classes on Christian Evidences, the Church of Christ, the Scheme of Redemption, book of Galatians, Christianity - Clear Case of History, and all his wonderful books he wrote, have been the best. I was even fortunate to go with Ed on 2 or 3 evangelist campaigns during semester breaks.

Three of us preachers who have served here at HC are graduates of Sunset. Daryl Riley, BA Fudge and myself. Others in this area: the late Charles Isenberg and Mike Tanaro also Darrell Wallace, Danny McCain and Don Smyth. Nick Secula is a graduate of Mid-South Bible Institute that was in Glasgow.

All of my teachers I had while at SSOP and the late Cline Paden who served for decades as the Director—all have passed and their souls are with the Lord. The influence of Ed and all those Godly men will be long lasting in our hearts and lives.

With my utmost gratitude, love and respect.

Wayne Hatcher

Prayers for Martha and the family.



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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