



A Weekly Publication of the



WHERE WE MEET

120 Cave Street
Horse Cave, KY 42749

WHEN WE MEET (CST):

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

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.

Horse Cave Church of Christ

Email:

church@horsecavecoc.com

SHEPHERDS:

Willie Cyphers

Ken Russell

Rex Wallace

DEACON:

Phillip Perkins

MINISTER:

Dennis Hogan

dennis.hogan@mac.com

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**

Vol. 56

November 16, 2025

Number 46

First-Century Christianity

Is it possible for people living today simply to be New Testament Christians? Can we be first-century Christians in the twenty-first century? So much is said today about “change”—and much change is evident. Computers, communications, and candidates are constantly changing. Must the gospel be changed to fit a changing world, or is the message of Christ’s sacrifice still enough for today (1 Corinthians 15:1–4)?

Man has not changed. In what is thought to be the oldest book in the Bible (Job), Job’s friend said that man “*drinks iniquity like water!*” (Job 15:16). That could be a description of people today. People now struggle with the same greed, lust, and bitterness as those of previous generations. Human nature today is as it was yesterday. Man has always been given the choice of good or evil (Deuteronomy 11:26) and has always—to some degree—chosen evil (Romans 3:23).

Man’s problem has not changed. In Noah’s days people were wicked; “*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually*” (Genesis 6:5). In our day sin is still our problem. Man is sinful, ungodly. “*There is not a just man on earth who does good and does not sin*” (Ecclesiastes 7:20). There is not even one among accountable people who has not sinned (Romans 3:10, 23). Our problem is a common problem—sin.

Man’s hope has not changed. Jesus is our only hope. Paul spoke of “*Christ . . . the hope of glory*” (Colossians 1:27). Jesus “*bore our sins in His own body on the tree*” (1 Peter 2:24). Without this death man would be without hope. “*Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit*” (1 Peter 3:18). Man’s hope is in the fact that Jesus suffered sin’s penalty in man’s place. Man is the same; sin is the same; man’s hope is the same. First-century Christianity is possible today. Through a return to New Testament teaching and in loving obedience to the gospel, we can be Christians only (Acts 2:36–47; Romans 6:1–6).

God requires learning of Christ (Romans 10:17), belief in Christ (John 3:16), repentance of sin (Acts 2:38), confession of faith (Romans 10:9–10), and baptism (Mark 16:16). Have you obeyed the gospel? If not, now is the time!

HH/HH Vol. 25 #4

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Bush at home from recent heart procedures; Allison Eastridge went to Vanderbilt Wed. for a skin procedure; Phillip Perkins had an abdominal aneurysm repair Friday at Vanderbilt as Out Patient; Joey Palmore is recovering at home from knee replacement; it was good seeing Lisa Schuler out last Sunday after her recent surgery; Joyce Dye; Connie Campbell; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X a week; Mary Whittington following up with several doctors next few weeks; Mark Hatcher; Fran Mears; Mike Thompson; Rebecca Nappper Higdon; Wayne Hatcher is slowly improving from a bad sinus infection; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter); Fred Proffitt member at South Green St. cancer; Marty Pennington, member of the church of Christ at Center is undergoing PT in Glasgow, and Marty's mother-in-law Martha Hurt is taking dialysis in Glasgow where Becky Hatcher also goes; Francine Strode, formerly from Cave City, fell and broke her hip. She had surgery Friday at the Med Center in Bowling Green.

ASK FOR PRAYER

Theron Shultz responded to the invitation last Sunday evening acknowledging failures and asking for our prayers.

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE of HART COUNTY

Lori Brewer released from Caverna Hosp. after treatment for pneumonia. She has been diagnosed with dementia.

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Tim Shipley

Daisy Haydon (neighbor & friend of Wayne & Becky) fell and broke bones in her leg, arm, wrist and thumb.

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. 3

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan "Events That Define Jesus" #2

5 pm Dennis Hogan "Trusting God Without A Net" #10

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 P.M.

We are studying the book of Genesis and are in chapter 35. Dennis Hogan is our teacher.

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.

CHANGE OF SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP TIMES

Our elders after consulting with several in the congregation have decided to move back the time of services on Sunday evening like we did last year. This year we will meet at 2:00 during the Winter beginning with the first Sunday in December. They are also considering moving back the time for Wed. night as well. More will be mentioned Sunday morning.

THANK YOU CARDS

EVEN THOUGH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DO IT, YOU DID IT ANYWAY, AND IT WAS MUCH APPRECIATED. *Thank you all for your overwhelming prayers & support during an extremely stressful & frightening time in our lives. Your kindness & selflessness during this time has meant everything to Camby & I. I could never repay the debt I owe to all of you. May God bless you all as much as he has blessed us with you.* -Conner & Camby Huff

I want to thank everyone for the calls, cards, texts and prayers. It sure help me feel better when I read them. I am so thankful to be part of this loving congregation.

- Becky Bush

Both beautiful cards are posted on our bulletin board in the foyer along with others.

+ + + + +

"You are the light of the world. . . . Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven" **MATTHEW 5:14, 16**



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.



Church Website

worldenglishinstitute.net

Become a
Global
Missionary
from Home.

Hundreds wait
daily to be taught
the word of God
while they learn
English grammar.

The logo for World English Institute (WEI) features a stylized globe with the letters "wei" in a script font, and the full name "world english institute" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.



New Facebook
page