



A Weekly Publication of the



WHERE WE MEET

120 Cave Street
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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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Who Do You Thank?

"In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." (The Apostle Paul, 1 Thessalonians 5:18)

"We ought to make an effort to act on our first thoughts, and let our unspoken gratitude find expression. Then there will be more sunshine in the world, and more power to work for what is good." (Albert Schweitzer)

While our nation pauses this week to celebrate a day of thanksgiving, we realize there are many who would say they are thankful for a number of things, such as their homes, their jobs, their health, and especially their families, but they don't know who to thank. Thankfulness should be expressed by thanksgiving. Someone once observed, "Pity the poor atheist. He may feel thankful in his heart for his good fortunes, but he has no one to thank." Sad to say, there are also many who would not consider themselves to be atheists, but would fail to recognize the real source of all blessings—God. They are much like the birds and squirrels who frequent our patio in search of seeds or crumbs which we have put at their disposal. They have come to expect to find something to fill their needs, but most likely have no understanding as to the source of such provisions.

When we lose sight of the One "from Whom all blessings flow," we seek to live our lives independent of Him. When that happens, all spins out of control. It is as Paul expressed it in Romans 1:21: *"Because, though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became vain in their thoughts and their foolish hearts were darkened."* In the verses that followed he described the darkness of idolatry and sexual debauchery. The heart that realizes no dependence upon God is a heart that will take His blessings for granted and express no thankfulness toward the Creator and Sustainer of life.

When we put God out of our lives as a nation, the observance of Thanksgiving Day becomes no more than Turkey Day, a day for indulging ourselves. God would have us to partake of His bountiful supply, and to truly celebrate Thanksgiving with true thanksgiving to God from our hearts. May we heed Paul's admonition: *"In everything give thanks, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."*
- Ronald Bartanen Milton, FL

NEWS & NOTES...

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Becky Bush at home from recent heart procedures; Joey Palmore is recovering at home from knee replacement; it was good seeing Lisa Schuler out last Sunday; Joyce Dye; Connie Campbell; Becky Hatcher dialysis 3X a week; Mary Whittington following up with several doctors next few weeks. Good to see her out last Sunday morning; Mark Hatcher; Mike Thompson; Fran Mears; Linda Lewis (Diana Proffitt's sister); Heather Seng (Lisa Schuler's daughter); Steven Kirby (Darrell & Robin's son-in-law) has had complications since gall bladder surgery; John Gray; Fred Proffitt member at South Green St. cancer; Marty Pennington, member of the church in 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, had surgery in Bowling Green for a broken hip. She is in Christian Healthcare for Rehab (room 104), prayers for some other concerns being addressed

SIGNATURE HEALTH CARE of HART COUNTY

Lori Brewer

FRIENDS IN OUR COMMUNITY

Tim Shipley

Daisy Haydon (neighbor & friend of Wayne & Becky) Wayne Ballard (husband of Jennifer Ballard, who serves on Caverna School Board with Wayne Hatcher.

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. 4

PREACHING TODAY

11 am Dennis Hogan "Events That Define Jesus" #3

5 pm Dennis Hogan "Lessons from 4 Evangelists"

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 6 P.M.

This week will be our monthly singing and devotional and will fall on the eve of Thanksgiving

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

Beginning the first Sunday in December, our services on Sunday evening will be at 2:00 during the Winter

That's How He Hurt His Hands

Many have seen little boys plucking flowers to give to their adoring mothers. A little known song recounts a story of a small boy who came running to his mother with tears streaming down his cheeks. He clutched a rose that he had picked as a gift for her.

The tears were because he had cut his hands on the thorny stems of the beautiful red roses. The song's refrain says, "He was showing his love, and that's how he hurt his hands."

In my mental images of Jesus, I often think about His hands and how He used them to show love to others. With his hands, He cleansed a leper (Matthew 8:3). He placed His hands on the tongue and ears of the deaf mute, causing him to hear and speak. With His hands, He gave sight to the blind (Mark 8:23). He extended His hand to rescue Peter (Matthew 14:31). To a maiden asleep in death, His hand had the power of life (Mark 5:41).

At no time were those hands more precious or more loving than when they were nailed to the cross for you and me. Those bleeding hands, that bloody brow, and His stricken back were given as a sacrifice for my many sins.

Indeed, He was showing His love, and that's how He hurt His hands. —John W. Moore

"...behold my hands..." John 20:27



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

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