

Church of Christ  
P.O. Box 152  
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Book of the month for  
January, Daniel  
Read and sign up  
outside Marks office

The book of the month for  
February will be Luke.

**Today's Sermons**  
Sunday AM: The only question asked in a Kingdom  
Text: 1 Peter 2:2  
Sunday PM: An Eternal Kingdom  
Text: Daniel 7:27



**The record you help to make:  
Attendance for Jan. 13, 2007  
Sunday Worship am 78  
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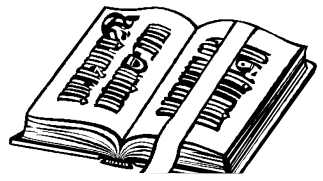
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# Little Hocking Church of Christ

**SERVING SCHEDULE**  
Next Week Feb.3, 2008

Song Leader—Charles Cramlet  
Opening Prayer—Mark Sargent  
Scripture Reader—  
**Scripture Reading—1 Timothy 3:1-13**  
Over The Table— Barry  
Thompson  
**Serving—Bill**  
Fisher, Shirley Cooper,  
Tracy Knotts  
**Announcements—Harry Miller**  
**Usher—Derek Hennen**



**Times of Meeting:**

<b>Sunday Worship</b>	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>
<b><u>BIBLE STUDY</u></b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:15 a.m.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>



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## Prayers

- ◆ All of those who are thinking of coming to Christ.
- ◆ **Our congregation to have elders.**
- ◆ Our shut-ins
- ◆ Those with chronic health issues
- ◆ Those serving in the military.
- ◆ Mark Kerrigan
- ◆ Janet Holter
- ◆ David Rose
- ◆ Billy Holter-Kathleen Holters brother-in-law has throat cancer.
- ◆ Peggy Alleman-has been diagnosed with back problems
- ◆ Cecil Dillon
- ◆ Beulah Little





## Upcoming Meetings

- ⇒ VBS meeting Feb. 3 after morning services come with dates in mind for VBS. (this will be a short meeting.)
- ⇒ Anyone interested in the adult curriculum there will be a meeting Feb. 10th after evening services.

## Pew Packers

Tonight at 5:40.  
Ages 12 and under  
Bible Drill & Singing

## Events

- ⇒ **Picture Board**-Don't forget to have your picture taken for the board. See Gary Kehl for more information.
- ⇒ **Clothing Giveaway**-We are now taking items from members for the spring/summer giveaway you may begin bringing these in now. 
- ⇒ **Teen Spiritual Winter Retreat** sponsored by the Hickory Hills church of Christ. 6th grades & up. Feb 22-24. There are a limited number of spaces, see bulletin board for more info.
- ⇒ **Area Wide Teen Devotionals** being Feb. 4 at Sunrise from 7-8:30
- ⇒ **Couples Fiesta Night** at Brian and Nerissa's house on February 23rd from 5:00-9:00.  Please plan to bring your favorite Mexican dish and a non-perishable Mexican good that can be donated to the food pantry. See Brian or Nerissa if you plan to attend. Gracious!
- ⇒ **Junior week of camp** will be June 22-27 if you would be willing to help please let Mark.

## **Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery**

### Why are we tardy for worship and Bible Study?

In school children get in trouble if they are tardy. If I am late in paying my bills there are certain penalties and sometimes I must pay higher interest rates. And if one is late coming to their job there is also a chance that they may get fired. So if being on time is so important in our secular world why shouldn't we pay more attention to being on time in our Christian worship and Bible study? Isn't God and spiritual matters more important than anything else in life?

I share this knowing full well that I am not always on time, although I like to be. In fact, sometimes I am just plain late, because of the unexpected. I share it, however, to ask a question: Is being late for worship and Bible Study a big deal? What really intrigues me is the following observation about Christians tardiness to the worship services. This observation was made not by a minister, elder, or even a Christian that we might look up to, but by an outsider, an atheist, a non-believer who is questioning the practices of believers.

Hermant Mehta is an atheist who wrote a book called, I sold My Soul on eBay. In it he describes his experiences as he visited all different kinds of churches across America-from very small to very large. He talks about the positives and the negatives of all, but in one chapter he talks about all the things that bothered him. One thing he mentions is this:

***“Speaking of those who walk into church late, I want to know why they do so. Not everyone gets stuck in traffic. If church is so important, there is no reason to walk in late. In fact, if going somewhere to worship God is important, then people should arrive early. It seems completely disrespectful to me when people walk into the auditorium five or ten minutes into their service. And what's worse is when parents come in with their children, who learn by example that walking in late is not a big deal. It's just church, right? No need to get there on time. Is that what Christians want to teach their children?”***

I can relate to what Hermant Mehta says, not only have I observed tardiness of Christians in the places I have preached but while I was in Texas recently, as a visitor, I noticed the same thing. It is a common problem all round, but if we understand anything about God, doesn't He deserve our being punctual and our reverence. Heb 12:28-29, states, *“Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.”*

Doesn't God deserve better, or even our best! Isn't the first song, just as much a part of our worship as the last prayer?

We may not always be able to avoid the unexpected, but we **all** can do a little better job at planning ahead and preparing for worship so we will not disrespect God, interrupt others worship, and not allow our tardiness to become a persistent bad habit.

*[Adopted from the Park Ave. Church of Christ's bulletin in Charleston, WV]  
This is where brother Jerry Alderson preaches.*