

Church of Christ
P.O. Box 152
Little Hocking, OH
45742

SERVING SCHEDULE

Today March 9, 2008

Song Leader–Brian Hall
Opening Prayer–Gary Kehl
Scripture Reader–Bob Swain
Scripture Reading– 1 Cor. 12:20-26
Over The Table–Jeff Hennen
Serving- David Eaton, Josh Hennen,
Barry Hennen
Announcements– Jeremy Kehl
Usher- Tony Hennen

SERVING SCHEDULE

Next Week March 16, 2008

Song Leader–Jeff Hennen
Opening Prayer–Bill Fisher
Scripture Reader–Tracy Knotts
Scripture Reading–2 Cor. 5:16-19
Over The Table–Gerald Rose
Serving- Shirley Cooper, Mark Sargent,
Harry Miller
Announcements– Charles Cramlet
Usher– Derek Hennen

If you are unable to serve as scheduled
please call Harry Miller as soon as
possible.

**The record you help to make:
Attendance for March 2, 2008
Sunday Worship am 85
Contribution: \$**

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**Welcome!
March 9, 2008**

Those to contact for:

- Visitation:**
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Little Hocking Church of Christ

Welcome, everyone!
We would be strangers if it were not for
Jesus. It is because of Him that we can
accept one another and join in worship
today! Welcome!

Today's Sermons

Sunday AM: Snow, No
services
Sunday PM:
A better church
begins with me!
Text: 1 Cor. 12:20-26



Times of Meeting:

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



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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-home
- ◆ Peggy & Don Alleman-various health problems
- ◆ Cecil Dillon
- ◆ Mary Anderson-mother of a friend of Jeff Hennen, has cancer and is going through testing.
- ◆ Kirsten Young-friend of Mary Hennen.
- ◆ Evelyn Sanders-is in Genesis Hospital in Zanesville on the 6th floor. Her address is 800 Forest Ave. Zanesville, Ohio 43701
- ◆ Cody Lee

Events

- ⇒ **Area Wide Teen Devotional-** Camden Ave is tomorrow March 10. 7:00 p.m.
- ⇒ **Arcadia Sing**-Next week March 16 at 4:00 p.m.
- ⇒ **Junior week of camp** will be June 22-27 if you would be willing to help please let Mark know.
- ⇒ **Teachers**-Pick up your class material in the back of the auditorium
- ⇒ **Books of the month for March are Amos and Obadiah.**
- ⇒ **Clothing Giveaway**-we are now accepting clothes from members for the spring/summer giveaway.
- ⇒ **Pew Packers -Tonight at 5:40.** Ages

God is Good All The Time!

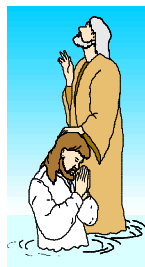
Your help is needed

The congregation is searching for a new person to help organize the Bible school program, teachers and materials. Let Barry Thompson know if you are interested.

Welcome to the church family

Brad Harper!

Brad was baptized into Christ last Sunday. Please get to know Brad and send him a note of encouragement at 1426 Virginia St. Belpre, OH 45714



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

The Joy of Baptism

Acts 2:41 "Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them."

Did you catch that? Those who heard Peter's message gladly received his word and were baptized! No arguing. No doubting. No denying. And no stalling. They were glad to hear the good news. The early sinners realized their sins had crucified the Son of God, and they, like we were sinners condemned to die.

So the question that many of us ask today is, "Why the positive response to the Gospel message?" Unlike today when it seems so many are disgruntle or leery of baptism? Maybe it is because in Peter's day they did not have denominationalism, maybe it is because they did not have debaters arguing the doubt of baptism or was it because the message of the life, death, burial and resurrection of Christ pricked their hearts.

In Acts 2:37 the crowd was pricked in their hearts and asked Peter what they should do. In verse 38 we see Peter saying, "Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness your of sins and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

As one reads the text of Acts 2 Peter started preaching where the people where and took them to Christ. Too often in our evangelism we start at baptism and end at baptism. When we are done no one is glad and no one is baptized. If we want the responses that Peter had, we must preach what Peter and the Apostles preached, the Gospel, the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.

Looking at Acts 2, Peter shared the Gospel to a lost people and in doing so he broke their hearts. No one who honestly grasps the death, burial and resurrection of Christ can go away with dry eyes and a harden heart. So it is true with us

2000 years removed from the resurrection of Christ, we must share the gospel of Christ and in doing so we will break hearts. A heart when it is bleeding and broken searches to be healed. Healing for a pricked heart can only come from the good news of the cross.

In order for people of the world to come to Christ and gladly receive baptism they must be pricked in their hearts. There is a story told about a young atheist who wanted to question a wise old preacher about his life long relationship to Christ. The wise old preacher agreed to talk to the young atheist. Before they began to talk the wise old preacher asked the young atheist if he wanted something to drink. The young atheist said, "Yes." As the preacher began pouring the water into the atheist's cup, the water began to overflow. The young atheist was in shock and jerked his cup away. The atheist was horrified as he gave a degrading look to the preacher. The wise old preacher turned to the young man and said, "Until you empty the hardness of your heart and allow Christ to prick your heart, I can never explain to you the reason I have lived my life as a Christian, preaching the Gospel."

The same is true for anyone wanting to become a Christian. They must be pricked in the heart and be emptied of all their selfishness and sin. Until people are pricked in their hearts they will never come gladly and receive baptism. In our preaching, teaching and talking to one another, we must start where the people are and take them to the terrible cross of Golgotha which will lead them to the joy of baptism. When one preaches the cross and the good news of Christ we will see the masses come to Christ as they did on the day of Pentecost, gladly receiving the word and being baptized.