

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

SERVING SCHEDULE

Today April 13, 2008

Song Leader—Jeff Hennen
Opening Prayer—Ivan Everson
Scripture Reader—Tracey Knotts
Scripture Reading— 2 Cor. 2:5-8
Over The Table—Charles Cramlet
Serving—Shirley Cooper, Bill Fisher,
Mark Sargent
Announcements— Harry Miller
Usher— Derek Hennen

SERVING SCHEDULE

Next Week April 20, 2008

Song Leader—Charles Cramlet
Opening Prayer—Bob Swain
Scripture Reader—Gary Kehl
Scripture Reading— 2 Cor. 8:1-24
Over The Table—Bob Swain
Serving—David Eaton, Harry Miller,
Tony Hennen
Announcements— Barry Hennen
Usher— Clinton Knotts

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

**The record you help to make:
Attendance for April 6, 2008
Sunday Worship a.m. 89
Contribution: \$1,432.45**

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**Welcome
April 13, 2008**

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Today's Sermons

Sunday AM: The Fruit of Forgiveness

Text: 2 Cor. 2:5-8

Sunday PM: Lance Griffin

Text: T.B.A.

"The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." And let the one who hears say, "Come." And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price."
Rev 22:17



Thank you for coming today!

Times of Meeting:

Sunday Worship 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY

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.
- ◆ Peggy & Don Alleman-various health problems
- ◆ Evelyn Sanders-is in Arcadia
- ◆ Stacy Cisco-health problems
- ◆ Judy Coe, Rita's Sister- will start 3 weeks of radiation this week, and will be in Arbors.
- ◆ Jennifer GalBreath-friend of Missy Fleak has Thyroid Cancer.
- ◆ Joes Mills-doing well after back surgery.
- ◆ David Rose-
- ◆ Charlotte Riddle-sister of Martha Jarvis had cancer surgery.
- ◆ Rosey Nidey is home
- ◆ Janet Flowers-Carla Flowers mother-in-law.
- ◆ Missy Liston-friend of Carla Flowers
- ◆ Jean Webb-Aunt of Evelyn Cowell is having heart problems.
- ◆ Scott Ford-Grandson of Jim and Joanna Ford wounded in Afghanistan.
- ◆ Randy Rogers
- ◆ Ted Nelson-had cancer surgery.

Spring is Here

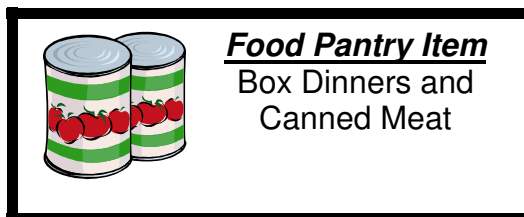
If you would like to be put on the mowing schedule for this year see Mark Sargent.

Events

- ⇒ **Men's Meeting** today after A.M. services note change in time.
- ⇒ **Pew Packers -Tonight at 5:40.** Ages 12 and under Bible Drill & Singing – come and help win a pizza party!
- ⇒ **Books of the month for April**
- ⇒ **2 Corinthians**
- ⇒ **Clothing Giveaway– April 24, 2008 4-7 p.m.** We are now accepting clothes from members for the giveaway.
- ⇒ **Blackburn Hill church of Christ Youth Rally-** May 16 & 17. For more info see Mark T.
- ⇒ **Ohio Valley Youth Camp**-there is a supply list for camp this year on the bulletin board. For cash donations or any questions see Mark or Laura Tonkery.
- ⇒ **Camp forms–** If you would like to go to camp see Mark T.
- ⇒ **VBS 2008-** July 23-25 Theme Run the Christian Race. See Mark T. if you would like to help.

PLEASE NOTE

- ⇒ **Snack foods**-tonight after evening services
- ⇒ **Lance Griffin**-The Ohio Valley University Timothy Club will be here tonight.



Tonk Talk by Mark T. Tonkery

Comforted by God

Active discipleship can also be extremely burdensome. From my earliest memory, I recall being present when many burdens of church life were being discussed. One tense moment was followed by another. Many of those moments resulted in disappointing consequences. In other instances, there were the burdens of nurturing those whose commitment never seemed to grow. I have spoken to many active Christians who expressed a disappointment and anguish that a heavy weight was pressing on them.

We often exaggerate the burdens when we picture ourselves as holding up the church as the Greeks used to picture Atlas holding up the world. We never stand alone in holding up the church, even if we think we do. But church life does include heavy burdens. One of the most frustrating aspects is that they offer no relief. Problems come from every side, often with little warning. They may include tensions over honest differences of opinion. They may involve assisting in the personal problems of dear friends. The experiences leave us exhausted, knowing that we cannot simply walk away. Thus, the burdens of church life are often increased because we see no end to our struggle and no retirement from service. This is often disillusioning to those who expect the Christian life to be a release from burdens.

According to 2 Corinthians, the true disciple is not disillusioned by the disappointments of service. He understands that these burdens are a part of the total “job description” of the servant of Christ. When Paul was challenged to prove that he was “of Christ” (10:7), or “a Christian,” he told of his labors. He experienced “no rest” for his spirit (2:13); a troublesome church had given him sleepless nights. He experienced grief caused by rebellious people (2:1-4). In addition,

he experienced the problem of going on in the presence of ill health (12:7), exhaustion, and persecution. In one particularly vivid statement, Paul tells of persecution so severe that he was “burdened excessively, beyond our strength” and “despaired even of life” (1:8). It was as if a weight were about to crush him. Paul’s ministry had brought nothing but burdens. No end to the struggle seemed to be in view.

The opening section of 2 Corinthians (1:3-11) is filled with this theme.

If my experience is at all like that of most active Christians, we may conclude that an active commitment to Christ will lead us into tense moments of disagreement, periods when leaders are subject to constant criticism, and times when the load is crushing. I recall times of honest disagreements with other Christians and my work with others resulting in disappointment.

But fellow Christians were always a source of courage. Some of those whom we had tried to encourage finally encouraged us! If Paul could see nothing less than God’s comfort in the coming of Titus (2 Cor. 7:5-16), undoubtedly, we can see God at work in those who bring us good news. God may not offer a tranquilizer to remove from us the anxiety of ministry, but He sends comfort to us in many ways. He sends it through good friends, good news, and the strength which prevents us from giving in to despair.

—by James Thompson

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