

**Welcome
December 21,
2008**

Little Hocking Church of Christ



The Little Hocking Church of Christ
welcomes you all!
You are invited to study the Bible and
worship God with us each week.
We hope you enjoy being with us today.

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MEETING TIMES:

Sunday Worship	9:00 am
Bible Classes	10:15 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

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Please Pray For and Send Cards

Jim and Joan Ford
Audry Rowan, Camden Clark Hospital
Peggy Alleman
Martha Bailey
Betty Morehead
Weldon Morrison, Sherry's uncle
Whitney Swain, Blood clot
Mark Sargent
Mary Wallace, Recuperating at home
Sandy Collins, Respiratory problems
John Kidder, St.Marys, Irene's brother



Card Shower

Please remember to send a card to Lizel Crider for her upcoming birthday, December 24, at Arcadia Nursing Home in Coolville.

FOOD PANTRY

Sugar, Cooking Oil, Jello, Mayo,
Tomato Soup, Veggie Soup,
Toddler Snacks



'Book of the Month'
to read for
December is Philippians.
January is GENESIS

**SING AT ARCADIA
NURSING HOME TODAY 4:00PM**

In case you're wondering, we called and they are expecting us. All help is appreciated. Thank you! ☺

Restored

Travis Joy came forward Wednesday evening asking for prayers as he rededicates his life to God. We commend Travis and offer our encouragement to him, as he has encouraged us.



HELP NEEDED

Lacey Cooper and Kane are moving soon into their first apartment. They need furniture and other household items. A list of needed items is on the hall bulletin board. Please put your name beside the item if you can help. Thank you for the generous donations so far! If you have any questions, see Lacey, Charlie or Robin.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28

Gary Kehl will be preaching for us in the morning, Lord willing, and Bob Swain is to teach class. In the evening will be 'Scripture & Song'. Dave and Jean are planning to be out of town.



Greetings from the Elders:

Welcome today to our visitors and members. Worshipping our God together is truly a joy beyond measure and a blessing in our lives. The encouragement we receive from each other is too often not expressed enough. Continue to pray for one another daily. Also, as Gary wrote last week please check on those who were not here. There may be a need you can fulfill.

This year is rapidly coming to a close. As we look back, how will we remember it? It would be easy to focus on the negatives that so often made the headlines. There are many things that could discourage us. For example, a sagging economy, stock market losses, layoffs/plant closings, political scandals, an election that seemed to last forever and cost a fortune, high gas prices for much of the year, devastating floods and natural disasters just to name a few. The more important question is... Do these things “discourage” us?

Discouragement is certainly one of the devil’s favorite tools. He uses it very effectively on millions of people everyday. It can also lead to many other problems in our lives. There are many other things that can cause us to become discouraged. ...financial problems, marital problems, problems at work, problems at school, declining health/sickness, the death of a loved one, and numerous others. Do you think he has ever used it “in the Lord’s church”?

So what is *discouragement*? The number one definition according to Webster’s New World Dictionary is “to deprive of courage or confidence”. This is the exact opposite of the way we are to have our lives as Christians influenced isn’t it? Many times in the Old Testament God’s people were told to “**be strong and of good courage**”. Sometimes we need to be reminded too. When we focus on the wrong “*things*” and put our confidence where it doesn’t belong we are letting our guard down. Satan knows when we are most vulnerable and when he can use *discouragement* to bring us down. As Christians, we need to be able to recognize these times in our lives.

Are we “easily” discouraged? If so, then why? Where is our *courage*? Where is our *confidence*? Maybe better questions are... **Who** is our *courage*? and **Who** is our *confidence*? (Prov. 3:26) Maybe they both need to be renewed? We need to exude courage and confidence everyday. The Lord is on our side! Victory is assured through Him!! Why be discouraged???

In closing, a wise man once said “Confidence in an unfaithful man in time of trouble is like a bad tooth and a foot out of joint.” (Prov. 25:19) *Ouch!*

In His service & yours,
Bob

I Jno. 2:28 & I Jno. 3:18-22

