



July 5, 2009
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.

Elders:

Bob Swain 315-5346, Gary Kehl 667-6735, Charlie Cramlet 989-2262

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Harry Miller 989-2813, Bill Fisher 667-3491, David Eaton 667-6224
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Meeting Times: Sunday Morning 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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Our Sick List

- BRAD HARPER, Recovering at home from back surgery.
- BARRY HENNEN, Kidney Stones
- JONATHAN HANLON, Continues to recover from shoulder surgery.
- JAYLIN CHANDLER, 3 wk old baby with heart problems, see Sharon Lewis
- HENRY KEHL, MRI July 30th
- DAVID EATON had some follow up tests
- ROCKY HARPOLD, Rosey's nephew, Knee cap problems
- MIKE LOGUE, is now home
- SHELLY EDWARDS, Cancer, CC rm521
- CAROL JOY, Travis Joy's mother is to have by pass and valve surgery at Cleveland Clinic
- ANDREW WAPLINGER, nephew to Rita Kehl has cancer
- DONALD BERRY, Critical in Columbus
- LIZEL CRIDER at Arcadia
- JIM ELZA, friend of Fleak's had a heart catherization and is recovering
- JANE NORRIS, St. Joseph's Hospital

Sympathy goes out to the family of Marilyn Padgett. Her funeral was last week.

Sympathy to Kathryn Kehl's family on the loss of her great aunt.

**FRIDAY FUN NIGHT
ICE CREAM PARTY AND OUTDOOR GAMES
ON FRIDAY JULY 10TH, 6:30 TO DARK.
BRING YOUR LAWN CHAIRS, OUTDOOR
GAMES, HOMEMADE ICE CREAM OR OTHER
ICE CREAM TREATS AND SUNDAE
TOPPINGS. BRING A FRIEND TOO! THIS IS
A GREAT TIME TO PROMOTE OUR VBS!**

**Send information for the bulletin to:
Jane Sargent
markandjane@hughes.net or
304-481-8336**

***** VBS here July 22-24 *****

Free Dental Care, July 31-Aug 1, see the hall bulletin board for details, and other area events.

**Julys 'Book of the Month' to read is
'NUMBERS'**

FOOD PANTRY

*Call Missy Fleak, 304-494-3455,
for assistance.*
Tuna, Kool Aid mixes, Canned Potatoes,
Mac & Cheese, Boxed Dinners

**SILVERADO BIBLE CLASS MONDAY JULY
6TH AT THE LITTLE HOCKING PARK,
10am POTLUCK LUNCH**

**LADIES BIBLE CLASS TUESDAY JULY 7TH
AT THE CURCH BUILDING, 6:30 pm**

Does it matter where I choose to sit?

As individuals, we are often creatures of habit in many ways. For example, I usually find myself sitting in the same pew each service and usually in the same exact spot. I have a lot of time to ponder different things during my daily commute to work and this thought came to mind. Why do I choose to sit where I do? As I thought about it, I came to the conclusion that I don't really know. I've never really given it much thought before. Of course this led to other questions: *Is it something that should be given any consideration? Does it really matter? Would it accomplish anything if I sat somewhere else?*

After a few more miles down the road I asked myself another question. If I sat somewhere else would anyone notice? Much of the time I can tell who is not present at any given assembly, not by the attendance cards we fill out, but because "you" are not sitting where I am accustomed to seeing you. I'm sure you could say the same about me. Might that be a reason to keep doing the same because we are where we are "expected" to be? What would happen if we **all** changed where we sat? Would there be confusion as to who is present and who is missing? Can you think of any benefits of such an action?

Since we are assembling *together* to worship our Lord wouldn't it be a tremendous blessing to each one to *sit* together too? Does being "together" simply mean being in the same "building" or is there a deeper meaning? Two benefits that quickly came to my mind were: 1) *It would help promote a "unified" spirit of worship* and 2) *It would give us more opportunity to fellowship, truly get to know one another more fully. We could even invite different ones to sit with us from time to time.* There are many more benefits, but my space is limited. How many can you think of?

Of course if we decided to sit together, we would have to ask ourselves another question. Are we going to sit together in the "back", "middle", or "front" of the building? Some benefits for choosing the "front" that I see are 1) *we are better able to "surround" the Lord's table.* 2) *We would sing with "one" voice and encourage/uplift each other better as we praise God who has made us **one**, plus that is where the song leader is. I'm sure he would be encouraged.* 3) *It would be an encouragement to the speaker.* 4) *It would be easier to serve the bread and fruit of the vine. We probably wouldn't have to ask if we missed anyone since we are all sitting together.* 5) *We could probably see and hear better.* 6) *It would allow those who arrive after services have begun to easily find a seat right behind us.* 7) *The actual number of empty pews "behind" us would be a reminder of just how much work we have to do as a congregation.*

I've stood in lines for hours at amusement parks rubbing elbows with people I didn't even know while we were trying, working, and hoping to get "to the front". Sometimes it seemed like a long battle to get there, but it sure was worth it when I finally made it. As we all know change is not always easy. Satan likes to inhibit us when he can. As the familiar saying goes *"some people ask why? I ask why not?"*

May each of us strive for as much "unity" as we can help make in whatever way we can for the sake of all in our family here. No matter where you choose to sit, we are glad you are here!

Inviting you,

Bob

