



July 26, 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.

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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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### ***Those who need our prayers***

- BRAD HARPER, Recovering at home from back surgery
- JOHN JOBES, friend of the Sargent's has melanoma and is having surgery in Pittsburgh 7/29/09
- HENRY KEHL, MRI July 30th
- ANDREW WAPLINGER, nephew to Rita Kehl has cancer
- PAT AND JOHN BROWNRIGG, are having health problems. Their address is 739 Blvd. Drive, Belpre, OH 45714.
- LIZEL CRIDER at Arcadia
- STEVE SOMERVILLE, has thyroid cancer. He is member of Grand Central Church of Christ
- GERALD DRAKE, has colon cancer
- ROSEMARY EATON, is having stomach pains and had tests on 7/20/09
- MARK BARTLETT, has brain cancer
- MARY KNOTTS, is now home.
- JAMES HARPOLD, Rosie's brother is in isolation in an Orlando, Fl hospital.
- JIM FORD, had knee replacement surgery last week.

### ***REMINDERS***

***July 31st 7:00 pm Friday Night Sing will be here at Little Hocking. Please bring refreshments-Fruit, veggies, cookies, sugar free drinks. Everyone plan on attending!***

***Free Dental Care, July 31-Aug 1, see the hall bulletin board for details.***

***July Book of the Month  
NUMBERS***

***August Book of the Month  
1 CORINTHIANS***

#### ***FOOD PANTRY***

***Muffin mixes, crackers, rice or noodle sides, boxed dinners and veggies. See Missy Fleak for assistance.***

#### ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!***

***PARK & POOL DAY for all children and their parents- Thursday July 30th at 11:30. Please meet at the pavilion at the Belpre Park. Bring a brown bag lunch and plan on staying to swim in the afternoon. See Nerissa Hall for questions.***

***Remember all those traveling and away from home.***

## ***The Importance Of Growth***

***Surely, God's people are concerned about growing as individuals and congregations. Let's not only profess concern, but let's do something about it. One brother puts it well: "When churches stop growing, they start saving". There are several areas in which growth can be seen. We are interested in growing in knowledge, enthusiasm, spiritual strength, effective service, etc. We should seek to grow in numbers by bringing in the lost and by bringing back the fallen. Each letter in the word "GROW" suggests an important ingredient of growth. The letter "G" can remind us that to grow we must GO WITH THE GOSPEL. We should not expect to grow if we sit, wait and hope that the people will come to us. Our mission is to "Go into the entire world and preach the gospel to every creature..." Seeing a brother at fault should prompt us to "to tell him his fault" (Mt. 18:15). The letter "R" may stand for RIGHTEOUS CONDUCT. Certainly hypocrisy and wicked living will make growth difficult if not impossible. However, when people see our good works they too, will want to glorify God. The letter "O" tells us that growth in the cause of Christ requires an OPTIMISTIC OUTLOOK. A growing saint or congregation is not weighed down with gloom, despair, depression and pessimism. Rather, they go about with cheerfulness, confidence and hope. The letter "W" says that a growing congregation is composed with members who are WORKING TOGETHER IN HARMONY. There is no substitute for work. We must be "always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58). We must not only work, but we must work together.***

***P-adapted from an article by Darrell Beard***

