

April 4, 2010

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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<p style="text-align: center;">Those who need our Prayers</p> <p>Margaret Mayes, is now at home recovering.</p> <p>Lizel Crider, at Arcadia.</p> <p>Norma Ross, Carla Flowers aunt has cancer.</p> <p>Martha Jarvis, is home and very weak. Milfred would appreciate visits.</p> <p>Jane Norris, is back at CCMH.</p> <p>Rosy Niday, is having inner ear problems.</p> <p>Debbie Hefner, niece of Evie Cowell, fell and broke her shoulder.</p> <p>Donna Newberry, Dave's sister, is very weak with advanced cancer.</p> <p>Bonnie Derenberger, Emily Null's aunt, has breast cancer and is starting radiation therapy.</p> <p>Paul Scott, Denver and Sandy's son-in-law to have test on his heart.</p> <p>Sandy Collins, surgery for colon polyp April 15th.</p> <p>Noah Workman, 4 month old baby, needs 2 more surgeries.</p> <p>Tom Eckerd, Sherry Swain's uncle has cancer.</p> <p>Anthony Brooks is to have a lung biopsy.</p> <p>Roy Schul, Noma's husband, is in St. Joe Hospital with pneumonia and he had a mini stroke.</p> <p>Colleen Wetzel, Evie Cowell's daughter is in Neurological ICU in Pittsburgh and on a ventilator. They found a dark spot on her brain and are trying to determine what it is. Evie has asked for no visitors at this time. She is stable but serious condition.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Book of the Month for April is Ruth & Esther</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bible Trivia Questions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. What shall each bear of their own? Galatians 6:52. What will the Lord do if we humble ourselves? James 4:103. What is a man like that is a hearer of the Word and not a doer? James 1:23ho w-244. Answers to March 28th Bible Trivia Questions.5. The Helper 2. Seven 3. Gamaliel <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Little Hocking Ladies</i></p> <p><i>The 19th Annual Mid Ohio Valley Ladies Inspiration Day is scheduled May 1 from 9-2 at the 6th and Washington Street Church of Christ. Imogene Aebi will be speaking on SOS-Serving Our Savior. Please plan on joining us.</i></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Pantry Items needed</p> <p>Fruit, Spaghetti O's, broth, crackers, corn, peas, Jell-O and pudding.</p> <hr/> <p><i>Food and Fellowship tonight after services.</i></p> <p><i>Silverado's Monday at 10am .</i></p> <p><i>April 11th Elders and Deacons meeting.</i></p> <p><i>Visitations will begin Monday, 7pm and continue through April and May every Monday.</i></p>
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Choosing the Best Route

Many years ago Sherry and I were on a long road trip. After many hours of driving, I took an exit ramp by mistake and we ended up in an undesirable area. It was after dark and it didn't take me long to make sure the doors were locked and the windows were rolled up. I remember thinking I hope we don't have to stop for a red-light or a stop sign. I just wanted to get back to the main road as fast as possible. Even though I was in unfamiliar territory I knew I wasn't lost because as we all know men drivers don't get lost, nor do we lose our sense of direction. We just sometimes opt for the more "scenic" route as we sometimes call it. Even though it may take a little longer, we always get to where we are going.....eventually.

I'm sure we all remember from grade school that the shortest distance between two points is a straight line. This is certainly true geometrically, but it should also reflect the view of our heavenward journey. The road we travel as Christians is a "narrow" way, but it is also a "***straight***" way according to our roadmap, and it has been "paved" for us by the Lord himself. It is the "safe" way and most importantly it is the "only" way to successfully reach our desired destination.

Why then do we sometimes opt for what may seem to be a more "scenic" route? The answer is that we let ourselves become deceived by the deceiver into thinking there is more than one way to get where we desire to go. Satan is very adept at giving us "alternate" routes. He knows exactly where to place "exit ramps" and "detour signs" in our lives to get us off-track. He gives us many "broad" ways to choose from along our journey. These broad ways are ones that are well-traveled, so they must be better routes to take? At least, that is what he would have us think. However, once we are on them we become easily disoriented and lose our sense of direction because they are crooked, winding roads. It's hard to know exactly where we are at any given point. We are fooled into thinking we are making better time because it is all downhill traveling. Even if we desire to go back the other way, he doesn't provide any "exit ramps" or "detour signs" on *his* road to guide us back in the right direction. He simply wants us to stay on his route and keep traveling until we eventually run out of gas. Since there are many people traveling that same direction, there is always someone willing to lend a hand and help fill our tank so we can keep travelling too. But, to where? Satan's route, *does* lead somewhere. It is not a "bridge (or route) to no-where". It is eternal punishment. It is always a "dead-end" route no matter which side road we may choose.

The "narrow" and "straight" way is less travelled. Our journey is not always easy, but the Lord has promised to help us and there are people to help us fill our tank along this way too. Our Lord has not only "paved" the way, but he has provided us with a map so we can safely get to where we need to be. It's hard to get to the right place on a long journey without directions. As Christians, we have been blessed with both the route and the directions from someone who knows how to get there. Today, if you have taken the "scenic" route by way of an "exit" from the Lord's way, we encourage you to turn around before you run out of gas. The Lord is the only Way.....and the "scenery" of heaven will be *GRANDER* than any scenery here on earth. Heaven will surely be worth it all! Don't get lost on *your* journey, or lose *your* sense of direction.

Praying for a safe trip for everyone,

Bob

