

April 25, 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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Those who need our Prayers

Margaret Mayes, is now at home recovering.

Lizel Crider, at Arcadia.

Norma Ross, Carla Flowers aunt has cancer.

Martha Jarvis, is home and very weak. Milfred would appreciate visits.

Jane Norris, is back at Arcadia.

Rosy Niday, is having inner ear problems.

Debbie Hefner, niece of Evie Cowell, fell and broke her shoulder.

Donna Newberry, Dave's sister, still needs our prayers, fighting advanced cancer.

Bonnie Derenberger, Emily Null's aunt, has breast cancer and is starting radiation therapy.

Paul Scott, Denver and Sandy's son-in-law to have test on his heart.

Sandy Collins is home from hospital.

Noah Workman, 5 month old baby is in a step down unit and able to be off the respirator for up to 3 hour intervals.

Tom Eckerd, Sherry Swain's uncle has cancer.

Roy Schul, Noma's husband, is home now.

Ava Nichols, 4 years old has an inoperable brain tumor, friend of Carla Flowers.

Margaret Mayes' nephew is having health problems.



Emily Null, Whitney Swain and Jesse Tunnell will all be graduating Sunday May 9th.

There will be a graduation picnic for Whitney around 4:00/4:30 May 9th at Hollie and Linda Daggett's. Please stop by. If you need directions please call or text Sherry at 740-516-8331.

Emily will be having a graduation celebration on Saturday May 15th from 12:00pm-4:00pm at the Little Hocking Park.

Special thank you to Rosemary Eaton for organizing the clothing give away and thanks to all who helped. 95 families were helped due to everyone's generosity.



The wedding for Kelsie and Jesse is May 29th. Directions are on the back bulletin board. Please RSVP to Sherry.

Sunday May 2nd there will be a wedding shower for Vince Knotts and Niki Whited after evening services. We will have snack foods that evening also.

Ivan is in need of egg cartons. Please bring in any extra that you have.

CHANGE

I didn't have to ponder too long this week on what to write about. The reason is because my wife gave me something to consider (that happens a lot). Earlier in the week she asked me if it was my turn to do the bulletin article. Well, that peaked my interest, and as I tried to contemplate why she was asking me that question she handed me a piece of paper with some thoughts she had neatly typed and said that maybe it would be a good time to talk about "*change*". Since she said I could use some of her thoughts if I wanted to, I do not take credit for everything you are reading today, or for the topic.

As we look around, *change* is everywhere. The weather has changed from the cold days of winter to the warmer days of spring. People are beginning their "spring cleaning". It's hard to see what is being done inside homes, but outside you can see everyone mowing, mulching, planting and doing all sorts of projects. Farmers are tilling the soil, lambs and calves are being born. Children are playing outside, grown-ups too, now that the weather is better. Government is constantly changing, healthcare is changing, and our laws are often being reviewed and changed. We are told that our climate is changing. Our children are changing. Some are starting kindergarten this fall, some are graduating from elementary school, some are starting high school while others are graduating from high school or college. Some people are starting new careers, some are getting married. Some families are having their first child, others their second, or more. Some parents are becoming grandparents, or great grandparents, maybe for the first time. Many people are experiencing a change in their health, some for the better, others requiring various surgeries and treatments. No doubt, we are all going thru some sort of *change* in our lives. Everything and everyone seems to be *changing*. How do we view *change*?

Change can occur whether we want it to, or not. Sometimes it is expected and at other times it is not. It just happens. Some people never want anything to *change*, but our lives would probably be quite dull without any at all. Sometimes we need *change*. At other times, we need to *make a change*.

As I think about all the *changes* that impact our lives, one thing is reassuring. God does not *change*, nor does His Son. He is "*the same yesterday, and to day, and forever*" (Heb 13: 8). Also, we know that His Word is everlasting and does not *change*. Although some people try to *change* it to fit their way of thinking today, in the end, it will stand *unchanged*. If dealing with all of life's *changes* is wearing you down, maybe you need to *make a change* instead of letting the *changes* make you. If you are not a Christian, or have fallen away, please consider *changing your life* while you can. There is a *change* that every Christian should look forward to and it is found in 1 Corinthians 15:51-58. *Change* can be a wonderful experience for those who are prepared!

As I close today, I am reminded of Gary's article last week. As he stated, we all need encouragement. Sometimes we are so busy we don't seem to have time for ourselves, let alone others. However, we need to *change* our priorities. We are part of a huge family here and every member has a life and needs that are constantly *changing*. Are we as aware of them as we should be? Are we sharing the joys, trials, and sorrows of our sisters and brothers? Can we recognize the loneliness others may be feeling at times, or only experience our own? Cain once asked God "Am I my brother's keeper?" What does it truly mean to "keep" our brother or our sister? I think we have much to consider. I trust that we will. Do you need to *change* your life in any way?

Have a great day,

Bob

