

Little Hocking Church of Christ

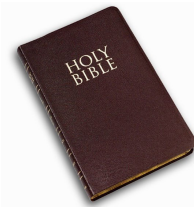
June 20 , 2010

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The Little Hocking Church of Christ welcomes each one of you!

You are invited to study the Bible and worship God
with us each week!

We hope you enjoy being with us today!



Elders: Charlie Cramlet 989-2262; Gary Kehl 667-6735; Bob Swain 516-6968

Deacons: David Eaton 667-6224; Bill Fisher 667-3491; Mark Fleak 551-9859;

Brian Hall 989-0137; Jeremy Kehl 989-2265; Harry Miller 989-2813

Meeting Times

Sunday Morning: 9:00am Worship
10:15am Bible Class

Sunday Evening: 6:00pm Worship

Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Study

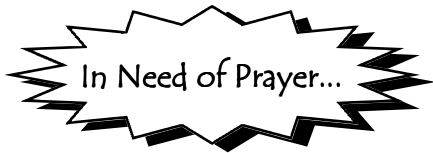
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- ♥ **Maxine Thompson:** moved to Arbors in Marietta
- ♥ **Mickie Maccabee:** (Mary Hennen's mother): having tests
- ♥ **Henry Kehl:** having eye surgery June 28th
- ♥ **Bev Thompson** (Missy Fleak's grandma): in Idaho recovering from stroke
- ♥ **Stephen Amos** (David Eaton's nephew): 19 yr old in Morgantown having tests
- ♥ **Randi Kay Congo:** had gall bladder surgery, Marietta Memorial
- ♥ **Gary Dye** (friend of Dave Lee): at Riverside Hospital with heart problems
- ♥ **Gary Wood** (Missy Fleak's grandfather): having surgery in Florida
- ♥ All of those at Arcadia: **Lizel Crider, Joan Cole, Francis Clem, Betty Spencer, and Tom Eckerd**
- ♥ **Martha Bailey** from Arcadia passed away. Our condolences go out to her family.



- ◆ The following are needed for the pantry: boxed dinners, fruit, corn, rice, and mayo
- ◆ We would like to wish a **Happy Father's Day** to all of the fathers here today!
- ◆ **Arcadia sing** today at 4pm!
- ◆ Robin and Jean are collecting items to send to a day care in Guyana. There is a list of items on the bulletin board and a box in the hallway for the items to be put in. Cash donations are also appreciated. See Robin or Jean with any questions!
- ◆ **Couples Night Out** will be Saturday, June 26th at the Pioneer Miniature Golf in Marietta and Dairy Queen ice cream to follow. Meet at the building at 6:00PM. Babysitting will be available.
- ◆ There will be a **4th of July family cookout and picnic** here at the building after Sunday AM services on July 4th. Please see the food sign-up list on the bulletin board. (July 4th is the first Sunday of the month and due to the picnic there will be no snack foods that evening.
- ◆ The book of the month for June is 1 Samuel!

An Empty Nest (Part 2)

In August of last year, I wrote an article titled, "An Empty Nest". I'm sure many of you remember the story about the bluebird box. I am reminded of that article today for many reasons. It has come full circle again, as many things do in life, and since this is Father's Day, I have decided to devote time to writing a sequel.

Our bluebird box did have another "builder" this spring, as I had hoped. However, we had another nest builder, not a bluebird, which caught my attention because of the location that it chose. It constructed its nest on top of the front porch light fixture against the vinyl siding of our house. I didn't notice it until it was almost completely constructed. Since I could see that much time and effort had already been put into it, I decided to leave it alone. I guess I'm a *softie*, but I knew why it had been made, so I didn't have the heart to remove it. Besides, it was really quite an ingenious location for several reasons that I don't have time to explain.

Leaving the nest there turned out to be quite a proposition. I knew it would be, but I was willing to wait it out. There was splattered mud, grass, and feathers all over the place. I keep our gas grill on the porch right under that light fixture, so you can imagine what the top of the grill lid looked like after several weeks...a mess. Then when the eggs hatched, and as the little ones grew, house-keeping just didn't seem to be a priority with any of the occupants. Since I couldn't see in the nest, maybe they did keep a clean room by throwing all the trash on my porch and grill. But I knew at some point I would have ample time to clean things up. I got a lot of enjoyment, however, watching and listening to what was going on in that nest over the next several weeks.

On the evening of May 27th, I happened to look up at the nest as I was getting ready to go inside. It was the first real good look I had gotten of who was inside the nest. There were three baby birds nestled together. It seemed as though they had grown up very rapidly. There was barely enough room for all three in the nest, but they seemed not to mind the cramped living quarters. I would not have liked to be the one in the middle because they were so tightly packed. As I stood there a couple of feet away, watching, they just sat there together very stoically, starting straight ahead. No movement of any kind. I suppose they were trained that way. So, I said goodnight and went inside.

On the next day, May 28th, around noon, I was outside and again passed by the light fixture. I looked up at the nest expecting to see the three birds, but the nest was empty. I looked up several times throughout the course of the day, but they never returned to their sanctuary. I guess its usefulness to them was over. I'm sure they will soon be building their own nests in a location they have picked out for themselves.

As you know, my youngest daughter was married on May 29th. It seems ironic that those birds left their nest the day prior to her wedding day. Maybe they were trying to tell me something. She and her husband are building their nest in Houston, TX. I didn't think birds flew south until winter. I guess, for me, winter came earlier than expected. I guess that messy room wasn't so messy either.

Happy Father's Day,

Bob

Psalms 127:3-5



Sunday, June 20, 2010

Announcements: Bob Swain
Song Leader: Charlie Cramlet
Opening Prayer: Mark Sargent
Lord's Table: Gary Kehl
Serving: Ivan Everson
 Mark Fleak
 Bill Fisher
Scripture Reading: Trace Knotts
Sermon: Dave Newberry
Usher: Harry Miller



Sunday, June 27, 2010

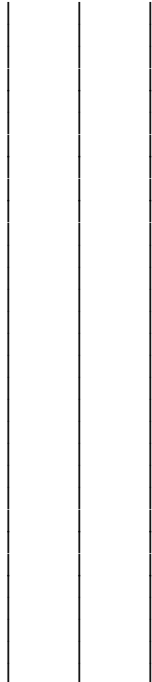
Announcements: Jeremy Kehl
Song Leader: David Lee
Opening Prayer: Brian Cooper
Lord's Table: Brian Hall
Serving: David Eaton
 Barry Hennen
 Harry Miller
Scripture Reading: Josh Kehl
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