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**Happy  
Father's Day**

## WOCB and WXCB Go Digital

At 9:00 P.M. on May 4, 2009, the board of directors of the Central Ohio Association of Christian Broadcasters had a very special live program to say goodbye to analogue on WOCB and WXCB. David Aiken, president of the COACB told all in attendance and watching that the stations had to flash cut to digital, meaning that the analogue equipment was being shut down forever.

Once the switch is made to digital the analogue license is gone forever. There can be no going back for any reason. It was actually quite scary knowing this was truly the point of no return. Since each cable system also had to convert the head end equipment to receive the digital signal, we did not know when any of our stations would be back on cable.

David then told viewers how to reprogram TV sets and converter boxes. He explained that it would take two days to have Kenton and Delaware back up but that we would feed Delaware cable using an internet feed. The board all agreed that we were ready for the switch so after prayer, power was shut off to the WOCB and WXCB transmitters, and the digital transmitter for WOCB was switched on

It was mass confusion for a few minutes because the air monitors had to be changed over to digital which takes about 20 minutes. Viewers also had to reprogram their TVs and converters. The Board was sitting there watching the progress of the programming of a converter box and growing impatient to see a digital signal. After 5 minutes we received the first call from Caledonia, The caller stated he had reprogrammed his TV and WOCB was on the air with four streams. He stated that all four streams looked beautiful, and to tell the board that he is watching them as they sit waiting for monitors to be programmed. The Board started to rejoice because up to that time some were wondering if it was going to work. Most converter boxes are programmed in two minutes but we ended up with one that takes 20 minutes for it to program itself. That 20 minutes seemed like eternity. Finally the process was complete and the board saw just how good the pictures were in Digital.

On May 6, after a number of minor problems, WXCB was up and looking beautiful in Delaware.

We are still waiting on cable systems to complete their changes. Most have one COACB stream up but it does not look near as good as the COACB over the air signal. Hopefully their new equipment will be in shortly.

## Do You need a converter Box?

Unless you have a digital TV you definitely need a converter box. Yes even if you are on cable or satellite TV because only a very small portion of the many over the air digital channels are carried on either cable or satellite TV. Our viewers tell us that with just a small outside antenna, they average getting 22 digital channels. That number will increase drastically in the next six months. Satellite companies know this and that is why people are getting so many calls from them offering very low rates if they will just sign a three year commitment.

The following are examples of what viewers tell us. Tom in Lewis Center uses an inside antenna in a mobile home. He said he gets 16 digital channels.

Steve in Delaware uses an inside antenna and he gets 18 digital channels.

Jonathan in Marion has a good outside antenna and amplifier. He gets 26 digital channels.

Tom in Marion uses Channel Master's best antenna and a good amplifier. On May 6, he counted 46 digital channels that he could receive that day but even on bad days he can still receive close to thirty digital channels.

It is comforting to know that with just a converter box and \$30.00 outside antenna most people receive 22 digital channels for free. Call 1-888-388-2009 to get a \$40.00 coupon toward purchase of a digital converter.

### Prayerline numbers

(800) 852-8199  
(740) 369-5656  
(740) 383-1794



**Post Your Prayer  
Request:**

[www.coacb.org/prayer](http://www.coacb.org/prayer)

## COACB VOLUNTEER



Dan Faver is a volunteer that is always ready to help with newsletter stuffing. He is a blessing to work with and have as a part of this organization.  
**Thank you, Dan, for being a COACB volunteer.**



## TRY THESE RECIPES!

### GRANDMA SHORT COOKIES

By Corble Raltiff

1 cup butter, 2 cups sugar, 3 eggs, 3 1/2 to 4 cups flour, 2 teaspoons soda, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 2 teaspoons vanilla, 1 cup buttermilk

Cream butter, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Add dry ingredients and buttermilk. Mix all ingredients and store in refrigerator in a covered bowl for 24 hours. Drop by tablespoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Use any frosting you prefer. I make my own by using powder sugar, egg white, vanilla and milk and mix to a spreading consistency. These cookies can be frozen.

### PINTO BEAN PIE

By Louise Lowe

1 can (15 oz.) pinto beans (mashed with juice), 2 cups sugar, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 1 stick margarine (soft), 1 cup coconut, 1 cup crushed English walnuts. Mix all together. Pour into unbaked pie shells. Three small or two large. Bake 350 degrees, 45 to 60 minutes. Good with cool whip.

### SALMON APPETIZERS

By Thelma Aiken

One 15 ounce can salmon or 2 cups cooked salmon (flaked) One 8 ounce package of creamed cheese, softened, 4 tablespoons mild or medium salsa, 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley, 1 teaspoon dried Cilantro, 1/4 teaspoon ground Cumin (optional), 8 flour Tortillas (8 inch)

Drain salmon. Remove any bones. In a small bowl combine salmon, creamed cheese, salsa, parsley, and Cilantro. Add Cumin, if desired. Spread about 2 tablespoons of the salmon mixture over each tortilla. Roll each tortilla up tightly and wrap individually with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 2 or 3 hours. Slice each tortilla into bite sized pieces. Yield 48 appetizers.

### MOM'S PIZZA MAC

By Art Dodge

1 (7 ounce) box cooked macaroni, 1/2 cup milk, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 egg, 1 pound hamburger, browned and drained, 2 cups pizza sauce, 1 can mushrooms, 1 package pepperoni, 1 small onion, diced, 1 green pepper, diced, 2 cups mozzarella cheese, 1 cup shredded cheddar cheese.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Beat milk, salt and egg together. Put macaroni on a greased cookie sheet. Spoon over sauce. Top with hamburger, mushrooms, pepperoni, onion, green pepper and cheeses. Bake 30 minutes.

## NEED AN OUTING FOR YOUR GROUP???



To schedule a free tour of any of our COACB stations, please call: (740) 383 - 1794.



Got a suggestion for the COACB call: (740) 383-1794

### KEY LIME PIE

Rachel Bird

Graham Cracker Crust 1/2 cup lime juice; 1 can eagle brand sweetened condensed milk; 1 large cool whip

Beat with mixer well until fairly stiff. Pour into shell. Refrigerate.

### STORIES FROM MY RELATIVES

John Hoffman

**M**y Uncle Ghizz, his last name was Moe. He lived close to the Mexican Border in Lower California. A lady, just across the border had identical twins. She couldn't properly care for them so she put them up for adoption. After much consideration, Uncle Ghizz and his wife took them. One was named "Juan" and the other one, "Amall". It became too much for Uncle Ghizz and his wife to care for both of them. Fortunately, they had friends in Alaska who adopted Amall.

About four years later, Uncle Ghizz's wife was combing Juan's hair. She sighed wistfully and said, "I sure would love to see Amall. I wonder what he looks like." Uncle Ghizz was quick to reply. "When you've seen Juan, you've seen Amall."

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