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## Digital Television

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In May's newsletter I told readers we were \$130,000 away from going digital with COACB stations. We have been working hard and as the newsletter gets ready to go to press, I am excited to tell readers that we are just a little under \$40,000 away from going digital in Marion, Delaware, and Columbus. We have already paid for the engineering and some of the equipment and made a lot of changes to the COACB stations. We can at last see the light at the end of the tunnel.

We are going to put all the digital streams together in one place. (Marion), and broadcast those same streams on all COACB stations. By doing it this way we are able to save close to \$60,000 per station.

Readers must realize that just three years ago it cost \$10,000,000 for one station to go digital. It was expected that 30% of the larger stations would cease to broadcast rather than spend the money to go digital. It was also expected that none of the smaller stations could afford to go digital. Well there have been a lot of technological advances made in the last three years. Actually the COACB is very close to the forefront and we have had management from major Ohio stations come to tour your COACB stations and take back ideas on how they too could save money.

COACB stations will switch to digital in sequence as the money becomes available. As soon as we have raised \$28,000 we will purchase the additional equipment to make Marion digital. Marion will then shut down as an analogue station broadcasting one program channel and hours later sign back on as a digital broadcasting from 4 to 6 program streams. Equipment for four streams cost \$6,000 less than equipment for six streams so we will most likely start off with four streams.

For Delaware we must spend \$4,600 to finish converting to digital. Since all streams are being put together in Marion, Delaware and Columbus must wait until Marion is Digital. It should take just three hours to convert the Delaware Station.

Columbus must be up graded in two stages. Stage one is the flash conversion to digital and will cost \$3,600. This step shall take about three hours. The station will be digital but at less than its authorized power. Stage two is the transmitter and antenna upgrade. These will be accomplished as money becomes available.

It would only take forty individuals or Churches willing to provide the COACB with just \$1,000, to complete this project.

## Got Dish?

Several people tell us they have switched to dish and they now miss us. For television sets with a video input, two steps are needed to receive not only your COACB stations but depending upon your antenna, up to 50 additional program channels.

Connect dish to the video input of your TV and connect an antenna to the TV. Next go to the setup menu on the television and select antenna. You then receive over the air stations by simply entering channel numbers. To receive dish, select AV input and use the remote control for Dish to select the dish channel.

To televisions that not have a video input, you add a splitter (\$1.00). To use splitters as combiners connect the input of the splitter to the antenna input on the television. The output of the Dish will be connected to one of the outputs on the splitter. An antenna will be connected to the other output. Now you can receive the dish on channel 3 and over the air signals on their assigned channel. Call (740) 383-1794 if you need more help



### Prayerline numbers

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(740) 383-1794



Post Your Prayer Request:

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

## COACB VOLUNTEER



**Earlean Hatch**

Earlean is our COACB volunteer of the month. Not only is she a powerful Prayer Warrior, she always stands ready to help in any way possible. She is affectionately called Mother Hatch by most who know her.



## TRY THESE RECIPES!

### REUBEN DIP

BARB AULT

8 ounce cream cheese; 1 1/2 cups sour cream (softened); 12 ounces shredded swiss cheese; 15 ounce can sauerkraut (drained); 8 ounce corned beef (chopped)

Mix all ingredients together and warm on medium power in microwave until cheese melts, not too hot. Do it slowly. Serve with rye crackers or pumpernickel bread.

### CHILI

CORBLE RATLIFF

1 pound ground beef; 1 cup chopped onion; 1 cup green peppers; 2 - 11 ounce tomato soup with rice; 1 - 14 ounce kidney beans (undrained); 2 tablespoons chili powder; 1 tablespoon vinegar; Shredded cheddar cheese; Garlic

In five quart dutch oven over medium heat, cook beef, onion, green pepper and garlic until meat is browned and the vegetables are tender. Drain. Stir in tomato soup, kidney beans, chili powder and vinegar. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat to low. Simmer uncovered for 30 minutes, stirring occasionally. Top with cheese. Makes about six servings.

### SCOTCH EGGS

THELMA AIKEN

4 hard boiled eggs (peeled); 1 beaten egg; 1 lb sausage meat; Finely ground cracker meal; Peel eggs and dip in beaten egg. Then cover with a thick layer of sausage and dip in beaten egg again. Then dip in cracker meal. Fry in deep fat for about 10 minutes and drain well on brown paper.

### ANGEL FOOD

BETTY SYCK

Take a cup of Kindness, Mix it well with Love, Add a lot of Patience, And faith in God above. Sprinkle generously with joy, Add some thanks and cheer, You will get "Angel Food", To feast on all the Year.

### STUFFED GREEN PEPPERS

RACHEL BIRD

6 large green peppers; 1 pound ground beef, browned; 2 tablespoons minced onion; 1 teaspoon salt; 1/8 teaspoon garlic powder; 2 cups cooked rice; 15 ounce can tomato sauce; 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Cut peppers in half and remove seeds. Combine all ingredients except peppers and cheese. Stuff peppers with ground beef mixture. Place in crockpot. Cover. Cook on low 6-8 hours, or high 3-4 hours. Sprinkle with cheese during the last 30 minutes.

### STORIES FROM MY RELATIVES

JOHN HOFFMAN

**M**y Uncle Gabby pastored a small church that was known for its stinginess. One morning he told the congregation that he needed extra money to have the furnace fixed. They did not have offering plates, so Uncle Gabby passed his hat around. It came back empty. He looked up and prayed, "Thank the Lord, I got my hat back." One Sunday morning he was well along in his sermon and his wife remembered she had left the oven on at home. So, she sent a note up to the pulpit and without thinking, Uncle Gabby read it aloud. It said, "Go home and turn off the gas."

## Readers Questions

### Why isn't TBN carried on the COACB stations?

**ANSWER** There are actually two reasons.

1. In October, TBN purchased WSFJ and they are now broadcasting their programs in Central Ohio over WSFJ.
2. Cable systems will not carry more than one channel showing the same Network. Since many cable systems carry both WSFJ and the COACB stations. If the COACB stations had not gone to a new network, the cable systems would have pulled the COACB stations from their channel lineup.

### When Will the COACB go Digital?

**ANSWER** The COACB will go digital just as soon as it can raise the money for equipment. It needs about \$40,000 to purchase the rest of the needed equipment. The target date is February 17, 2009. This is the date when all full power stations must go digital and shut down their analogue transmitters.

### How many program channels will the COACB air on its stations?

**Answer** Six programs will be aired at a time

### What if my favorite show is not shown on the COACB Stations?

**Answer** Contact us and we will see if it is possible to add it to the program lineup.

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## NEED AN OUTING FOR YOUR GROUP???



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**Got a suggestion for the COACB call:**  
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