

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Britt Whitacre	Eric Balon
Song Leader	Bob Mount	Austin Balon
Opening Prayer	Paul Carpenter	Josh Balon
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Dennis Mount	Glenn Brose
Helper	Greg Tholen	Paul Carpenter
Helper	Glenn Brose	Troy Murphy
Helper	Pat Back	Pat Back
Helper	Austin Balon	Dennis Mount
Alternate		
Closing Prayer	Britt Whitacre	Bob Mount
Greeters	Dennis & Colleen	Glenn & Mary
Prayer Room	Paul Carpenter	Dennis Mount
Communion Preparation for January		Colleen Mount

Birthdays in January

Britt Whitacre 1/15 Clark Rice 1/17
 Britt Dean 1/15 Glenn Brose 1/18

Anniversaries in January

Paul & Angela Carpenter 1/1

Re-Birthdays in January

Greg Tholen 1/05/2011

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 38

Pearl Street church of Christ

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Sunday Services

Bible class 9:30 AM
 AM Worship 10:30 AM
 PM Worship and Class 6:00 PM

Wednesday Service

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elder Bob Mount
 Elder Dennis Mount

Minister Paul Carpenter

January 11, 2015
 Bring Pride
 Philippians 2:12-18

Welcome

We wish to welcome you to services at the Pearl Street church of Christ. If you are a visitor with us today, know that you are an honored guest. We invite you to join us each time we meet together for worship and Bible study.

Just A Thought

“God created me—and you—to live with a single, all-embracing, all-transforming passion—namely, a passion to glorify God by enjoying and displaying his supreme excellence in all the spheres of life.”

— John Piper, *Don't Waste Your Life*

Bible Quiz Time

How many types of soil does Jesus describe in his parable of the sower?

Today's Bible Reading

Philippians 2:12-18, English Standard Version.

“¹²Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. ¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or disputing, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

Paul's Portion

You may not know who Charles Edward Hall is, but you probably are well acquainted with his alter ego. For the last twenty-eight years Mr. Hall has portrayed Santa Claus in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular. Mr. Hall has written a book on his experience titled Santa Claus is for Real. In an article from the December-January 2014-15 Reader's Digest Mr Hall, in reflecting on his time playing Santa, makes the following statement “... spending that much time as someone changes you. When you love a person, you can become that person and see the world the way he or she sees it.” This statement sounds like something the apostle Paul might have said about Christians and Christ. To become a Christian means to no longer live as yourself but to live as Christ, Galatians 2:20. This would require a significant amount of time being Christ. It should therefore, be second nature for Christians to see the world, people, as Christ. If we see the world as Christ does our actions should really reflect this. Later in the article Mr. Hall makes the observation, “I wish I could wear this Santa suit all the time. If I did, I could never be angry or mean. I'd be a better person every day.” As Christians we do wear our Jesus suit all the time. Paul, inspired by the Holy Spirit writes further to the church in Galatia, “For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ,” Galatians 3:27. As Christians when we put on Christ it is not as a seasonal garment or an occasional fashion statement. If we truly believed this than we could echo Mr. Hall's words. Realizing that we are wearing Christ each and every day should influence us to never be angry or mean and to honestly be a better person. As good as Santa is he does not hold a candle to the goodness and love that Christ embodies. Therefore, if wearing a Santa suit can make you act more civil, being clothed with Christ should cause you to live as a saint. Interestingly playing Santa was secondary for Mr. Hall. He initially was cast as Ebenezer Scrooge and he believed that this was the role which would define him as an actor. Similarly many people see their lives take a different direction once they put on Christ. What seemed to be important life goals to them prior to their life in Christ become trivial. It is Christ that gives life true definition, so put on Christ today.

Take Note

The Communion preparation sign-up sheet for 2015 has been posted. Please don't hesitate to pick your months. Sunday January 18th is "Sanctity of Life Sunday," a day to especially remember babies in our prayers.

Winter Teen Retreat at Fort Hill is this coming weekend, January 16-18.

March for life around Clinton County Court House is Monday the 19th.

Ohio Winter lectures at Fishinger and Kenny roads church of Christ in Columbus will be January 23-24.

The first fellowship dinner of 2015 will be in two Sundays, January 25th after morning services.

FYI: Due to using a new computer and new computer program for the bulletin I am unable at this time to email bulletins. I apologize for any inconvenience.

Traveling

Greg & Debbie Ewing are in Dayton.

Cards

Galen Vic Young, Kensington Rest Home, 751 Kensington Place, Middletown, OH 45044.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Two: Genesis 20-35, Romans 8-11.

Just For Fun

What a holler would ensue if people had to pay the preacher as much to marry them as they have to pay a lawyer to get them a divorce.

The best Ever Book of Good Clean Jokes

Quiz Answer: Four, Matt. 13:1-23, Mark 4:1-20, Luke 8:1-15.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Sharon Higgins, hospice has been called in.

Raylan Lee Sexton, recovering at home.

Junior Banks, recovering from back surgery.

Nancy Tholen, infection and back problems.

Dennis Irwin, recovering from issues with knee and leg.

Angel Balon, recovering from her surgery.

Josh Balon, returning to Cleveland clinic January 28.

Glenn Brose, back on blood thinners.

Debbie Turner, more testing.

Omar Hedge, possible stroke or brain infection.

Debbie Ewing, better work schedule.

Clyde Wood, lump on spine.

Lloyd Dickerson, health concerns.

Raymond Murphy, in nursing facility.

Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis and possible Parkinsons.

Ben Back, kidney problems.

Wes Murphy, safety while in Tel Aviv, and change of heart.

Nathan Brady, heart issues.

Banach family, various issues.

Sammy Keim, life issues.

Daughter of co-worker of Robin, life issues.

Mandy Ritchie, MS.

Cancer: Charlene Back, Libby Burdette, Don Cook,

Goebel Craft, Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner,

Marilyn Heichelbech, Sharon Higgins, Linda King,

Phil Knuff, Valerie Powers, Albert Poynter, Sierra Ritter,

Shirley Thompson, Roger Turner, Vic Young.

Hartville church of Christ, dealing with some dissension.

Debbie Ewing and family in the passing of her sister, Janet Koch.

Family & friends of Richard (Rick) Schimizzze in his death

Jon Horner and family in the passing of his mother, Helen.

Seth Sloan and family in the passing of his mother, Tammy.

Family of Bonnie Senter in her sudden passing.

Bring Pride
Philippians 2:12-18

I. MAKE PROUD.

A. PROPER PRIDE.

Proverbs 16:18

James 4:16

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

2 Corinthians 7:4

B. PRESENT OR NOT.

3 John 1:3-4

C. REFLECTION.

1 Thessalonians 3:5

Galatians 4:11

Romans 15:17-18

II. SOURCE OF PRIDE.

A. ATTITUDE.

1 Corinthians 10:9-10

1 Peter 4:9

B. SHINE.

Ephesians 5:1

Matthew 5:14-16

C. HOLD FAST.

2 Timothy 4:7

Deuteronomy 32:4-6

III. REWARD.

A. GOD WORKING.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Hebrews 13:20-21

B. SALVATION.

Hebrews 5:9

C. DAY OF CHRIST.