

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Glenn Brose	Britt Whitacre
Song Leader	Bob Mount	Austin Balon
Opening Prayer	Dennis Mount	Bob Mount
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Paul Carpenter	Dennis Mount
Helper	Britt Dean	Britt Dean
Helper	Pat Back	Eric Balon
Helper	Austin Balon	Jonah Younker
Closing Prayer	Glenn Brose	Britt Whitacre
Greeters	Glenn & Mary	Paul & Angela
Prayer Room	Dennis Mount	Bob Mount
Communion Preparation for August		Colleen Mount

# Pearl Street church of Christ

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## Birthdays in August

Becky Balon 8/06	Paul Carpenter 8/30
Pat Back 8/07	Dan Back 8/31

## Anniversaries in August

Dennis & Colleen 8/05

## Re-Birthdays in August

Jason Borgemenke 8/6  
Glenn Brose  
Paul Carpenter 8/29

## Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday ..... 21

Weekly Budget ..... \$1,100.00

## 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

Minister .... Paul Carpenter

August 2, 2015  
Promise Keeper  
Romans 3:3-4

## 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

A man was traveling on foot through the desert. In a sandstorm, he became disoriented and lost his way. Determined to succeed on his journey, he pitched his tent and went in to wait out the storm. He lit his lamp, shook the sand out of his clothes, and searched his supplies for food. He quickly found a box of dates. The first one was bad—full of worms; he threw it to the ground. The second was the same; he tossed this one to the ground with the other. He pulled out a third and then a fourth, but each date was bad. Finally, he picked up the dates he had tossed onto the ground, blew out the lamp, and ate the dates!

This is a very vivid picture of one who knows what is sin; can readily recognize sin; fully understands the consequences of sin, and yet turns a blind eye to sin and runs headlong into the sinful act! Dear friends, when we are confronted with the temptation to sin, we must beware that we do not “blow out the lamp” simply so we do not see the disgusting and sickening act! Whether we choose to see it or not, when we choose to eat the fruit of worldliness, we are swallowing destruction.

Ronnie Scherffuis in Glad Tidings of Good Things 5/31/12

### Bible Quiz Time

Which prophet was among the shepherds of Tekoa?

### Today's Bible Reading

Romans 3:3-4, English Standard Version.

“<sup>3</sup>What if some were unfaithful? Does their faithlessness nullify the faithfulness of God? <sup>4</sup>By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, ‘That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.’”

### Paul's Portion

Many times in this world people fail to do things. People fail to win races. People fail to land jobs. People fail to get a date. People fail to master a backward flip on a trampoline. People fail to have their book published. The point has probably been made; not everyone succeeds. This is a fact of life. It is common sense to realize that not everyone can win. (That is unless you are talking about youth sports where everyone wins, so as not to damage little psyches.) If a person tries with all of their might and does not succeed it may hurt, but there is a sense of accomplishment in knowing that you gave it your best. As the saying goes, “It is better to have loved and lost than to never have loved at all.” There is another group of those who have not succeeded, besides those who tried but failed. There is the group that never even tried. Many times the reason for people to not even try is that they lack confidence. The odd thing is that with many of these people the only thing that keeps them from succeeding is their lack of confidence. They have the necessary ability, skills, and or talent. If they only had the confidence to go along with their skill they would soar. It is sad to see talented people lacking confidence. It is even sadder when that occurs in the spiritual realm. Yes, there are people who fail to succeed spiritually because of a lack of confidence. They do not believe that they can resist temptation. They do not have confidence that they can follow God's commands. The problem lies in our understanding of confidence. For most people confidence is having faith in oneself. In the world this concept of confidence may fly, but not in the spiritual realm. When we are talking about confidence in the spiritual realm it is not faith in oneself, rather it is faith in the One. This allows us to boldly approach any and every task, obstacle, or challenge. For as John wrote in 1 John 5:14-15, “<sup>14</sup>And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him” We can succeed, because God is in our corner, and if we go with the confidence of having God in our corner we will have ourselves a great reward, Hebrews 10:35. So, trust in the Lord and trust in yourself when you trust in the Lord.

### Take Note

Still NEED months covered for communion preparation.  
We will be having a family fun night August 14th; watch for more information.  
There are a few sample copies of Daily Bread for kids.

### Traveling

Dana & Toni Mount in Delaware to see Shane and Jenna.

### Just For Fun

In order to take care of all the excuses for not attending church services, the following information was placed in a local paper:

1. Beds will be placed in the fellowship hall for those who say, 'Sunday is my only day to rest.'
2. Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching too much TV too late on Saturday night.
3. Steel helmets will be provided for those who say, 'The roof would cave in if I ever went to church.'
4. Blankets will be furnished for those who think that church is too cold and air-conditioning for those who say that it is too hot.
5. We will reserve the front pews for those who like the minister's sermons and the back pews and earplugs for those who dislike his sermons.
6. Scorecards will be available for those who list the hypocrites present.
7. TV dinners will be available for those who can't go to church and cook the noon meal for the family.
8. We will have a selection of trees and shrubs for those who like to see God in nature.

The best Ever Book of Good Clean Jokes

### Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.  
Angel Balon, blood issues.  
Fay Lamb, Shingles.  
Debbie Turner, waiting for test results, seeing cardiologist.  
Kelli Younker, dehydration episode.  
Josh & Becky, efforts to make a home for two boys.  
Troy Murphy, recovering from problem with foot.  
John Kessinger, recovering from surgery.  
Libby Burdette, still much in need of prayers for health.  
Charlie Balon, continues to have health problems.  
Cheryl Irwin, various health concerns.  
Zach Slack, life issues.  
Steve Jordan, cirrhosis of the liver.  
Don Cook, stomach cancer.  
Charlie Kessinger, failing health.  
Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.  
Harold Keeney, heart and low sodium problems.  
Lloyd Dickerson, heart health concerns, new medication.  
Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis, Parkinsons.  
Ben Back, kidney problems.  
Life Issues: Banach family, Nathan Brady, Steve Jordan, Sammy Keim, Wes Murphy, Robin's co-worker's daughter.  
Cancer: Libby Burdette, Don Cook, Goebel Craft, Hayden Cummings, Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner, Marilyn Heichelbech, Linda King, Valerie Powers, Sam Stubbs, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent, Roger Turner.

### Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Thirty-One: Psalm 49-67; Acts 20-23.

Quiz Answer: Amos; Amos 1:1.

## Promise Keeper

Romans 3:3-4

### I. GOD IS ULTIMATE PROMISE KEEPER.

#### A. PROMISE MAKER.

Genesis 9:8-17

Genesis 12:1-2

Exodus 3:12

Isaiah 7:14

#### B. FAITHFUL.

Hebrews 6:17-18

2 Timothy 2:13

Titus 1:2

Hebrews 10:23

#### C. EVIDENCE.

Joshua 21:43-45

Joshua 23:14.

Isaiah 2:2; Acts chapters 2 and 10.

### II. FRIGHTFUL PROMISES.

#### A. PROMISE OF JUDGMENT.

1 Corinthians 3:13

Hebrews 2:2-3

Revelation 20:12

#### B. PROMISE OF VENGEANCE.

1 Chronicles 28:9

Hebrew 10:30

2 Thessalonians 1:5-10

#### C. FAITHFUL IN THESE ALSO.

Romans 2:5

Acts 17:31

### III. PROMISES WITH CONDITIONS.

#### A. IN THE MIDST.

Matthew 18:20

#### B. GIFT OF HOLY SPIRIT.

Acts 2:38-39

#### C. PROTECTION OF SHEEP.

John 10:27-28

Luke 13:22-30