Those serving …….	Today …….	Next Sunday
Announcements ……	Josh Balon …….	Greg Tholen
Song Leader ……	Dennis Mount …	Austin Balon
Opening Prayer ……..	Paul Carpenter …	Glenn Brose
Lord's Supper (Prayer) ..	Britt Whitacre ….	Paul Carpenter
Helper ……	Pat Back ……..	Pat Back
Helper ……	Glenn Brose …….	Britt Dean
Helper ……	Jonah Younker ….	Jonah Younker
Closing Prayer ……..	Josh Balon ……	Greg Tholen
Greeters ……	Britt & Joann ..…	Glenn & Mary
Prayer Room ……..	Paul Carpenter …	Glenn Brose
Communion Preparation for September …..…		Betty Mount

Birthdays in August/September

Becky Balon 8/06
Pat Back 8/07
Paul Carpenter 8/30
Dan Back 8/31
Greg Tholen 9/02
Melvin Lamb 9/12
Diane Simpson 9/13
Hillary Yost 9/13
Ava Lee Turner 9/16
Josh Balon 9/28
Reagan Tholen 9/29

Anniversaries in August/September

Dennis & Colleen 8/05
LeLand & Ellen 9/4
Troy & Jean 9/24

Re-Birthdays in August/September

Jason Borgemenke 8/6
Glenn Brose
Paul Carpenter 8/29
Josh Balon 9/28

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday ……..… 27

Weekly Budget ……. $1,100.00

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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

Minister …. Paul Carpenter

August 30, 2015
Increase or Decrease
John 3:30

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

"What was billed as the world's most expensive new book went on display in 2008 at the New York Public Library. There are more expensive old books, but this is a new book produced by the Italian publisher Marilena Ferrari. Its cost: over $100,000!

The book depicts the life and work of Michelangelo, including photographs of his drawings and sculptures, creations from the Sistine Chapel, and his personal poetry.

It weighs sixty-two pounds, has a front cover of white marble, and is covered with red silk velvet. Its paper is from one of Italy's oldest paper mills—the mill where Picasso bought his art paper.

Each copy takes six months to make, and comes with a 500-year warranty! More than 20 of the books have been sold to buyers around the world.

These books are valuable because of the craft, quality of materials, and time that goes into their production. But there is another that is much more valuable. It is the most important book ever printed —and the most valuable book—because it is God's revelation of Himself to man. Have you read the Bible?"

House to House and Heart to Heart, Volume 19, Number 1

Bible Quiz Time

Who was to tell David that he would not build a house for the Lord?

Today's Bible Reading

John 3:30 , English Standard Version.

"30He must increase, but I must decrease."

Paul's Portion

I recently read the following statement, "Our relationship with our Lord is all about Him. It is all about His desires, His pleasures, His vision, His goals and His will." This is taken from an online devotional by Boyd Bailey. I do not know Boyd Bailey, nor do I know very much about Mr. Bailey. Apart from what I read in his online devotionals I do not even know much about his basic beliefs or biblical doctrines. I say this as a preface to stating that my comments are not directed at Mr. Bailey, per se; they may apply, they may not. My comments are concerning the statement made by Mr. Bailey. I often hear statements similar to this; where people are claiming that it is all about God and what God desires. There is even a song by Michael W. Smith with the lyrics, "I'm coming back to the heart of worship, And it's all about you, it's all about you Jesus, I'm sorry Lord, for the thing I've made it, When it's all about you, it's all about you Jesus." These statements, these thoughts, these sentiments are nice; I am just not convinced that they are honest. If I offend anyone, I am sorry, however, I can't help but wonder about the sincerity of statements claiming that it is all about God/Jesus when the one or ones making these statements ignore God's desire. Whether the issue is the necessity of baptism, proper form of worship, proper roles for men and woman, intimate relationships, Jesus' second coming or any other of a number of topics, personal opinion and desire oft triumphs over what God states in scripture as His desire. Jesus stated in Matthew 16:24, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." It seems to me, if one were to deny himself that would mean that he would put aside his wants, desires, and opinions in favor of God's. Instead I hear people arguing against following scripture, because they don't understand God's reasoning, or because they simply don't see the harm in doing things their way, or they follow their feelings. You can not have it both ways. It is either all about God "His desires, His pleasures, His vision, His goals and His will," or it is not. In service to the King we aim to please the King. At times this means not having our way. Even when we are convinced that God would love it if we did this or that, if it is not what scripture says He wants, then we should not do it. Seek God's desire not ours.

Take Note

Our monthly potluck and devotional is this afternoon, after morning services. This will be held at the home of Dennis & Colleen Mount.

Teen fall retreat at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp will be this coming weekend, September 4-6.

Senior retreat at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp, Sept 15-17.

The annual world renowned Pearl Street church of Christ talent show will be September 25th.

Young ladies, there will be a Spiritual "Boot Camp" October 3rd at the Fishinger & Kenney church of Christ. See Robin Tholen for information.

"Soul Sisters" October 3rd in Wilmington; see flyer on bulletin board for more information.

The latest "Our Daily Bread" is available in the foyer.

Address for notes.

Elma Jean Glass will be staying with her daughter Liz:
119 Mapleridge, Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154.

Traveling

Dennis & Colleen will be going to Alabama this weekend.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Thirty-Five: Psalm 120-136; 2 Corinthians 5-11.

Just For Fun

A six year old boy was overheard reciting the Lord's Prayer at church service. "And forgive us our trash passes as we forgive those who passed trash against us."

From the Internet

Quiz Answer: Nathan, 2 Samuel chapter 7.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.
Bob Mount, three stents installed, weakened heart.
Glenn Brose, back pain.
Ava Lee Turner, health slipping.
Britt Whitacre, having issues with his throat.
Greg Tholen, problems with his stomach.
Debbie Turner, waiting for test results.
Josh & Becky, efforts to make a home for two boys.
Sharon Spagel, back surgery.
John Brooks, persistent cough and rash.
Libby Burdette, pneumonia.
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, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent, Roger Turner.

Libby Burdette, friends and family in the passing of her son, Randy on Friday evening.

Ron Wise, family, and friends in the passing of Gloria Wise.

Increase or Decrease
John 3:30

I. JOHN.

A. HIS MINISTRY.

Luke 1:16-17

Isaiah 40:3

Matthew 3:3

Malachi 3:1

Matthew 3:5-6

Matthew 3:7

Matthew 9:14

B. JESUS PRAISED.

Matthew 11:9

Matthew 11:11

C. HIS DECREASE.

John 1:35-37

John 3:25-30

Luke 7:18-20

II. DISCIPLES.

A. SPECIAL.

John 6:70

Matthew 10:8

B. CONFUSED.

Mark 10:35-37

Mark 9:33-34

C. DECREASE.

Matthew 10:22

John 16:2

III. US.

A. SPECIAL ALSO.

Ephesians 1:4-7

1 Peter 2:9-10

B. DECREASE.

Matthew 16:24

2 Corinthians 10:17-18

C. REWARD.

John 16:33

Matthew 19:29-30