

Those serving .....	Today .....	Next Sunday
Announcements .....	Greg Tholen .....	Britt Whitacre
Song Leader .....	Dennis Mount ....	Austin Balon
Opening Prayer .....	Troy Murphy .....	Bob Mount
Lord's Supper (Prayer) ..	Bob Mount .....	Dennis Mount
Helper .....	Paul Carpenter ...	Troy Murphy
Helper .....	Pat Back .....	Eric Balon
Helper .....	Josh Balon .....	Pat Back
Helper .....	Britt Whitacre .....	Greg Tholen
Alternate .....		
Closing Prayer .....	Greg Tholen .....	Britt Whitacre
Greeters .....	Paul & Angela ....	Eric & Angel
Prayer Room .....	Troy Murphy .....	Bob Mount
Communion Preparation for December ...	Robin & Olivia	

### Birthdays in December

Debbie Ewing 12/02	Eric Balon 12/17
Olivia Erwin 12/03	Gregg Ewing 12/19
Wyatt Dean 12/04	Angel Balon 12/26
Misty Rice 12/05	Faith Carpenter 12/28
Joann Whitacre 12/07	

### Anniversaries in December

Gregg & Debbie Ewing 12/17

### Re-Birthdays in December

Eric Balon 12/17/2012  
Toni Mount 12/19/1971

### Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday ..... 25

# 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

December 21, 2014  
Choices  
Philippians 1:21-26

## 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

And when we give each other Christmas gifts in His name, let us remember that He has given us the sun and the moon and the stars, and the earth with its forests and mountains and oceans--and all that lives and move upon them. He has given us all green things and everything that blossoms and bears fruit and all that we quarrel about and all that we have misused--and to save us from our foolishness, from all our sins, He came down to earth and gave us Himself.” — Sigrid Undset

### Bible Quiz Time

About whom was the prophecy, “anyone belonging to him who dies in the city the dogs shall eat, and anyone of his who dies in the open country the birds of the heavens shall eat”?

### Today’s Bible Reading

Philippians 1:21-26, English Standard Version.

“<sup>21</sup>For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. <sup>22</sup>If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. <sup>23</sup>I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. <sup>24</sup>But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. <sup>25</sup>Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, <sup>26</sup>so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.”

### Paul’s Portion

It is December 21st so it seemed a good time to talk about the “c” word. No, I do not mean Christmas, but I do mean Christmas time. Christmas is a good time to talk about the “c” word, consideration, as well as another “c” word that goes along with it, courtesy. It is interesting that it is at this time of year, when thoughts turn to the birth of Jesus, that consideration gets neglected. Perhaps it is because of the hustle and bustle of this season that consideration gets neglected. Everyone wants to make sure that they get the sale item, or the parking spot. We are all in a rush to get everything bought and wrapped while making sure to take time to visit the grandparents and attend activities. Thus we have people singing along to “Peace on earth and mercy mild” while they elbow their way through the crowds. It is a sad state of affairs when at this time of celebration of the birth of the one who put the whole world’s needs above His own, the majority of people are functioning at a “me first” mindset. Perhaps it is simply in my imagination, but I think that there was a time when people gave more thought to the needs, and wants of their fellow human beings. Confucius even taught, “What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others.” This is close to Jesus’ teaching of “So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them,” Matthew 7:12, close but not quite. The Bible, especially the New Testament, is very clear about how Christians should treat other people. Besides Jesus’ teaching we have Paul’s words in Philippians 2:3-4, “<sup>3</sup>Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup>Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.” These verses can be summed up in one word, “consideration”. If we have consideration for others we will not be pushing and shoving to get our way. More than this we will go out of our way to make life easier for our fellow travelers on this orb. Unfortunately too many people think of self emulating Sally Brown, “All I want is what I have coming to me. All I want is my fair share,” (A Charlie Brown Christmas) instead of Jesus. This season why not give everyone the gift of consideration and courtesy, and keep it going all year long.

## Take Note

The Communion preparation sign-up sheet for 2016 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.

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 and I am working on correcting this situation.

## Traveling

Glenn & Mary Brose are in Florida.  
Many holiday travelers.

## Cards

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

## Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Fifty-One: Philippians 1-4; 1 Timothy 1-6; Titus 1-3; 1 Peter 1-5; Hebrews 1-13.

## Just For Fun

This guy goes into his dentist's office, because something is wrong with his mouth. After a brief examination, the dentist exclaims, "That plate I installed in your mouth about six months ago has nearly completely corroded! What have you been eating?" "Well... the only thing I can think of is this... my wife made me some asparagus about four months ago with this stuff on it... Hollandaise sauce she called it... DELICIOUS! I've never tasted anything like it, and ever since then I've been putting it on everything... meat, fish, toast, vegetables... you name it!" "That's probably it," replied the dentist "Hollandaise sauce is made with lemon juice, which is acidic and highly corrosive. It seems as though I'll have to install a new plate, but made out of chrome this time." "Why chrome?" the man asked. "Well, everyone knows that there's no plate like chrome for the Hollandaise!" From the Internet

Quiz Answer: Ahab, 1 Kings 21:24.

## Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Raylan Lee Sexton, in ICU with two different viruses  
Junior bank, recovering from back surgery.

Nancy Tholen, possible MRSA.

Dennis Irwin, recovering at home.

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.

Helen Horner, doing poorly health wise.

Debbie Ewing, better work schedule.

Clyde Wood, lump on spine.

Lloyd Dickerson, health concerns.

Raymond Murphy, in nursing facility.

Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis.

Bobby Peck, recovering from broken back.

Harold Keeney, health issues.

Ben Back, kidney problems.

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.

Ben & Kelsey Reed, miscarriage.

Elizabeth Momberger and family in the loss of her husband from a brain aneurysm.

Amber Knight-Borgemenke in the passing of her sister.

Choices  
Philippians 1:21-26

I. WHICH TO CHOOSE.

A. PAUL HAS THE CHOICE.

Acts 21:11

Acts 25:11

B. LIFE OR DEATH.

John 11:25-26.

John 19:10-11.

C. HARD PRESSED.

II. VERY MUCH BETTER.

A. OTHER'S BENEFIT.

Ephesians 5:15-16

John 9:4

B. DEPART.

Luke 12:35-36

2 Corinthians 5:8

C. FAR BETTER.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Matthew 13:41-42

III. PROGRESS AND JOY.

A. REMAIN.

B. PROGRESS.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

C. JOY.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11