

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Austin Balon	TBA
Song Leader	Dennis Mount	Dennis Mount
Opening Prayer	Paul Carpenter	TBA
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Dennis Mount	Bob Mount
Helper	TBA	TBA
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Helper	TBA	TBA
Closing Prayer	Austin Balon	TBA
Greeters	Britt & Joann	Dennis & Colleen
Prayer Room	Paul Carpenter	TBA
Communion Preparation for December	Brittney & Angel	

Pearl Street church of Christ

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Birthdays in December

Wyatt Dean 12/04	Greg Ewing 12/19
Misty Rice 12/05	Angel Balon 12/26
Joann Whitacre 12/07	Faith Carpenter 12/28
Eric Balon 12/17	

Anniversaries in December

Re-Birthdays in December

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

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 19
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

December 13, 2015
Immanuel
Matthew 1:23

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 professor of psychology decided to give his class of forty students a test of word association. He instructed them each to write the word “Christmas” on their piece of paper. After they had all complied he then instructed them, after the word “Christmas,” to write the first thought that flashed through their minds. Each student did as they were instructed. When the papers were collected the professor observed that the students had written such thoughts as; “tree,” “holly,” “mistletoe,” “presents,” “turkey,” “holiday,” “carols,” and “Santa Claus,” but not one had written “birthday of Jesus Christ,” or any reference to Jesus. While it is true that December 25th is most probably not the actual day for Jesus’ birth it has been assigned to that date since roughly 450 CE. It is disheartening, therefore, to see how commercialism and worldly festivities have shoved Jesus out of the spotlight.

Adapted

Bible Quiz Time

What did Herod inquire of the priests and scribes when the Magi visited him?

Today’s Bible Reading

Matthew 1:23, English Standard Version.

“²³Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call His name Immanuel” (which means, God with us).”

Paul’s Portion

We are in the midst of the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season. This is not to suggest that there is not hustle and bustle during all of the other seasons. Actually, one would be hard-pressed these days to find a time that is not full of hustle and bustle. We have taken the concept of keeping busy to astronomical heights. Thinking back to an episode of the “Andy Griffith Show” where a visiting preacher admonished the good people of Mayberry for their hectic schedule one has to laugh. Why, because, their “hectic” lifestyle would be considered one of leisure today. Every generation probably thinks it is more harried and hectic than the preceding generations. With the demands of society evolving with each generation, this assumption is probably accurate. It is hard to imagine, however, that any future generation will be more hectic than the current one. We are constantly on the go and on the job. When we are not actually in the office we are still connected by email, cell phone, and numerous other social medias. When our children are not in the classroom they are running to sports, or other extra curricular activities, or connected to the internet to finish homework. The rest of their time they are connected to phones, video games, etc. In our hectic lives are we taking time for the important things? When it comes to time management we need to take a lesson from Jesus. Even though Jesus lived centuries before the time draining gadgets and activities that we have today; He was still plagued with a hectic lifestyle. Practically everywhere that Jesus went He was mobbed by hordes of people demanding His time and attention. Often Jesus was so pressured by the crowds that He did not have time to eat or sleep. Jesus, however, knew how to prioritize His time as we see in Luke 5:15-16, “¹⁵But now even more the report about Him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities. ¹⁶But He would withdraw to desolate places and pray.” Jesus understood that there was no time demand that was as important as taking time in solitude praying. Everyone in every generation, in every society needs to take time out of their harried lives to follow Jesus’ example and pray. You will be surprised how less hectic your life will become. It is even better when you share this time of prayer with others, thus helping them to be less hectic. Try it today.

Take Note

There will be a guest speaker next Sunday AM & PM.
We will not hold our fellowship meal and devotional for the month of December. Our next pot-luck will be January. The latest issue of "Our Daily Bread" is available to be picked up in the foyer.
There will be a Christmas eve celebration at the 1st Church of Christ in Lynchburg.
Ohio Winter Lectures at Fishinger and Kenney church of Christ in Columbus will be January 29-30, 2016.
Robin Tholen is planning a mission trip to Panama. All those interested should speak with Robin.

Traveling

Glenn & Mary Brose are in Florida.
The Carpenters will be traveling next weekend.

Address for notes.

Betty Whitacre: 12850 Gargonia Road, Mt Orab, Oh. 45154
Elma Jean Glass: 119 Mapleridge, Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Fifty: Haggai, Joshua 1-21; Luke 15-18.

Just For Fun

You do know what would have happened if it had been three wise WOMEN instead of men, don't you? They would have asked for directions, arrived on time, helped deliver the baby, cleaned the stable, made a casserole, and brought disposable diapers as gifts! From the Internet

Quiz Answer: Where the Christ would be born, Matthew 2:4.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.
Elma Jean Glass, tumor on spine.
Bob Mount, rehab for irregular heart rhythm.
Greg Tholen, pneumonia & more tests to undergo.
Dennis Mount, back pain from accident, sinus relapse.
Josh Balon, recovering from surgery on his knee.
Dorothy Pfister, Judy Mason's mother,
Bob Tholen, shingles as well as recovering from fall.
Junior Banks, severe blockage in his arteries.
Mary Banks, recovering from rotator cup surgery.
Helen Pierson, Glenn Brose's cousin, cancer.
Randy Kuntz, Colleen's brother-in-law, thyroid problem.
Denise Scruggs, herniated disc.
Christopher Banach, recovery from knee surgery.
Sharon Spagel, back surgery.
Cheryl Irwin, various health concerns.
Amber Knight-Bourge-manke, requests prayer.
Keith Howard, Angela's friend, stroke.
Steve Jordan, cirrhosis of the liver.
Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.
Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis, Parkinsons.
Ben Back, kidney problems.
Hillary Yost, healthy pregnancy.
General poor health: Charlie Balon, Charlie Kessinger,
Ava Lee Turner, Carol Tyler
Life Issues: Banach family, Nathan Brady, Steve Jordan,
Carol Tyler, Zach Slack, Robin's co-worker's daughter.
Cancer: Don Cook, Goebel Craft, Hayden Cummings,
Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner, Julie Hall,
Marilyn Heichelbech, Linda King, Valerie Powers,
John Rellinger, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent,
Roger Turner, Betty Whitacre.

Immanuel
Matthew 1:23

I. GOD.

A. WORD GOD.

John 1:1-2

B. CREATOR GOD.

John 1:3

Colossians 1:16-17

Genesis 1:26

C. DIETY.

Colossians 1:19

Colossians 2:9

John 1:12-13

Mark 2:5-11

II. WITH US.

A. SENT.

John 1:14

John 3:16-17

1 John 4:9-10

B. NOT KNOWN.

John 1:10

Mark 6:1-4

John 3:19

C. KNOWN.

John 4:29

Matthew 21:9

John 20:30-31

III. US WITH GOD.

A. JOIN THE LORD.

1 Corinthians 6:17

B. WALK WITH HIM.

1 John 1:6-7

C. SHARE WITH HIM.

Romans 6:3-5