

| Those serving                      | Today          | Next Sunday    |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Announcements                      | Josh Balon     | Greg Tholen    |
| Song Leader                        | Bob Mount      | Dennis Mount   |
| Opening Prayer                     | Dennis Mount   | Troy Murphy    |
| Lord's Supper (Prayer)             | Britt Whitacre | Bob Mount      |
| Helper                             | Eric Balon     | Paul Carpenter |
| Helper                             | Austin Balon   | Pat Back       |
| Helper                             | Paul Carpenter | Josh Balon     |
| Helper                             | Pat Back       | Britt Whitacre |
| Alternate                          |                |                |
| Closing Prayer                     | Josh Balon     | Greg Tholen    |
| Greeters                           | Volunteers     | Paul & Angela  |
| Prayer Room                        | Dennis Mount   | Troy Murphy    |
| 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 ..... 36

# 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

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| Bible Study | 7:00 PM |
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| Elder | Bob Mount    |
| Elder | Dennis Mount |

Minister .... Paul Carpenter

December 14, 2014  
Jailed But Not Caged  
Philippians 1:12-20

## 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

“I believe the promises of God enough to venture an eternity on them.” – Isaac Watts

### Bible Quiz Time

Who argued the case against Paul to Felix the governor?

### Today's Bible Reading

Philippians 1:12-20, English Standard Version.

“<sup>12</sup>I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. <sup>14</sup>And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. <sup>15</sup>Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. <sup>16</sup>The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. <sup>17</sup>The former proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. <sup>18</sup>What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, <sup>19</sup>for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, <sup>20</sup>as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.”

### Paul's Portion

A popular television show of years past was “Cheers”. For those who may be unfamiliar with the show, “Cheers” revolved around a bar, the owner, employees and patrons of the bar. Though the subject matter of much of the scripts was not exactly pure the show did have a somewhat catchy theme song. The lyrics that played at the opening of the show went as follows, “Making your way in the world today takes everything you've got. Taking a break from all your worries, sure would help a lot. Wouldn't you like to get away? Sometimes you want to go where everybody knows your name, and they're always glad you came. You wanna be where you can see, our troubles are all the same you wanna be where everybody knows your name. You wanna go where people know, people are all the same, you wanna go where everybody knows your name.” The theme song attempted to convey that “Cheers” was the place where you could go to forget your troubles and be among friends of like persuasion. The bar did seem to help the patrons alleviate some of their stress and enjoy some camaraderie while they were there, but only while they were there. I suggest that there is a better place and a better group of people to which we can go to get away from our worries, see that troubles are all the same and have people know our name. The place where we can all go to help us to make our way in the world today is the place that helps us make our way to the next world one day. Naturally, I am referring to the Church, the body of Christ. When we come together with people of like faith we are aligning ourselves with people who can sympathize with us and be a source of strength for us. When we are part of Church we see that the troubles that we go through are not unique to us. Troubles are all the same, as 1 Corinthians 10:13 tells us. Just knowing that we all share the same kind of troubles is not really a help, but when we are part of Church we also bear each others burdens, (Galatians 6:2) and that is a help. The Church is always happy to see you when you walk in the door, and misses you when you are away, better than any bar could. Furthermore, in the Church not just your name is known, you are known, 2 Timothy 2:19. Why not become a regular where cheer is real and lasts for more than 30 minutes in prime time?

### Take Note

The combined fellowship meals for November & December will be this afternoon following morning service. There will be a devotional following the meal.

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.

The latest edition of "Our Daily Bread" is available.

### Traveling

Troy & Jean Murphy are in Ashville, KY today.

Glenn & Mary Brose are in Florida.

LeLand & Ellen Pennington will be returning today.

### Cards

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

### Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Fifty: Romans 11-16; Acts 20:4-38, 21-28; Colossians 1-4; Philemon; Ephesians 1-6.

### Just For Fun

Songs Biblical Characters might sing:

Noah: "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"

Adam and Eve: "Strangers in Paradise"

Lazarus: "The Second Time Around"

Esther: "I Feel Pretty"

Job: "I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues"

Moses: "The Wanderer"

Jezebel: "The Lady is a Tramp"

Quiz Answer: Tertullus, Acts 24:1-2..

### Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Junior bank, recovering from back surgery.

Nancy Tholen, in hospital with MRSA.

Dennis Irwin, recovering at home.

Angel Balon, recovering from her surgery.

Josh Balon, going to Cleveland clinic December 16.

Glenn Brose, back on blood thinners.

Austin Balon, concussion.

Debbie Turner, waiting to hear results of 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, some improvement, in nursing facility.

Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis.

Dave, "Boonie" Brizius, pneumonia.

Bobby Peck, recovering from broken back.

Harold Keeney, health issues.

Ben Back, kidney problems.

Nathan Brady, heart issues.

Ray Hazelbaker, recovering from stroke.

Banach family, various issues.

Sammy Keim, life issues.

Daughter of co-worker of Robin, life issues.

Mandy Ritchie, MS.

Cancer: Charlene Back, Libby Burdette, 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.

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Philippians 1:12-20

I. NO WORRIES.

A. WHAT HAS HAPPENED.

Acts 28:30-31

2 Corinthians 11:23

Acts 16:24-30.

B. PRIME RESULT.

Luke 21:12-13

Acts 22 and 26.

Acts 28:30-31

Philippians 4:22

C. SECONDARY RESULT.

II. NO HARD FEELINGS.

A. THE HATERS

2 Corinthians 11:12-13

Romans 2:8.

Romans 5:3-5.

B. NOT ALL.

C. CAUSE FOR REJOICING.

Mark 9:38-40

Romans 8:28.

III. NO SHAME.

A. NO SHAME IN CHRIST.

Acts 24:16

1 Peter 4:16

Romans 1:16.

B. CONFIDENT OF DELIVERANCE.

Colossians 1:19, 2:9.

James 5:16.

C. IN LIFE OR DEATH.

Romans 14:8.

1 Corinthians 6:20.