Those serving Today Next Sunday Announcements Paul Carpenter Glenn Brose Song Leader Dennis Mount Bob Mount Opening Prayer Glenn Brose Dennis Mount Lord's Supper (Prayer) Paul Carpenter Paul Carpenter Helper Austin Balon Britt Dean Helper Eric Balon Pat Back Helper Greg Tholen Austin Balon Closing Prayer Paul Carpenter Glenn Brose Greeters Dennis & Colleen Glenn & Mary Prayer Room Glenn Brose Dennis Mount Communion Preparation for August ?????????	Pearl Street church of Christ
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Re-Birthdays in July/August  Jonah Younker 7/05/2015  Mary Brose 7/07/1964  Glenn Brose  Paul Carpenter 8/29	Wednesday Service Bible Study
Attendance Record Attendance last Sunday	July 26, 2015 Show Them Matthew 5:14-16

#### 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

"'We do not think it matters much what religion a man professes, so long as he is sincere.' This is a fearful mistake. Let us test your sincerity of such a notion. Your child is taken very ill, you need a doctor, you start to run for him. You know the name of the street he lives on, but you do not know where it is situated. Never mind that, you keep on running, 'Stop, friend, stop!' cries a neighbor, 'you're running the wrong way.' 'Never mind! I am sincere, look how hard I am running.' But you never reach the doctor, and your child dies. Sincerity on the wrong road means traveling faster to eternal destruction."

Moody Monthly quoted in 3000 Illustrations for Christian Service

## Bible Quiz Time

Who felt that he was not worthy to have Jesus come under his roof?

# **Today's Bible Reading**

Matthew 5:14-16, English Standard Version.

"14You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."

#### Paul's Portion

Today's portion is an article I recently came across and found interesting.

"In his book <u>The Church of Christ: A Biblical Ecclesiology for Today</u>, Ferguson — instead of rebutting reasons why the churches of Christ don't use instruments — makes a positive argument for singing without instrumental accompaniment:

Song is a way of preaching Christ since early hymns have Christ as their content (e.g., Phil. 2.6-11; 1 Tim. 3.16).

Song is a confession of faith (Heb. 13.15). The word translated "praise" can also be translated as "acknowledge" or "confess." Singing is how we acknowledge God. This should be done with thankfulness (Eph. 5:19-20; Col. 3:16).

Song expresses the indwelling Spirit and word of Christ. Ephesians 5.18-19 associates singing as being filled with the Spirit; Colossians 3:16 parallels singing with teaching and admonishing that expresses the indwelling word of Christ. Singing is the result of being filled with the Holy Spirit and of possessing the word of Christ.

Song is spiritual sacrifice. Thanksgiving in song was an accompanying sacrifice (Ps. 26:6), an equivalent of sacrifice (Jonah 2:9; Ps. 141:2), and a substitute for sacrifice (Ps. 50:14, 23). The New Testament connects singing with the Spirit (1 Cor. 14:15) and speaks of "spiritual songs" (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). Therefore, singing is a spiritual activity.

Song is for mutual edification. Our singing is not only directed towards God, but also one another (Eph. 5:19; cf. 1 Cor. 14:26). Teaching occurs through song (Col. 3:16).

Song shows the unity of the church (Rom. 16.16).

Song involves the whole person: spirit and mind (1 Cor. 14:15); words with the heart (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) and the lips (Heb. 13:15).

Song expresses deep religious emotion (cf. James 5:13).

Usually as an acapella church, we're forced to be on the defensive about instrumental music in the church. However, I like this positive approach of Ferguson's. This approach is more about why we do what we do and not why we don't do what we don't do — which is easier for some to accept." From Veritas Venator

## Take Note

Still NEED some months covered for communion preparation; starting with NEXT MONTH.

Today is our monthly potluck, devotional and business meeting following morning services.

There are a few sample copies of Daily Bread for kids. We will be having a family fun night before the start of school; watch for date and more information.

# **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Ed & Dianne Simpson on the birth of their new grandson. Edward Jerome Simpson the fifth, 8 lbs. oz. 21 long.

## Just For Fun

One summer, a drought threatened the crop in a small town. On a hot and dry Sunday, the minister told his congregation, "There isn't anything that will save us except to pray for rain. Go home, pray, believe, and come back next Sunday ready to thank God for sending rain.

The people did as they were told and returned to church the following Sunday. But as soon as the minister saw them, he was furious.

"We can't worship today. You do not yet believe," he said. "But," they protested, "we prayed, and we do believe." "Believe?" he responded. "Then where are your

umbrellas?" From the internet

# Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Thirty: Psalm 31-48; Acts 16-19.

Quiz Answer: The centurion in Capernaum; Matthew 8:8, Luke 7:6.

# **Illness and Prayer Concerns**

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Angel Balon, blood issues.

Debbie Turner, cyst.

Kelli Younker, dehydration episode.

Josh & Becky, efforts to make a home for two boys.

Clark & Misty Rice, moving into new home.

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.

<u>Life Issues</u>: 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.

Family and friends of Bill Roell in his accidental death.

Family and friends of Phil Knuff in his passing.

# **Traveling**

Whitacres are in Virginia.

Greg & Robin are on their honeymoon in Costa Rica.

# Show Them Matthew 5:14-16

## I. GOSPEL

A. HAS POWER.

Romans 10:17 Romans 1:16

B. SHOWN.

C. ENLIGHTENS.

## II. THE LIGHT OF UNITY

A. VALUE.

John 17:20-23

John 3:16

Ephesians 2:13-16

## B. DIVISION BAD.

1 Corinthians 1:10

Romans 16:17-18

## C. PRESERVE.

Ephesians 4:1-3

Philippians 2:2-4

## III. THE LIGHT OF LOVE

A. VALUE.

John 13:34

John 13:35

John 15:12-13

Ephesians 5:1-2

#### B. LOVE UNIFIES.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

Colossians 3:14

#### IV. THE LIGHT OF HOPE

A. VALUE.

1 Peter 3:15

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#### B. SEEN.

Romans 5:1-2

Romans 5:3-4

Romans 5:5

1 Peter 1:3-4

#### C. SURE.

1 Peter 1:13

1 Peter 3:15

## V. THE LIGHT OF GOOD WORKS

A. VALUE.

Matthew 5:16

1 Peter 2:12

#### B. PRODUCTIVE.

1 Peter 3:1-2

## C. SECOND NATURE.

Titus 3:1

Titus 3:8

Titus 3:14