

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Dennis Mount	Glenn Brose
Song Leader	Britt Whitacre	Josh Balon
Opening Prayer	Glenn Brose	Dennis Mount
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Josh Balon	Troy Murphy
Helper	Paul Carpenter	Britt Whitacre
Helper	Troy Murphy	Austin Balon
Helper	Greg Tholen	Eric Balon
Helper	Pat Back	Pat Back
Alternate	Eric Balon	Britt Dean
Closing Prayer	Dennis Mount	Glenn Brose
Greeters	Glenn & Mary	Paul & Angela
Prayer Room	Glenn Brose	Dennis Mount
Communion Preparation for November	Betsy Gillman	

**Birthdays in November**

Betsy Gillman 11/02  
 Olivia Balon 11/03  
 Colleen Mount 11/15

**Anniversaries in November**

Dana & Toni Mount 11/11

**Re-Birthdays in November**

Becky Balon 11/28/2010

**Attendance Record**

Attendance last Sunday .....37

# Pearl Street Church of Christ

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**Sunday Services**

Bible Class ..... 9:30 AM  
 AM Worship ..... 10:30 AM  
 PM Worship & Class ..... 6:00 PM

**Wednesday Service**

Bible Study ..... 7:00 PM

Elder ..... Bob Mount  
 Elder ..... Denise Mount

Minister ... Paul Carpenter

November 9, 2014  
 Equipped By God  
 Hebrews 13:20-21

## 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 that we meet together for worship and Bible study.

## Just a Thought

In Italy for thirty years under the Borgias they had warfare, terror, murder, bloodshed; they produced Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, and the Renaissance.

In Switzerland they had brotherly love, five hundred years of democracy and peace, and what did they produce? The cuckoo clock.

It is in the kiln of Spiritual battle and adversity that the character of Christ is hardened in us.

Billy Ricks, from KneEmail as quoted in Glad Tidings of Good Things volume 32.

## Bible Quiz Time

Who took a hundred prophets, hid them by fifties in caves and fed them with bread and water?

## Today's Bible Reading

Hebrews 13:20-21, English Standard Version.

“<sup>20</sup>Now may the God of Peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the Great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant. <sup>21</sup>Equip you with everything good that you may do His will. Working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, though Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen”

## Paul's Portion

There is, what I guess you would call a joke, that says, everyone complains about the weather, but no one does anything about it. You can see the same thing with politics. Many people complain about the politicians and the job they are doing, but they don't do anything about it. We just had an election this past Tuesday, and I would be willing to bet that the majority of the loud complainers didn't even bother to vote. I suppose the message the joke is trying to put across is that if you don't like something don't just complain, do something about it. Understandably, we can't really do anything about the weather, that is God's department, but there are many other areas where we can do something. This is true with politics, but it is also true with the world in general. You can hear all the time people complaining about the crime, violence, drugs and other downfalls of the human race. Yet, how often does anyone actually do anything to try to improve the world around them? There is an old saying, that is possibly from a Chinese proverb, that states, "It is better to light a candle than to curse the darkness." I think the Chinese proverb got its philosophy from Jesus' words in Matthew 5:15, "Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house." The whole Christian life is to bring light into the darkness rather than curse the darkness. We can rant and rave constantly about the devil and the influence he has in the world. We can cry and moan over the way sin is ruining this country and world. Yet, with all of that crying and complaining, even cursing, over the darkness has even one shadow been dispelled? If instead of complaining we took light of enlightenment to those in darkness what a difference that would make. Of course, as John 3:19 states there are those who prefer the darkness over the light. That should not hinder the possessors of the light from trying to dispel the darkness. Another point to remember is that cursing the darkness doesn't really affect the darkness, nor does it help you or anyone else. When you bring light into the darkness though, that light will affect the darkness. The

darkness has no control over whether or not the light will overpower it. The darkness is affected, you are benefited and so is anyone else in proximity to the light. Therefore, Christians should always bring the light rather than the curse and complaint. Try to remember a time when you were in the dark and someone shared their light with you. Jesus is the light of the world and there is no darkness that can stand against Him. Do not just curse and complain about the devil and his darkness, bring the light.

### Take Note

The Fellowship meals for November and December will be combined into one meal on December 14.

Please sign one of the lists to be part of the home Bible study which will be starting in November. The lists can be found on the table at the back of the auditorium.

If you have children ages 5 through 6th grade who might be interested in participating in Upward, Christian based Sports league, enrollment begins in November.

Soup dinner fundraiser this Friday at the firehouse to benefit the Because He Lives Food Pantry.

### Cards

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

Roger Turner, Continental Manor, 820 E. Center St. Blanchester, OH 45107.

### Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Forty-five: Matthew 2, Luke 20-21, Mark 13; Matthew 24-26; Mark 14; Luke 22, John 13-17.

### Just For Fun

“Do you,” the minister asked the perspiring bridegroom, “take this woman to be your wedded wife for better for worse, in sickness and in health, for richer ...”

“Please sir,” interrupted the bride, “You’re going to talk him right out of it.”

The Treasury of Clean Church Jokes

Quiz Answer: Obadiah, 1 Kings 18:4, 13.

### Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Dennis Irwin, in skilled nursing facility for rehab.

Uncle of Gary Scruggs, recovering from heart attack.

Angel Balon, having sutures removed on the 12th.

Josh Balon, continuing health issues.

Lloyd Dickerson, monitoring blood pressure.

Mary Banks, having poor health.

Raymond Murphy, in nursing facility.

Betty Whitacre, heart surgery recovery, son’s death.

Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis.

Lauren Schmitt, congestive heart failure.

Tom Phelen, aneurism.

Bobby Peck, recovering from broken back.

Harold Keeney, transfusion, other health issues.

Ben Back, kidney problems.

Nathan Brady, heart problems, spiritual and physical.

Ray Hazelbaker, Debbie’s neighbor, recovering from stroke.

Banach family, various health and family issues.

Rahn family, various health and family issues.

Mandy Ritchie, MS.

Co-worker of Heather Dean, domestic issues.

Cancer: Charlene Back, Libby Burdette, Goebel Craft,  
Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner, Marilyn Heichelbech,  
Sharon Higgins, Linda King, Phil Knuff,  
Valerie Powers, Sierra Ritter, Shirley Thompson,  
Roger Turner, Vic Young.

Family and friends of Shirley Allen in her passing.

Sophie Young and family in passing of her sister-in-law.

Family and friends of Champion family.