

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Austin Balon	Paul Carpenter
Song Leader	Bob Mount	Dennis Mount
Opening Prayer	Paul Carpenter	Bob Mount
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Glenn Brose	Britt Whitacre
Helper	Pat Back	Eric Balon
Helper	Eric Balon	Austin Balon
Helper	Britt Dean	Greg Tholen
Closing Prayer	Austin Balon	Paul Carpenter
Greeters	Paul & Angela	Eric & Angel
Prayer Room	Paul Carpenter	Bob Mount
Communion Preparation for September		Betty Mount

# Pearl Street church of Christ

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## Birthdays in September

Greg Tholen 9/02	Ava Lee Turner 9/16
Melvin Lamb 9/12	Josh Balon 9/28
Diane Simpson 9/13	Reagan Tholen 9/29
Hillary Yost 9/13	

## Anniversaries in August/September

LeLand & Ellen 9/4  
Troy & Jean 9/24

## Re-Birthdays in August/September

Josh Balon 9/28

## Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday ..... 29

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

September 13, 2015

Listen for Roar

1 Peter 5:8-10

## 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 good man was very ill, and his friends came to comfort him. They remembered his good deeds, and how he had always cared for the lambs of Christ’s flock. One prayed, ‘Lord thou knowest how he loves Thee.’ ‘Ah, my friends,’ said the sick man, ‘do not say that. When Mary and Martha sent to Jesus, their message was not, ‘Lord, he who loveth Thee is sick,’ but, ‘he whom Thou lovest.’ It is not my imperfect love to Him that gives me comfort, but His perfect love to me.’”

From The Christian Herald as quoted in 3000 Illustrations for Christian Service.

### Bible Quiz Time

Which of Joseph’s brothers suggested that they sell him to the Ishmaelites?

### Today’s Bible Reading

1 Peter 5:8-10, English Standard Version.

“<sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. <sup>10</sup>And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.”

### Paul’s Portion

Due to weather and other hinderances it had been longer than usual between mowings, so when I was able to mow I had grass clippings all over my lawn. This left me with four options. I could hire someone or somehow convince someone else to rake up the grass. I could purchase one of those vacuums that attaches to your lawn mower. I could leave the dead grass clippings on the lawn, or I could get out the rake and clean up the clippings. Well, I do not have the finances to purchase a vacuum or hire a laborer. Neither do I have the ability to convince someone to come and rake up grass clippings for the sheer joy of it. Leaving the clippings would have been the easiest option, but there are consequences. One consequence of just leaving the clippings is that it makes the lawn look messy. This may or may not be an issue depending on where you live and how you and your wife feel about the appearance of your lawn. A second and more serious consequence of leaving the clippings on the lawn is that where the clippings are piled up they can actually kill the grass. Since I have neighbors and a wife who care about the appearance of the lawn, (I do also), and since I do not like dead patches of grass I decided to get out the rake and rake the yard. This in itself presents a problem. What to do with the clippings? I could put them in the trash, or pile them up and burn them, or pile them in my compost pile. I chose the compost pile, so that they could be of use in the future. It was a hard job, and I really didn’t want to do it, but it had to be done. This reminds me of the illustration of the vine and the branches that Jesus tells in John 15:1-6. Branches that do not bear fruit are taken away, they wither and are thrown in the fire and burned. Why are they taken away and burned? They are taken away because they do not contribute to the vine, but detract from its appearance and productivity. Just as the grass clippings take away from the appearance of the lawn and stymie growth so do nonproductive branches. To leave these branches on the vine would hurt the vine. God does not want to remove branches from His vine, but He does so for the good of the vine. The lesson of the branches does not end with the branches being removed and burned. The branches that are left need to learn the lesson from seeing those that are removed, spurring them on to be even more productive.

### Take Note

Senior retreat at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp, Sept 15-17.

The Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center's "Walk for Life" and "Bike for Life" in Hillsboro will be September 19th.

The annual talent show will be September 25th.

Young ladies, there will be a Spiritual "Boot Camp"

October 3rd at the Fishinger & Kenney church of Christ.

See Robin Tholen for information.

"Soul Sisters" October 3rd in Wilmington; see flyer on bulletin board for more information.

Our annual Fall Festival will be October 10th and will once again be held at the property of Eric and Angel Balon.

Robin Tholen is planning a mission trip to Panama for sometime next June. All those interested in participating in this trip should speak with Robin.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Serah Whitacre on her baptism.

Congratulations also to Seth Whitacre on his employment.

Congratulations to Pat Back on his retirement.

### Address for notes.

Elma Jean Glass will be staying with her daughter Liz:

119 Mapleridge, Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154.

### Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Thirty-Seven: Judges 7-21, Lamentations 1-2; John 4-6.

### Traveling

Dennis & Colleen are traveling home from Arkansas.

### Just For Fun

Q. What is the best way to get to Paradise?

A. Turn right and go straight.

Quiz Answer: Judah, Genesis 37:26-27.

### Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Betty Whitacre, Britt's mom, cancer of pancreas, liver and lung.

Bob Mount, three stents installed, weakened heart.

Glenn Brose, back pain.

Ava Lee Turner, health slipping.

Britt Whitacre, having issues with his throat.

Greg Tholen, problems with his stomach.

Debbie Turner, waiting for test results.

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

Sharon Spagel, back surgery.

Libby Burdette, pneumonia.

Charlie Balon, continues to have health problems.

Cheryl Irwin, various health concerns.

Paul Michaelson, angioplasty, stent put in.

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.

Life Issues: 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,

Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent, Roger Turner.

Libby Burdette, friends and family in the passing of her son,

Randy Valentine.

Martha Jacobs, friends and family in passing of Roger Jacobs.

Listen for Roar  
1 Peter 5:8-10

I. DEVIL IS OUT THERE.

A. ADVERSARY.

Romans 8:33

B. HE PROWLs.

Job 1:7,

Revelation 5:5

C. SEEKING VICTIMS.

Luke 22:31

II. BE WATCHFUL.

A. WATCH OUT.

Luke 21:36

Colossians 4:2

1 Thessalonians 5:6-8.

B. RESIST.

James 4:7

1 Corinthians 16:13

C. NOT ALONE.

1 Corinthians 10:13

III. GOD'S GOT YOU.

A. HE HAS CALLED.

Romans 8:30

B. HE HAS GRACE.

2 Thessalonians 2:16

Ephesians 2:5 & 8

C. HE RESTORES.

Matthew 4:21

James 5:8

2 Thessalonians 3:3

2 Timothy 2:19