

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Paul Carpenter	Glenn Brose
Song Leader	Dennis Mount	Britt Whitacre
Opening Prayer	Bob Mount	Dennis Mount
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Britt Whitacre	Greg Tholen
Helper	Eric Balon	Britt Dean
Helper	Austin Balon	Jonah Younker
Helper	Greg Tholen	Paul Carpenter
Closing Prayer	Paul Carpenter	Glenn Brose
Greeters	Eric & Angel	Dennis & Colleen
Prayer Room	Bob Mount	Dennis 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 24

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 20, 2015
Christian Eyes
Matthew 6:22

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

“When No One Cares: ... as you have always obeyed, not in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.” (Phil. 2:12)

The apostle Paul commended these good people because they were just as faithful in their obedience to God when he was gone from them as when he was with them. It isn't always this way. We have the Sunday Christians who wouldn't be recognized as such on the weekdays. There is nothing finer than to be consistent in our actions and attitudes. It is unfortunate when Christian parents can't be the same at home as on the job, or at church services.

A flower does not bloom more beautifully because there are many who are watching with appreciation. They would be just as lovely in a deserted place with no eyes to admire them. The stars shine down with as much wonder and mystery in the untraveled desert as in the crowded cities. We are still who we are ... wherever we are. To wear the name “Christian” is an honor ... and a responsibility.”

A.W. Chism as quoted in Bulletin Builders Volume Three

Bible Quiz Time

Which apostle was also known as Didymus (twin)?

Today's Bible Reading

Matthew 6:22, English Standard Version.

“²²The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light.”

Paul's Portion

I recently read the following statement in an online devotional, “I tell people who are under spiritual attack that while it's not fun, at least you know you're on the right side. If we never experienced any spiritual attacks, then we'd have to wonder why.” (<http://www.christianquotes.info/images/4-reasons-to-be-wanted-by-the-devil>) While this is a common statement, and belief, I wonder if it is always true. We make the assumption that if things are going wrong, if we have setbacks, if we or a loved one is stricken with illness or cancer; that this means that we are under attack from Satan. We then make the assumption that if we are under attack from Satan we must be on the right track, serving God and opposing the devil. I believe both of these assumptions are flawed. The first flaw is to believe that God never sends hardships into our lives. God wants us to be strong, to that end I believe that, as the contemporary song says, “Sometimes blessings come through raindrops.” The argument can even be made that when trouble comes into your life it is, at least at times, from God to show you that you are on the wrong path. Does not scripture say that, “the Lord disciplines those He loves?” (Proverbs 3:12, Hebrews 12:6) Hardships just might be the Lord disciplining to correct error in practice or belief. Furthermore, even if the hardship does come from Satan that is no guarantee that Satan is unhappy with your practices or belief. To jump to that conclusion attributes to Satan a code of conduct which is foreign to him. Satan is a deceiver and the Father of lies, John 8:44. Thus, it is not beyond the realm of possibility that Satan would gladly inflict hardships on those who are not “Right in the Lord” in an effort to convince them that they are in fact “Right with the Lord.” Some may argue that Satan would not attack his own, even if they do not realize that they are his, because as Jesus stated, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls,” Luke 11:17. Satan seems to concentrate on the right now rather than looking at the big picture. I believe Satan would use any trick to further his goals. When trying to decide if you are on the right path do not make your judgment on the amount of hardship you have or don't have; instead judge your walk by the word of God, His word should be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path, Psalm 119:105.

Take Note

The annual talent show will be this Friday, September 25th at 6:34 at the fabulous Mount Garage Stage.

Monthly potluck and devotional will be next Sunday, September 27th, and will be held at the shelter at the "Old School Park" down the road.

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

October 3rd at the Fishinger & Kenney church of Christ. "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 Brittany Balon, Faith Carpenter and the rest of the 7th & 8th grade cheerleaders on winning two trophies at the Highland County Fair Cheer Competition.

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-Eight: Lam. 3-5, Amos 1-9, Ezek. 1-7; Jhn. 7-9.

Traveling

Eric & Angel Balon are away this weekend.

Shane, Shaun and Eric Mount and Ben Scruggs are traveling this weekend.

Just For Fun

"Life without God is like an unsharpened pencil - No point."

From a Church sign.

Quiz Answer: Thomas, John 11:16, 20:24, 21:2.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Betty Whitacre, Britt's mom, cancer of pancreas, liver and lung, seeing specialist on Monday.

Bob Mount, three stents installed, weakened heart.

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.

Evan Steed, had tubes put in his ears.

Sharon Spagel, back surgery.

Libby Burdette, pneumonia, starting test trial for her cancer.

Charlie Balon, continues to have health problems.

Cheryl Irwin, various health concerns.

Paul Michaelson, angioplasty, stent put in.

Steve Jordan, cirrhosis of the liver.

Don Cook, stomach cancer, melanoma.

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, Zach Slack, 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, Betty Whitacarte.

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

Christian Eyes
Matthew 6:22

Deuteronomy 34:7

I. EYES TO AVOID.

A. UNSEEING EYES.

Matthew 6:23

Matthew 13:13-15

Matthew 23:16ff

Acts 9:8-9

Matthew 7:3-5

B. EYES OF ADULTERY.

2 Peter 2:14

2 Samuel 11:2

1 John 2:16

C. ENVIOUS EYES.

1 Samuel 18:6-9

Acts 13:45

Acts 8:18-19

II. GODLY EYES.

A. OPENED EYES

Matthew 13:16

2 Kings 6:17

John 4:35

B. COMPASSIONATE EYES

Matthew 9:36

Luke 7:13

Philippians 2:3-4

C. PURE EYES

Psalm 101:3

Proverbs 4:25

III. EYES OF FAITH.

A. WITNESSING EYES

John 1:29

John 2:23

Mark 15:39

Luke 5:8

B. SEARCHING EYES

Acts 17:11

Philippians 3:2

Philippians 3:20

Revelation 1:7

C. EYES THAT SEE THE UNSEEN

2 Corinthians 4:18

Romans 8:24-25

1 Peter 1:8-9