

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Austin Balon	Paul Carpenter
Song Leader	Dennis Mount	Austin Balon
Opening Prayer	Bob Mount	Dennis Mount
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Paul Carpenter	Glenn Brose
Helper	TBA	TBA
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Closing Prayer	Austin Balon	Paul Carpenter
Greeters	Paul & Angela	Dennis & Colleen
Prayer Room	Bob Mount	Dennis Mount
Communion Preparation for April	Angela Carpenter	

Pearl Street church of Christ

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Birthdays in April

Hunter Balon 4/02	Dennis Mount 4/10
Mary Brose 4/06	Dana Mount 4/26

Anniversaries in April

John & Marie Brooks 4/10

Re-Birthdays in April

Cheryl Irwin 4/19/1987

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 18

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
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April 3, 2016

Blessings in Christ

Ephesians 1:7

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

Every year in the harvest fields of England, there are thousands of little tragedies. The victims are those charming little creatures: the harvest mice.

Early in the year the growing corn seems to them the ideal place in which to settle and bring up a family. The forest of innumerable corn-stocks is their whole world. In it they court and mate and play and bring up their families. Their happiness seems complete—until the harvest.

When the day comes for the owner of the field to reap his harvest, tragedy inevitably strikes the mouse house. The fields which he thought were his world never really belonged to him at all. The field mouse was deceived because for months he was left to his own devices. He never saw the owner of the field, and naturally he knew nothing about the coming harvest.

Many people allow themselves to be deceived because God, the owner of the world, does not put in an occasional appearance. Thus man imagines the field belongs to him and that there is no such thing as an eventual harvest. —www2.bc.edu

Bible Quiz Time

Who was Philemon's bondservant?

Today's Bible Reading

Ephesians 1:7, English Standard Version.

“⁷In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.”

Paul's Portion

I read an article online recently by Karl Vaters titled “9 Things I Love to See When I Visit a Church; I don't need a Hollywood-level production, just a genuine, healthy expression of worship and fellowship.” I do not know this author or any thing about him, other than what he reveals in his article. In the article, before the actual list Mr. Vaters makes the following observation, “Over the years, I've compiled a list of things I love to see when I visit a church. A lot of it is common knowledge, like clean bathrooms and proper signage. And some things are bonus, like a nice cup of coffee or a kickin' worship team.” This statement should serve as a sign of the tone of his list which is as follows, “1. I want to be greeted, but not overwhelmed; 2. I want an experience I can't get at any other church; 3. I want to feel like something unexpected might happen; 4. If something unusual happens, I want it explained; 5. I want to be one of the oldest people in the room; 6. I want to worship with people who don't look like me; 7. I want the emphasis to be on Jesus; 8. I want to hear how your church is blessing others; 9. I want to leave challenged – and better than when I came in.” While reading the list I was happy to see that Jesus did make the list, although He comes in at number 7, meaning that there were 6 other points that Mr. Vaters felt were more important to have in a church. I also found it interesting that when Mr. Vaters did finally include Jesus he said that he wanted to see Jesus as the emphasis. The problem with his statement is that all of the other points that he mentions as things which he looks for in a church make him the emphasis of the church, not Jesus. I might mention that the “common knowledge” points that he mentions earlier have the same effect. One thing that I noticed that was missing from his list and his idea of common knowledge was strong scriptural or doctrinal teaching. However, based on another of his statements, “In recent years, I've worked with churches of virtually every denomination,” he is not too concerned with doctrine. The problem is that he is only reflecting the attitude of many worshippers, where focus is on the worshippers rather than the One worshiped. It would seem that not only are people having itching ears, 2 Timothy 4:3, but whole itching psyches.

Take Note

This evening's service will be a song service, please come prepared to sing your favorite songs, and maybe some new ones.

Next Sunday we will have our fellowship meal following morning services. This will serve for March and April. We will hold a business meeting after our fellowship meal.

The sign up sheet for COMMUNION PREPARATION

volunteers is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

OVU Lectureship this week, April 3-6.

Gospel meeting at the Sunrush church of Christ, April 3-6.

2016 Walk For Life will take place on Saturday, April 16.

To participate or donate please contact Diane Simpson.

Men's Spring Retreat at Fort Hill, May 13-14.

Potter's Children Home in Bowling Green is collecting commodities, see flyer. Please let Paul know if you are planning to contribute, as he needs to set up the drop-off.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Brittany Ernst for being part of the TAP MD Program.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

The New Testament in 13 Weeks.

Week Nine: Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians.

Addresses For Notes.

Elma Jean Glass: 119 Mapleridge, Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154.

Just For Fun

"Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews."

Quiz Answer: Onesimus, Philemon 1:10-16.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Elma Jean Glass, tumor on spine.

Bob Mount, will be wearing a heart monitor for awhile.

Mary Brose, low blood sugar, and skin concerns.

Ginger Back, been very ill this last week.

Pat Back, sprained ankle, and has also been ill.

Mel Lamb, shingles.

John Carpenter, shingles.

Junior Banks, severe blockage in his arteries.

Marie Brooks, apparently has some heart blockage.

Tony Buchanan, serious injuries from motorcycle accident.

Will Blankenbeckler, heart attack.

Sierra Shields, member of church of Christ, missing in NY.

Jim Linback, back surgery to deal with infection in spine.

Amber Knight-Borgemanke, anxiety.

Steve Jordan, cirrhosis of the liver.

Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.

Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis, Parkinsons.

Ben Back, kidney problems.

Shirley Walker, broken hips with complications.

General poor health: Charlie Balon, Kay Gillis,

Cheryl Irwin, Charlie Kessinger, Ava Lee Turner

Life Issues: Banach family, Katelin J, Steve Jordan,

Carol Tyler, Zach Slack, Robin's co-worker's daughter.

Cancer: Goebel Craft, Hayden Cummings, Dottie Dysen,

Regina Feltner, Marilyn Heichelbech, Julie Hull,

Linda King, Abi Lykins, Donnie Pierson, Valerie Powers,

John Rellinger, Don Alan Riggs, Shirley Thompson,

Dorothy Trent, Roger Turner.

Betty Mount's family in loss of Gene Calvert.

Friends and family of Sherman Mink in his sudden passing.

Bryan family in the loss of their son.

Blessings in Christ
Ephesians 1:7

I. REDEMPTION.

A. TO REDEEM.

B. CHRIST REDEEMS.

1 John 2:2

2 Corinthians 5:18-19

1 Corinthians 15:3

1 Peter 3:18

1 John 1:7

C. REDEMPTION COST.

Galatians 4:4-5

Titus 2:11-14

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

1 Corinthians 7:23

1 Peter 1:17-19

II. FORGIVENESS.

A. TO FORGIVE.

B. GOD FORGIVES.

Psalm 51:4

Colossians 1:13-14

Matthew 26:28

C. WE ARE TO FORGIVE.

Matthew 6:14-15

Ephesians 4:32

Matthew 18:21-22

III. GRACE.

A. GRACE OF GOD.

Titus 2:11

John 1:16-17

B. AMAZING GRACE.

Jonah 3:10

Romans 5:6-11

C. GRACE WE NEED.

Ephesians 2:4-9

Romans 5:15

Romans 3:23-25