

Those serving	Today	Next Sunday
Announcements	Paul Carpenter	Britt Whitacre
Song Leader	Britt Whitacre	Dennis Mount
Opening Prayer	Dennis Mount	Glenn Brose
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Glenn Brose	Paul Carpenter
Helper	TBA	TBA
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Closing Prayer	Paul Carpenter	Britt Whitacre
Greeters	Glenn & Mary	Eric & Angel
Prayer Room	Dennis Mount	Glenn Brose
Communion Preparation for January	Angela Carpenter	

Pearl Street church of Christ

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Birthdays in January

Britt Whitacre 1/15	Clark Rice 1/17
Britt Dean 1/15	Glenn Brose 1/18

Anniversaries in January

Paul & Angela Carpenter 1/1/1993

Re-Birthdays in January

Steve Jordan 1/05/2011	Gregg Tholen 1/05/2011
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Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 23

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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Minister Paul Carpenter

January 24, 2016
God Bestows
Romans 12:6-8

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

“Pearls come from oysters. They have a hard shell that protects them, but sometimes a small grain of sand gets inside the shell and causes discomfort for the oyster. God has given the oyster a way to ease that pain. It dispenses a liquid that coats the grain of sand and then hardens. The oyster does this over and over until the grain of sand no longer causes pain. This produces the pearl. Something that started out painful turned into something beautiful and valuable. Sometimes something comes into our life that causes a lot of pain. When this happens, if we ask Him, God dispenses His love to us to ease our suffering, creating a beautiful and valuable character (Romans 5:3–5).”

— The Daily Walk

Bible Quiz Time

How long after Paul’s Damascus road experience did he go to Jerusalem and visit Peter (Cephas)?

Today’s Bible Reading

Romans 12:6-8, English Standard Version.

“⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”

Paul’s Portion

There have been a couple of stories on the news this past week that struck me. One of the stories comes out of New York where a 30 year old woman went missing after leaving her job at LaGuardia Airport. As I understand it this young woman had big plans for her life, including going back to college. It is very unlikely, therefore that she simply decided to disappear. On a side note, this young woman is an alumna of my Alma Mater. Great effort is being extended in attempting to find this lost woman and bring her safely home. The other story involves a 2 year old boy in Tennessee. This young boy was walking in the woods with his grandmother and little sister when he simply vanished. The grandmother looked away and when she looked back the boy was gone. As with the woman mentioned earlier, great effort went into finding this boy. Search teams spent days looking for the young boy. Sadly, the boy’s lifeless body was found after seven days. What struck me about these two stories, and most stories of this nature, is the great effort that is put into finding the lost person. This effort is understandable, since as the boy’s example shows, there is danger in being lost. Since the young woman is an alumna, other alumni have posted on Facebook asking for assistance, prayers, and participation in vigils. It is good that people are getting involved to this degree. Yet, it causes me to wonder about something. I know that there have been many other alumni who have gone missing Spiritually. These alumni have left the faith and wandered out into the world. Yet, I have not seen any posts asking for prayers, and vigils for these lost souls. I have to wonder if we place more importance on being physically lost than we do on being spiritually lost. As for the Spiritually lost Luke chapter 15 has three examples of being lost and the effort in restoring the lost, Jesus came to seek and save the lost, Luke 19:10, and James talks about the importance of bringing back the lost, James 5:19-20. Christians need to start putting as much effort and resources into bringing back the spiritually lost as we do the physically lost. Christians should be praying, holding vigils and even searching for the Spiritually lost. The physically lost may lose their life, but the Spiritually lost will lose eternity with God.

Take Note

Congregational meeting next Sunday, January 31st, following morning worship service.

Our next pot-luck will be next Sunday, January 31st, following the business meeting.

The sign up sheet for COMMUNION PREPARATION volunteers is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Ohio Winter Lectures at Fishinger and Kenney church of Christ in Columbus will be January 29-30, 2016.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

Week Four: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, 1 & 2

Thessalonians, 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, Philemon, Hebrews, James.

Address for notes.

Betty Whitacre: 12850 Gargonia Road, Mt Orab, Oh. 45154

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

Just For Fun

Question: What do Matthew and Mark have that Luke and John do not have?

Answer: The letter "A".

Question: When was the Red Sea very angry?

Answer: When the Israelites crossed it.

Question: How many animals could Noah place in the empty ark?

Answer: One, after that it wasn't empty.

Quiz Answer: Roughly three years, Galatians 1:15-18

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.

Elma Jean Glass, tumor on spine.

Bob Mount, fighting bad cold.

Betty Mount, bad vertigo.

Ellen Pennington, has a cold, or bad allergies.

Ginger Back, surgery on her other eye.

Mary Brose, has been having nose bleeds.

Dennis Mount, still fighting virus, or allergies.

Junior Banks, severe blockage in his arteries.

Jesse Lee Mount, pneumonia.

Randy Kuntz, thyroid to be removed in a couple of weeks.

Jaycob Reynolds, recovering from nasal septum surgery.

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

Don Alan Riggs, bone marrow transplants.

Jim Linback, in ICU with staph infection, and blood clots.

Christopher Banach, recovery from knee surgery.

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 back with complications.

Hillary Yost, healthy pregnancy.

Katelin Jenkins, addiction.

General poor health: Charlie Balon, Cheryl Irwin,

Charlie Kessinger, Ava Lee Turner, Carol Tyler

Life Issues: Banach family, Nathan Brady, Steve Jordan,

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

Cancer: Don Cook, Goebel Craft, Hayden Cummings,

Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner, Julie Hall, Marilyn Heichelbech,

Linda King, Valerie Powers, John Rellinger, Shirley Thompson,

Dorothy Trent, Roger Turner, Betty Whitacre.

God Bestows
Romans 12:6-8

I. GIFTS DIFFER.

A. WHAT YOU GOT?

B. SOME FOR BENEVOLENCE.

Matthew 18:22.

C. SOME FOR BUILDING.

Acts 4:36

Acts 4:37

II. GRACE BASIS.

A. BY GRACE.

John 1:16

Acts 10:34

1 Corinthians 12:4

1 Corinthians 12:11

B. CAN'T BUY.

Acts 8:18-20

C. BE SATISFIED.

Matthew 10:30

1 Corinthians 7:7

III. USE WHAT YOU GOT.

A. USE IT.

B. TO SERVE.

1 Peter 4:10-11

C. TO GLORIFY.

Romans 6:23