

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

Pearl Street church of Christ

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Birthdays in January

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| 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

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| Steve Jordan 1/05/201 | Gregg Tholen 1/05/2011 |
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Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 30

Weekly Budget \$1,100.00

Sunday Services

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| Bible class | 9:30 AM |
| AM Worship | 10:30 AM |
| PM Worship and Class | 6:00 PM |

Wednesday Service

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| Bible Study | 7:00 PM |
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Minister Paul Carpenter

January 3, 2016

Regeneration and Renewal
Titus 3:4-7

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

There is a story about a traveling salesman who came before his boss after finishing his route. Taking the very small batch of orders in his hand the manager looked at the man and said, ‘Is this all you’ve done?’ In reply the man looked steadily at his employer and said, ‘No, sir, it isn’t all that I have done, but I am afraid it is all that I can show.’ In our work for God it is often when we toil hardest that we can show the least tangible result. But if there has been the earnest endeavor to serve Christ, we may be sure that He knows all about it, and will reward us accordingly.”

Adapted from 3000 Illustrations for Christian Service

Bible Quiz Time

Which prophet prophesied that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem?

Today’s Bible Reading

Titus 3:4-7, English Standard Version.

“⁴But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, ⁵He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to His own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

Paul’s Portion

There was a time when people would laugh at the grammatical error others made in prayers, announcements, and bulletins of saying, “sick of the church,” or “sick of the congregation”. What was meant was, members of the church or congregation who were sick. What they were saying, however, was that there were people who were sick of the church or congregation. As mentioned, this used to be a grammatical error causing some amusement. While there may still be some grammatical error instances, there are also growing instances where what is intended is exactly what is stated. A number of people seem to be sick of the church, and an even larger number of people seem to be sick of their congregation. When someone is sick it is generally because they have come in contact with something that has disagreed with them. People may ingest something that is tainted, or they may come into contact with a germ or virus strain that disagrees with them thus, causing them to become ill. Taking this to the realm of the church we can apply the same basic principles. People today get sick of their church or their congregation when they come into contact with something that disagrees with them. At times the thing that disagrees with them is a doctrinal issue, but more often than not, it is the personality or actions of one or more of the members. What should be the action of a Christian who becomes sick of the congregation? There are passages that deal with Christian to Christian conduct. We can go to passages such as, Matthew 5:21-26, 18:15-17, 22; John 13:34; Romans 12:14-21; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15, and others. These passages teach us that we are to work things out with our Christian brethren when they make us sick. Is the instruction the same when the disagreeing catalyst is of a doctrinal nature? When we read passages such as, Matthew 7:15-16; Acts 18:25-26, 19:1-5; 2 Thessalonians 3:6; Titus 3:9-11, and others; we see again that we are to try and work things out. When we are unable to work things out then we are not to have anything to do with the one causing the sickness. What we will not find is scripture condoning complaining about feeling sick, spreading our sickness, or running away from what is making us sick. It is sad that sometimes people are sick of church, but when it happens scripture should be followed for the cure.

Take Note

Our next pot-luck will be January 31.

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. Robin Tholen is planning a mission trip to Panama. All those interested should speak with Robin.

Address for notes.

Betty Whitacre: 12850 Gargonia Road, Mt Orab, Oh. 45154
Elma Jean Glass: 119 Mapleridge, Mt. Orab, Ohio 45154.

Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

We are doing a different program this year and concentrating on the Gospel for the first half of the year.
Week One: Matthew & Mark.

Just For Fun

As the pastor's wife was checking on their eight-year-old son who was sick in bed, he asked to see his father, who was in his study working on an important sermon. "He's busy, honey, and can't come right now," his mother replied.

"But I REALLY REALLY want to see him," the boy persisted.

"Sorry, but he's tied up right now and can't be disturbed."

"Well then," the boy said, "tell him I'm sick and want my pastor to visit me!"

Source unknown

Quiz Answer: Micah, Micah 5:2.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The Covering Orphanage in Sierra Leone.
Elma Jean Glass, tumor on spine.
Bob Mount, shock on Thursday irregular heart rhythm.
Ginger Back, eye surgery on Tuesday.
Dennis Mount, back pain from accident.
Dorothy Pfister, Judy Mason's mother,
Bob Tholen, shingles as well as recovering from fall.
Junior Banks, severe blockage in his arteries.
Mary Banks, recovering from rotator cup surgery.
Jesse Lee Mount, pneumonia.
Randy Kuntz, Colleen's brother-in-law, virus.
Denise Scruggs, herniated disc.
Christopher Banach, recovery from knee surgery.
Sharon Spagel, back surgery.
Cheryl Irwin, various health concerns.
Amber Knight-Bourgeois, requests prayer.
Keith Howard, Angela's friend, stroke.
Steve Jordan, cirrhosis of the liver.
Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.
Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis, Parkinsons.
Ben Back, kidney problems.
Hillary Yost, healthy pregnancy.
General poor health: Charlie Balon, 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.
Family of Helen Pierson in her passing.

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Titus 3:4-7

I. HE SAVED US.

A. NOT OUR DOING.

Ephesians 2:8-9

Galatians 2:16

James 1:22

B. MERCY.

Ephesians 2:4.

1 Peter 1:3-5

C. GOODNESS AND KINDNESS.

Romans 2:4.

Ephesians 2:7

II. WASHING.

A. REGENERATION.

John 3:3-6

Colossians 2:11-13

B. RENEWAL.

John 14:26

Acts 2:38

C. THROUGH CHRIST.

III. HOPE.

A. JUSTIFIED.

Romans 5:9

1 Corinthians 15:10

B. HEIRS.

Romans 4:13-14

Romans 8:17, Galatians 3:29, Galatians 4:7, and Ephesians 3:6.

C. ETERNAL LIFE.

Jude 1:20-21