

Those serving	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Announcements	Glenn Brose	Austin Balon
Song Leader	Austin Balon	Dennis Mount
Opening Prayer	Paul Carpenter	Bob Mount
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Dennis Mount	Glenn Brose
Helper	TBD	TBD
Helper	TBD	TBD
Helper	TBD	TBD
Closing Prayer	Glenn Brose	Austin Balon
Greeters	Paul & Angela	Glenn & Mary
Prayer Room	Paul Carpenter	Dennis Mount
Communion Preparation for October	Colleen & Toni	

Birthdays in October

Fay Lamb 10/05  
Angela Carpenter 10/30

Anniversaries in October

Britt & Heather Dean 10/16

Re-Birthdays in October

Olivia Erwin 10/20/2013  
Gregg Ewing 10/25/2009  
Judy Mason 10/30/1960

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday ..... 21

Weekly Budget ..... \$1,100.00

# Pearl Street church of Christ

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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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October 2, 2016

Be A Tree  
Psalm 1:1-4

## 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

“An architect complains that many of his clients come and ask him to design a house for them, only to let him very speedily discover that they have already designed it all for themselves. What they really want is his sanction of the plan and the satisfaction of seeing him draw on paper what they have fully in mind. It is in very much the same fashion that we often go to the great Architect with our lives. We ask Him for wisdom and guidance, but we have already planned how we will build our fortunes and shape our course, and it is not His way we are seeking, but His approval of our way.”  
3000 Illustrations for Christian Service

### Bible Quiz Time

What feast did Jesus' brothers want Jesus to go to with them to “show off” what He could do?

### Today's Bible Reading

Psalms 1:1-4, English Standard Version.

“<sup>1</sup>Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; <sup>2</sup>but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night. <sup>3</sup>He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. <sup>4</sup>The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.”

## Paul's Portion

It may not be true in other parts of the world, but in the United States there seems to be a real problem with the attitude of self entitlement. To put it simply people spend too much time striving to achieve happiness and success for themselves. This is not to say that it is wrong to be happy. James instructed us to sing praise when we are happy, James 5:13, so there should be times when Christians are happy. The problem is when people put being happy as the first priority. I personally know of at least two marriages that ended in divorce because one of the spouses thought that they were entitled to more happiness than they were receiving in their marriage. Recently I read the following statement, “Never regret anything that once made you smile.” I do not recall where I saw this statement, but it gave me cause to pause and think. Don't regret anything that made you smile, oh really? Does the fact that something made you smile, automatically mean that it must have been a good thing? The Pharisees of Jesus' time come to mind. Jesus rebuked them by saying that they loved the places of honor and the greetings, Matthew 23. Sitting in their places of honor and hearing people give them their special greetings most assuredly made these Pharisees smile, but they will regret those times at the judgement seat. There is also the example of Demas. Paul states that because Demas was so in love with the world he deserted him. One has to imagine that whatever aspect of the world Demas was in love with it made him smile. Just like with the Pharisees, however, he most assuredly has or will regret those “happy” moments. This idea of not regretting anything as long as it made you smile smacks of the philosophy from not too many years ago, “If it feels good do it.” This is a dangerous lifestyle. One needs to be cautious about what makes you smile. Perhaps the key is to approach life with the attitude of seeking those things to make you smile that you will not regret. Christianity is, remember, not opposed to smiling and being happy. Rather, Christianity is about the ultimate happiness which comes from being in the Lord. This is reflected in John's words of 3 John 1:4, “I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth.” This is what should really make us smile.

### Take Note

We NEED a volunteer for December's COMMUNION. **PLEASE** turn in your "Community Outreach" ideas sheets. This evening will be our **service in song**, please come lift up your voices in praise to our great God. For all the school students who are proud to be a Christian, October 6th is "Bring Your Bible To School Day."

### Traveling

Denise Scruggs traveling home.

### Weekly Bible Reading Schedule

The Old Testament in 34 Weeks.

Week Twenty-Two: Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon (Song of Songs).

### Just For Fun

"Wanda, the church gossip and self-appointed arbiter of the church's morals, kept sticking her nose in the other members' private lives. Church members were unappreciative of her activities, but feared her enough to maintain their silence.

She made a mistake, however, when she accused George, a new member, of being an alcoholic after she saw his pickup truck parked in front of the town's only bar one afternoon.

She commented to George and others that everyone seeing it there would know what he was doing.

George, a man of few words, stared at her for a moment and just walked away. He didn't explain, defend, or deny; he said nothing. Later that evening, George quietly parked his pickup in front of Wanda's house... and left it there all night!"

From the Internet

Quiz Answer: The Feast of Booths, John 7:2-3.

### Illness and Prayer Concerns

Ron Wise Jr., recovering from back surgery.  
Marvin Brose, recovering from broken hip.  
Pat Whitacre, Mel Lamb's sister, health issues.  
Olivia Balon, fracture in her kneecap.  
Cheryl Irwin, bronchitis.  
Pauline Arledge, 95% blockage in three arteries, stints.  
Heather Dean, recovering from knee surgery.  
Cindy Cooper, recovering from gall bladder surgery.  
Kelly Cooper, Jaycob's Nana, severely sprained ankle.  
Randy Turner, elevated blood sugar problems.  
Phylis Jones, evaluation October 4th.  
Alisha (Andrew Turner's girlfriend), surgery on kidney.  
Junior Banks, severe blockage in his arteries.  
Amanda, Judy's granddaughter, problems with her legs.  
Melanie Seaman, in Christ hospital with meningitis.  
Joyce Warmen, Judy Mason's friend, recovering from fall.  
Delphia Clark, cataract surgery October 18th.  
Niki Watson, recovering from injuries from car crash.  
Edward Michaelson, kidney & congestive heart problems.  
Steve Jordan, cirrhosis of the liver.  
Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.  
Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis, Parkinsons.  
Ben Back, kidney problems.  
General poor health: Charlie Balon, Kay Gillis, Cheryl Irwin, Charlie Kessinger, Terri Knight  
Life Issues: Banach family, Steve Jordan, Zach Slack.  
Cancer: Goebel Craft, Hayden Cummings, John Dayton, Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner, Marilyn Heichelbech, Linda King, Kristen, Abi Lykins, Jack McDaniel, Keith Mayes, Valerie Powers, Mary Sampson, Diane Spruance, Heather Sisco, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent, Roger Turner.

Be A Tree  
Psalm 1:1-4

I. LIKE A TREE.

A. BY THE WATER.

John 4:14

Revelations 22:1-2

Jeremiah 17:7-8

Jeremiah 2:13

B. BEARING FRUIT.

Matthew 12:33

John 15:1-5

C. STANDING STRONG.

1 Corinthians 16:13

II. GOOD ROOT.

A. DELIGHTS IN LORD.

Romans 7:22

B. AVOIDS TERMITES.

1 Kings 12

1 Corinthians 15:33

2 Corinthians 6:14-15

C. DON'T BE CHAFF

Matthew 3:12

Daniel 2:35

III. CEDARS

A. FLOURISH.

Psalm 92:12-15

2 Sam 5:11; 1 Chr 17:1,2 Chr 2:3-8, Ezra 3:7

B. AROMATIC.

2 Corinthians 2:15-16

DURABLE.

Colossians 1:21-23

2 Timothy 4:3

2 Timothy 2:12