

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

Birthdays in April

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

Anniversaries in April

Re-Birthdays in April

Cheryl Irwin 4/19/1987

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 20

Weekly Budget \$1,100.00

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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

Minister Paul Carpenter 513-375-9992 (Cell)

April 2, 2017

Earnest Hope

Hebrews 6:18

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

“It isn't as bad as you sometimes think it is. It all works out. Don't worry. I say that to myself every morning. It all works out in the end. Put your trust in God, and move forward with faith and confidence in the future. The Lord will not forsake us. He will not forsake us. If we will put our trust in Him, if we will pray to Him, if we will live worthy of His blessings, He will hear our prayers.”

— Gordon B. Hinckley

Weekly Memory Verse

Matthew 27:59-61, “⁵⁹And Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen shroud ⁶⁰and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had cut in the rock. And he rolled a great stone to the entrance of the tomb and went away.

⁶¹Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb.”

Bible Quiz Time

In Jesus' parable of the ten virgins, what did five of the virgins not have?

Today's Bible Passage

Hebrews 6:11, English Standard Version.

“¹¹So that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.”

Paul's Portion

Yesterday was April 1st, a day that is most often referred to as “April Fool's day.” It is believed that this day received this dubious moniker due to Pope Gregory XIII in 1582 changing the celebration of the New Year from the end of March to January 1st by imposing the adoption of the “Gregorian Calendar” as a replacement of the Julian. Those that failed to accept or recognize the change were called “April Fools”. Somewhere in the time line there also arose the practice of playing jokes on people. Those that fell for the jokes were thought to be as foolish as the ones who did not recognize the change to the calendar. As a general rule the prankster gets more enjoyment from the prank than the prankee. This fact alone causes some to question the appropriateness of pulling a prank. After all, doesn't Philippians 2:3-4 show that it is not right to have a laugh at someone else's expense? Is it wrong to play a prank on someone? That may well depend on the prank, as well as the parties involved. There are definitely people in the world who do not enjoy pranks; not the executor or the recipient of them. As far as the prank itself it is wise to understand that there are different degrees of pranks. Some pranks could be thought of as harmless fun, while others are dangerous, or just plain cruel. Obviously the harmless fun pranks should be more preferable to the Christian than the harmful or cruel pranks. This fits well with the notion which all Christians should have of loving your neighbor and not harming them. A person also needs to remember that a good rule of practical joking is not going too far. Putting salt in the sugar shaker is a good practical joke. Putting powder laundry detergent in the sugar shaker is going too far. It might be said that Isaiah 5:20 is a warning against going too far, “Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter.” Still, it may surprise many people to learn that even God enjoyed a practical joke now and then, (read 1 Samuel 5:1-5 for proof). Of course God's “prank” served a purpose and taught a lesson, it wasn't only for fun. Perhaps the formula then for an appropriate Christian prank is one that does no harm, doesn't go too far, and serves a purpose or teaches a lesson. Proverbs 17:22.

Take Note

This evening will be our service in song.
The Communion Preparation Volunteer list has been posted,
please sign up for 2 or 3 months.
Spring Teen Retreat at Fort Hill, April 28-30.
Men's Retreat, Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp, May 12-13.
Ladies Retreat, Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp, June 9-10.
April's Bible reading list is available in the foyer.
The new "Our Daily Bread" is available in the foyer.
See bulletin board for other events coming in months ahead.

Traveling

Amber Johnson, deployed in Iraq.
The Steed family will be returning home today.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Toni Mount on her new employment at
Cape May.
Congratulations to Angela Carpenter on her temporary
position as adjunct faculty at Chatfield College.
Congratulations to Faith Carpenter for achieving a Superior
rating at District Science Fair and qualifying for State.

Just For Fun

On his way to a funeral in a rented, chauffeur driven
car, a man leaned forward and tapped the driver on the
shoulder to ask him a question. The driver jumped, and the
passenger apologized for startling him.

"That's all right, sir," the driver replied. "It's just that
I usually drive the hearse."

Quiz Answer: Enough oil for their lamps, Matthew
25:1-11.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

Mary Brose, shingles.
Dennis Mount, continued respiratory problems.
Bob Mount, problems with legs and feet.
Betty Mount, wearing temporary heart monitor.
Judy Mason, having some health issues.
Nancy Shaffer, recovering from broken arm/elbow.
Ginger Back, health issues.
Debbie Turner, problems with her knee.
Kim Banks, Ginger's sister-in-law, serious health issues.
Dorothy Pfister, health concerns.
Bob Fleming, Afib.
Linda Fleming, MS.
Tim Cooper, Jaycob's grandpa, gall stones/pancreatitis.
Todd Banach, injuries from snowmobile accident.
Olivia Erwin, issue with her brain.
Vera Scaggs, health issues.
Pat Whitacre, Mel Lamb's sister, health issues.
Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.
Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis, Parkinsons.
Headaches/Migraines: Angel Balon, Tim Slack
Kidney issues: Glenn Bishop, Ben Back,
Edward Michaelson, Dana Mount.
Cardiac issues: Pauline Arledge, Jr. Banks, Ed Michaelson
General poor health: Charlie Balon, Kay Gillis, Cheryl Irwin,
Steve Jordan, Charlie Kessinger, Terri Knight, Mike Lucas
Life Issues: Banach family, Steve Jordan, Zach Slack.
Cancer: Goebel Craft, Hayden Cummings, John Dayton,
Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner, Marilyn Heichelbech,
Linda King, Kristen, Cheryl Lapanese, Abi Lykins,
Jack McDaniel, Keith Mayes, Jenna Mount's grandma,
Valerie Powers, Mary Sampson, Diane Spruance,
Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent, Roger Turner