

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

### Birthdays in August

Becky Balon 8/06	Paul Carpenter 8/30
Pat Back 8/07	Dan Back 8/31

### Anniversaries in August

Dennis & Colleen Mount 8/05

### Re-Birthdays in August

Glenn Brose  
Paul Carpenter 8/29

### Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday ..... 17  
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

Minister .... Paul Carpenter 513-375-9992 (Cell)

August 20, 2017

Spirit Step  
Galatians 5:25

## 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

A woman was telling in a testimony meeting about her husband's conversion. "The first thing that happened the next morning, he built the fire in the cook stove. Ever since our marriage I have brought water from a well outside the house. I had asked him many times if it could not be piped in. He always said, 'No.' Right away after he became a Christian he had a pump put in the kitchen. Then he suggested that I could have a new dress and shoes and that our meals should be simpler on Sunday so that we could go to church. The children saw the difference right away. The home was a different place. Even the dog knew it. Where ill will and selfishness had ruled, there was kindness and service for others." That is a home of blessing where God dwells. 30000 Illustrations for Christian Service.

## Weekly Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 10:23, "23All things are lawful, but not all things are helpful. All things are lawful, but not all things build up."

## Bible Quiz Time

To whom is John's third epistle written?

## Today's Bible Passage

Galatians 5:25, English Standard Version.

"25If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit."

## Paul's Portion

Yesterday I passed a church building that had the message, "God loves you as you are" on its sign. I imagine that whoever put up that message was thinking that God is love, (1 John 4:8,16), and that we love because He first loved us, (1 John 4:19), and probably even the fact that God so loved the world that He sent His only son, (John 3:36). While it is true that God is love, and the inventor of love, I fear that it sends the wrong message to say that, "God loves you as you are." You are a murderer, no problem, God loves you as you are. You are an adulterer, don't worry about it, God loves you as you are. You are a homosexual, that's ok, God loves you as you are. You are an idolator, no fears, God loves you as you are. I could go on, but I believe the point is made. I may be mistaken, but I can't think of a single scripture that teaches that God loves us just as we are. Let me be clear. To say that, "God loves us just as we are" is different from saying that, "God loves us despite how we are". In the second instance the message is that God loves us because we are made in His image, we are His creation, and thus He loves us as a Father would love His children, even if they disappoint Him. In the first instance the message is that God loves us and is perfectly happy with us, no matter if we follow His commands, His will, and His desires or not. Rather than saying that the Lord loves everyone, even those who engage in sinful activities, scripture says, "The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence." (Psalm 11:5), and "You destroy those who speak lies; the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man" (Psalm 5:6). We do people a disservice when we let them think that the Lord will love them no matter what. Here is the danger, although many people understand the concept that the Lord disciplines those He loves, (Hebrews 12:6), they equate discipline with some irritation here on earth. They further believe it will be all right in the end. The thinking is that, since God loves them He may discipline them, but He would never subject them to eternal torment. Thus, there is no demand for them to change from their sinful lifestyle. Jesus makes it plain in Luke 13:3&5, "Unless you repent you shall perish". God loves you, not as you are, but to make you better than you are.

### Take Note

There will be a special collection taken up today as a memorial for Elma Jean Glass. This is separate from our normal weekly laying aside of funds.

This Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, is the Highland County Singing. Next Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup> will be our next fellowship meal.

We will be meeting at Dennis & Colleen Mount's home. The latest "Our Daily Bread" is available in the foyer. August's Bible reading schedule is available in the foyer. Still in need of Communion preparers for a couple months. Southern Ohio Pregnancy Center "Walk For Life," Saturday, September 16th, 9:00 AM  
Can people please check the "Illness and Prayer Concerns" list to see what can be updated.

### Traveling

Austin Balon will be returning to Florida, for the fall semester. Send mail to: 75 N. Woodward, UBox # 61136, Tallahassee, FL 32313.

### Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Judy Mason, he mother and the rest of her family in the passing yesterday morning of her sister, Jane Shaw.

Our hearts are saddened at the passing of Elma Jean Glass, and our sympathy goes out to the Glass and Brose families.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Doug McArthur.

We extend our condolences to the family of Terry Hoggatt.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Faith Carpenter on acquiring her first job.

Quiz Answer: Gaius, 3 John 1:1.

### Illness and Prayer Concerns

Ginger Back, health issues.

Dennis Irwin, in Hearth and Care nursing facility.

Dennis Mount, respiratory issues.

Debbie Turner, knee problems, torn cartilage.

Linda Fleming, MS.

Scarlett Leffers, 1 year old with unknown serious ailment

Phylis Howard, recovering from back surgery.

Jennifer McLaughlin, recovering from car accident.

Carla Cherry, low blood count

Dylan, infant with RH issues.

Madeline, Encephalitis.

Connie Whitmore, diabetes and cirrhosis of liver.

Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.

Waiting for biopsy results: Josh Balon, Connie Huber.

COPD: Charlene Wisecup

Broken Hip: Rod Lane, Gaylord Valentine

Headaches/Migraines: Angel Balon, Tim Slack

Kidney issues: Glenn Bishop, Ben Back,

Edward Michaelson, Dana Mount

Cardiac issues: Jr. Banks, Jim Camp, Bob Fleming,

David Hoggatt, Ed Michaelson

General poor health: Charlie Balon, Earl Carpenter,

Kay Gillis, Cheryl Irwin, Steve Jordan, Charlie Kessinger,

Mike Lucas, Dorothy Pfister, Pat Whitacre, Kim Bank's father

Cancer: Maxine Brose, Goebel Craft, Hayden Cummings,

John Dayton, Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner, Olivia Furbee,

Marilyn Heichelbech, Mellissa Jenkins, Clifford Kerns,

Linda King, Kristen, Cheryl Lapanese, Keith Mayes,

Jenna Mount's grandma, Valerie Powers, Mary Sampson,

Diane Spruance, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent,

Mike Turner, Roger Turner, Cheryl Wells

Life Issues: Banach family, Steve Jordan, Zach Slack.

Spirit Step  
Galatians 5:25

I. THE SPIRIT.

A. GOD'S SPIRIT.

Romans 8:9

Galatians 5:16-17

B. SPIRIT OF POWER.

Matthew 26:41

2 Timothy 1:7

C. SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

John 16:13

II. IN STEP.

A. LED BY SPIRIT.

Romans 8:14

Galatians 5:25

B. ALL NATIONS.

Acts 10:47

1 Corinthians 12:13

Galatians 5:9

C. SPIRIT WORKS.

Romans 12:11

Romans 8:26

1 Corinthians 2:13

III. MOVEMENT.

A. PROGRESS.

Matthew 7:20

Act 17:16

B. LIFE.

John 6:63

Romans 8:1-6

C. ETERNITY.

John 3:5-6

Galatians 6:8