

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

### Birthdays in June

LeLand Pennington 6/07	Ginger Back 6/26
Brittney Balon 6/17	Robin Tholen 6/26

### Anniversaries in June

Bob & Betty Mount 6/06	Josh & Becky Balon 6/15
Glenn & Mary Brose 6/06	Eric & Angel Balon 6/18

### Re-Birthdays in June

Brittney Balon 6/18
Colleen Mount 6/22
Faith Carpenter 6/23

### Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday	18
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
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June 11, 2017  
Could Be Worse  
John 5:14

## 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

“Melancthon said, ‘If I had no care I should have no prayer.’ Spurgeon said, ‘Sometimes God sends His love in black-edged envelopes.’ He allows us to taste the bitterness of want and the desolation of bereavement. If you have lived many years, you have passed through the narrows. We have all been there, and it is not always easy to see the Divine control. It looks as if things have got out of hand, and somehow or other we have been forgotten. When there is no one at hand to say it to you, say to yourself, ‘God is faithful, who will not suffer the pain to exceed the measurement of my endurance.’”  
John MacDeath in 3000 Illustrations for Christian Service.

## Weekly Memory Verse

2 Chronicles 7:14, “<sup>14</sup>If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”

## Bible Quiz Time

Jesus told the Jews that they would be “Free indeed” if they were set free by whom?

## Today’s Bible Passage

John 5:14, English Standard Version.

“<sup>14</sup>Afterward Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, ‘See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse may happen to you.’”

## Paul’s Portion

There are some who aspire to achieve a "cult like status," a level of popularity that involves having a strong enduring appeal and worship by some. The types of people who desire such admiration are usually found in the fields of entertainment, sports, or politics. In these areas, rather than it being a bad thing to achieve cult status, it is thought a good thing. Television producers in particular hope that their shows develop a cult following. When we move into other areas, the religious world in particular, association with the term “cult” loses its appeal. Although some cult leaders desire cult status, it is the rare cult leader who admits to being a cult. The reason for this aversion to the term “cult” by most religious groups is the bad connotation the term carries. When people hear the word “cult” what comes to mind is the common definition as it is defined by TheFreeDictionary.com, “A religion or religious sect generally considered to be extremist or false, with its followers often living in an unconventional manner under the guidance of an authoritarian, charismatic leader.” In this definition it is the words, “extremist,” “false,” and “unconventional” which make a cult less than desirable. The idea of “an authoritarian, charismatic leader” is also a deterrent to many people. It is this definition of “cult” that caused me to become irritated when people accused the church of Christ of being a cult. There are, however, different definitions of “cult.” For instance, if you were to look at Dictionary.com you would find the following listed under the definitions for “cult,” “an instance of great veneration of a person, ideal, or thing, especially as manifested by a body of admirers” I am proud to say that I am guilty of a great veneration of a person, Jesus the Christ, as well as an ideal, Christianity. By the way, I feel that Jesus fits well the authoritarian, charismatic leader, mentioned in the above definition. If you do not believe me just check out John 14:6, and Acts 4:12. Is the church of Christ a cult? Not in the common understanding of the word, but we are committed to dogmatically following one leader, Jesus, and one set of rules, the Bible. I am not ashamed of either one, I hope neither are you. I also like the idea of being “unconventional,” or not like the rest of the world. (1 Peter 2:9)

### Take Note

There are still blank spaces on the communion preparation volunteer sheet. Please see where you can help.

Camp week starts next Sunday.

Revival Tent Meeting, Highland church of Christ,

July 16-28, on the old High School grounds.

Singing July 28th, hosted by the Highland church of Christ, held at the old High School grounds.

The latest "Our Daily Bread" is available in the foyer.

June's Bible reading schedule is available in the foyer.

### Traveling

Jaycob Reynolds and family will be returning from New York today.

### Just For Fun

Harry's boss was an overbearing taskmaster, driving his employees to exhaustion. In the middle of a big project, Harry had a heart attack and died. The boss visited a medium to see if he could contact Harry's spirit.

"You may be able to speak to him now," said the medium.

"Hey, Harry, how's it going there?" shouted the boss.

"It beats the office," Harry answered.

A bit miffed by his response, the boss asked, "Can you see from heaven where you left the Wilson cost study?"

"Heaven," replied Harry, "Who says I'm in heaven?"

Quiz Answer: The Son, John 8:36.

### Illness and Prayer Concerns

Nancy Shaffer, recovering from broken arm/elbow.

Ginger Back, health issues.

Dennis Irwin, fractured toe with infection.

Linda Fleming, MS.

Elizabeth, suspicious lumps.

Joshua Batterton, fractured spine in a "turtle cast".

Charlene Wisecup, copd

Clifford Kerns, lung and liver cancer

Dylan, infant with RH issues.

Madeline, Encephalitis.

Connie Whitmore, diabetes and cirrhosis of liver.

Todd Banach, recovering from snowmobile accident.

Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.

Earl Carpenter, spinal stenosis, Parkinsons.

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

Broken Hip: Rod Lane, Gaylord Valentine

Headaches/Migraines: Angel Balon, Tim Slack

Kidney issues: Glenn Bishop, Ben Back,

Edward Michaelson, Dana Mount.

Recovering from surgery: Tim Cooper, Amber Johnson,

Mike Turner

Cardiac issues: Pauline Arledge, Jr. Banks, Jim Camp,

Bob Fleming, Jonda Hinzman, Ed Michaelson

General poor health: Charlie Balon, Kay Gillis,

Cheryl Irwin, Steve Jordan, Charlie Kessinger,

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

Cancer: Goebel Craft, Hayden Cummings, John Dayton,

Dottie Dysen, Regina Feltner, Marilyn Heichelbech,

Mellissa Jenkins, Linda King, Kristen, Cheryl Lapanese,

Abi Lykins, Keith Mayes, Jenna Mount's grandma,

Valerie Powers, Mary Sampson, Karen Smith,

Diane Spruance, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent, Roger Turner

Could Be Worse  
John 5:14

I. A DESPAIR.

A. LAME.

Philippians 2:14

B. NAMELESS.

2 Timothy 2:19

Matthew 10:30

C. NO HELP.

John 5:2-7

II. A HOPE.

A. THE POOL.

2 Chronicles 16:12-13

B. JESUS.

C. HEALING.

John 5:8-9

John 5:14

III. A WARNING.

A. SIN NO MORE.

John 9:1-3

John 8:11

1 John 2:1

B. WORSE STATE.

Matthew 10:28

Matthew 18:8-9

C. LIKEWISE US.

Matthew 12:43-45

2 Peter 2:20-22