

Those serving	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Announcements	Jaycob Reynolds	Paul Carpenter
Song Leader	Bob Mount	Dennis Mount
Opening Prayer	Paul Carpenter	Jaycob Reynolds
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Dennis Mount	Bob Mount
Helper	TBD	TBD
Helper	TBD	TBD
Helper	TBD	TBD
Closing Prayer	Jaycob Reynolds	Paul Carpenter
Greeters	TBD	TBD
Prayer Room	Paul Carpenter	Paul Carpenter
Communion Preparation for December	Betty Mount	

# Pearl Street church of Christ

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## Birthdays in January

Britt Dean 1/15  
Glenn Brose 1/18  
Eric Mount 1/20

## Anniversaries in January

Paul & Angela Carpenter 1/01

## Re-Birthdays in January

Greg Tholen 1/05/2011

## Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday ..... 16  
Weekly Budget ..... \$600.00

## 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)

January 7, 2018  
Prayers Bring Blessings  
James 4:1-3

## 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

Suppose our gratitude could be zero-based gratitude. With zero-based gratitude, we would be grateful for everything we had each day - regardless of whether it was more or less than yesterday. With zero-based gratitude, I can be grateful for all the people, the love, the food, the shelter, the services, the health, that I am blessed with today, regardless of what I had yesterday. With zero-based gratitude, I can be grateful each day for the gift of life itself.  
- Jonathan Lockwood Huie

## Weekly Memory Verse

Romans 3:23-24, “<sup>23</sup>for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup>and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.”

## Bible Quiz Time

Why was John rejoicing greatly according to 2 John?

## Today's Bible Passage

James 4:1-3, English Standard Version.

“<sup>1</sup>What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. <sup>3</sup>You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.”

## Paul's Portion

Snow days are days of delight for school children. A snow day is filled with opportunities. The news of cancellation of school due to snow causes the pulse to race and the mind to chase right after it. Visions of sledding, skating, hockey, building a snowman, having a snowball fight, and other activities flood the minds of the children as they plan how best to utilize this “free” day. For some it is a reprieve to get homework done, or study for the big test. For parents snow days mean adjusting schedules. It may mean staying home from work, or hiring a sitter. Some lucky parents get to share the day with their children playing in the snow. Even then sacrifices are made. Housework or other plans are put to the side hoping that some time will be made later. Even for children snow days are not always without consequences. Snow days may mean a shortened spring break, or no spring break. Snow days could mean not seeing friends that you only see at school, thus missing them. Snow days could mean a heavier work load when you do return to school. Of course, when you are in the midst of an epic snowball fight these consequences are far from your mind. In this way snow days are a good analogy for sin. Sin presents itself as a fun break from the routine, the norm. Yet, like a snow day what seems fun at the time has its consequences; with death being the biggest consequence of sin, James 1:15. There are other consequences as well. For example, a moment of “sinful fun” might lead to consequences involving one's health. There could also be consequences with relationships. Just as a snow day effects and involves the parents, sin has an affect on others and can suck others in. Even if you are a “good person” when you associate with sin and sinners you run the risk of becoming corrupted, 1 Corinthians 15:33. Furthermore, just as a snow day takes your mind away from school and sometimes work, possibly causing performance to suffer, engaging in sin takes your time and attention away from spiritual matters. Satan attempts to distract us with “the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life” (1 John 2:16). Thus, distracted, we fail to “set our minds on things that are above” (Colossians 3:2). Don't be fooled into embracing a “sin day,” the consequences aren't worth it!

### Take Note

This evening will be our service in song, 6:00 PM.  
The current Daily Bread is available in the foyer.  
The new Communion preparation sign-up sheet for 2018 has been posted.

The 2018 Bible reading list is available in the foyer.  
Winter Retreat at Fort Hill, January 12-14.  
Ohio Winter Lecture at Fishinger and Kenny church of Christ, January 26-27.

Our next fellowship meal will be January 28, 2018.  
Couples Marriage Retreat February 14-18.

### Traveling

College students heading back to College.  
Glenn & Mary Brose.

### College

Austin Balon: 75 N. Woodward, UBox # 61136;  
Brittany Ernst: 75 N. Woodward UBox #6551,  
Tallahassee, FL 32313.

### Just For Fun

Adam was spending the day naming all the creatures in the garden when he realized he was alone as a human being. Then came the very last creature and he named it "frog". He spoke to the frog in his loneliness and asked it if it had any ideas as to how he could not be so lonely. To Adam's surprise, the frog opened it's mouth and replied, "Rib-It!", then the rest was history...

Quiz Answer: He saw some members of a sister congregation walking in the truth, 2 John 1:4.

### Illness and Prayer Concerns

Ginger Back, health issues.  
Linda Fleming, MS.  
Britt Dean's father, spot on lung.  
Cindy Cooper, blood clots.  
Fay Lamb's cousin Herschel in poor health.  
Shaun Mount, TMJ  
Linda Steed, broken wrist  
Kennith Armstrong, severe burns.  
Expecting: Robin Tholen, Nicole Mount  
Carla Cherry, low blood count  
Connie Whitmore, diabetes and cirrhosis of liver.  
Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.  
Kenny Lucas, recovering from a stroke.  
COPD: Charlene Wisecup  
Headaches/Migraines: Angel Balon, Tim Slack  
Kidney issues: Glenn Bishop, Ben Back,  
Edward Michaelson, Dana Mount  
Cardiac issues: Jr. Banks, Bob Fleming, David Hoggatt,  
Edward Michaelson, Tom Steed  
General poor health: Charlie Balon, Earl Carpenter, Dylan,  
Kay Gillis, Dennis Irwin, Cheryl Irwin, Charlie Kessinger,  
Mike Lucas, Dorothy Pfister, Pat Whitacre, Kim Bank's father  
Cancer in remission: Maxine Brose, Hayden Cummings,  
Keith Mayes, Karen Smith, Roger Turner  
Cancer: Goebel Craft, John Dayton, Dottie Dysen,  
Regina Feltner, Olivia Furbee, Marilyn Heichelbech,  
Mellissa Jenkins, Clifford Kerns, Linda King, Kristen,  
Cheryl Lapanese,, Vernon Lucas, Jenna Mount's grandma,  
Valerie Powers, Mary Sampson, Diane Spruance,  
Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent, Mike Turner,  
Cheryl Wells  
Life Issues: Banach family, Zach Slack

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I. PRAYERS GO UP.

A. ASK THE LORD.

Philippians 4:6

James 4:1-3

B. GOD WANTS TO GIVE.

Luke 11:5-13

C. DON'T GIVE UP.

Luke 18:1-8

Romans 8:24-25

Colossians 3:12

Galatians 5:22-23

II. PRAYERS ARE HEARD.

A. GOD HEARS PRAYERS.

Proverbs 15:29

John 9:31

B. PROOF THAT GOD HEARS.

Isaiah 38:1-5

1 Kings 18

Acts 10:4

III. PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

A. ASK AND RECEIVE.

Matthew 21:22

Luke 11:10

Hebrews 11:6

Matthew 5:12

Matthew 5:45

B. ASK PROPER.

1 Corinthians 10:24

Philippians 2:3-4

James 4:3

C. PREPARE TO BE AMAZED.

Ephesians 3:20-21