

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

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Birthdays in April

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

Anniversaries in April

Re-Birthdays in April

Cheryl Irwin 4/19/1987

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 17
 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 PM

Minister Paul Carpenter 513-375-9992 (Cell)

Happy Easter

April 1, 2018
 The Promise of Easter
 Romans 6:5

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

In Storytelling: Imagination and Faith, William J. Bausch shares: "In the Greek Orthodox tradition, the day after Easter was devoted to telling jokes. . . . They felt they were imitating the cosmic joke that God pulled on Satan in the Resurrection. Satan thought he had won, and was smug in his victory, smiling to himself, having the last word. So he thought. Then God raised Jesus from the dead, and life and salvation became the last words."

Weekly Memory Verse

Mark 16:5-6, ⁵And entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, dressed in a white robe, and they were alarmed. ⁶And he said to them, "Do not be alarmed. You seek Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen; He is not here. See the place where they laid Him."

Bible Quiz Time

According to Luke, why did the disciples not believe the women's story of Jesus' resurrection?

Today's Bible Passage

Romans 6:5, English Standard Version.

"⁵For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His."

Paul's Portion

Today is Easter, it also April 1st, there is no way that I can let that pass without comment. Just to clarify for any who may not know, April 1st is also known as "April Fools Day," it is a day for jokes, pranks, and making fun of people. The tradition came about years ago when they changed the calendar making January 1st the first day of the New Year. There were those who were slow to catch on to the change, this made them April fools, and the victim of jokes. Since those early days it is open season for anyone to become a target for an April fool joke. Without even going to Psalm 14:1 and 53:1, "The fool has said in his heart there is no God," it is possible to comment on Easter falling on April 1st. We can make a connection between those who failed to see the change of the calendar and those who fail to see the change of Jesus from death to life. One can understand the reluctance to adopt a change in the calendar. If you had lived all of your life with the New Year beginning at the start of April and then suddenly you have to adjust to it being at the start of January it can be confusing and hard. Imagine that all of your life you have understood life and death to be nonnegotiable then suddenly you are told that death is not finite, but that there could be life after death, and that one had actually risen from death. You would probably find it confusing and hard to adjust. It is true that there had been others who had come back from the dead, the widow's son (Luke 7), Jairus' daughter (Mark 5), and Lazarus (John 11) to name a few. Still unless you had seen the resurrection with your own eyes you would tend to think that the stories of the dead coming to life are just that, stories. So, can we really call someone who doubts the resurrection a fool (Bearing in mind Jesus warning in Matthew 5:22)? It is probably a better idea for us to think of the doubters as misinformed and confused than to think of them as fools. Having said all of that it is necessary to understand that it is not good to leave people in a state of confusion as to the resurrection of Jesus Christ. For as it may not be that someone is a fool for doubting, it is foolish to remain doubtful. Jesus did rise up from his cold tomb to conquer death for all of mankind. To reject Jesus' accomplishment and His gift of eternal life is the very definition of acting foolishly, so be wise.

Take Note

There is still a need for Communion preparers.
April's Bible reading schedule is available in the foyer.
The new edition of the Daily Bread is available in the foyer.
If anyone knows of a working electric stove that is available there is a family in need of one.
Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp's Spring Fundraiser Gala, April 21, RSVP required, cards available in foyer.

Condolences

Sympathy to Heather Daughtery and family in the passing of her mother Cheryl Fite.
Our sympathy to the family of Jim Higgins in his passing.
Condolences to the family of Joe Butler in his passing.
Condolences to the family of Airman Bradley Hale who was murdered on Guam this past week.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jaycob Reynolds on receiving Academic and "Outstanding Wrestler" medals at his awards banquet.

Travelling

Dennis and Colleen Mount will be home Tuesday.

Just For Fun

Colored eggs and chocolate tell the Easter story about as well as Reindeer and Santa tell the story of Christmas.

Quiz Answer: It seemed to them an idle tale, Luke 24:11.

Illness and Prayer Concerns continued

Expecting: Robin Tholen, Nicole Mount

Broken hip: Barbra Strider, Gaylord Valentine.

COPD: Charlene Wisecup

General poor health: Charlie Balon, Earl Carpenter, Dylan, Kay Gillis, Dennis Irwin, Cheryl Irwin, Charlie Kessinger, Mike Lucas, Barbara Milner, Dorothy Pfister, Pat Whitacre

Illness and Prayer Concerns

Ginger Back, health issues.

Brittney Balon, ulcer.

Jaycob Reynolds, endoscopy scope on the 5th.

Linda Fleming, MS.

Joann Rutledge, recovering from gangrene.

Mona Greer, back pain and stomach pain.

Britt Dean's father, spot on lung.

Fay Lamb's cousin Herschel in poor health.

Steven Elliot, recovering from heart surgery.

Katie Mount, stomach issues.

Dana Mount, diabetes

Shaun Mount, TMJ

John Dayton, Paul's uncle, recovering from heart surgery.

Jace Whiteneck, 4 year old with pneumonia

Peter Banach, pneumonia - in hospital.

Connie Whitmore, diabetes and cirrhosis of liver.

Clyde Wood, depression and health issues.

Kenny Lucas, recovering from a stroke.

Headaches/Migraines: Angel Balon, Dale Schraw

Kidney issues: Glenn Bishop, Ben Back,

Edward Michaelson

Cardiac issues: Jr. Banks, Bob Fleming,

Edward Michaelson

Cancer in remission: 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,

Melissa Krumpus, Cheryl Lapanese, Vernon Lucas,

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

Diane Spruance, Shirley Thompson, Dorothy Trent

Life Issues: Banach family, Zach Slack

The Promise of Easter
Romans 6:5

I. JESUS RISEN

A. EMPTY TOMB.

John 20:3-7

B. DOUBTERS.

Luke 24:12

John 20:15

Matthew 28:11-15

C. TRUTH PROCLAIMED

Matthew 28:5-6

1 Corinthians 15:20

II. DEATH CONQUERED

A. GAVE PREVIEW

John 11:43-44

Matthew 27:52-53

B. DEATH ABOLISHED

2 Timothy 1:10

John 11:25-26

III. EASTER'S PROMISE

A. RESURRECTION SHARED

1 Corinthians 15:21-22

1 Peter 1:3

B. RESURRECTION CATCH

Romans 6:5

Philippians 3:10-11

Colossians 1:21-23

C. ALL TOGETHER

1 Thessalonians 4:14-16