

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

#### 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 ..... 23  
 Weekly Budget ..... \$600.00

Bible Correspondence Courses and Home Bible Studies are  
 available upon request.

# 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 PM

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

April 22, 2018

Light not Darkness

John 8:12

## 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

“Nobody needs love more than those who don’t deserve it. If we wait for them to become lovable before we love them, we will wait around the rest of our lives. It’s precisely in being loved that they become loveable.”

–Louis Evely

## Weekly Memory Verse

Exodus 20:4-6, <sup>4</sup>“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

## Bible Quiz Time

Who was the father of Abram?

## Today’s Bible Passage

John 8:12, English Standard Version.

<sup>12</sup>Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

## Paul’s Portion

Apparently today is “Earth Day”. For those who are not in the know, “Earth Day” is an annual movement to promote changes in an effort to impact and improve the environment. The focus of Earth Day 2018 is working to reduce plastic pollution. Days such as “Earth Day,” which serve to place extra emphasis on this world, can cause mixed emotions for some Christians. It can be confusing to sing “This world is not my home” while at the same time advocating for measures to extend the life of this world. Some Christians have a hard time justifying passages such as Colossians 3:2, “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth,” with marching to end the use of plastic bags. It also seems to send a mixed message to cry out against the abuse of the world and then to read, “Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him,” (1 John 2:15). How do we rectify these apparent contradictory views? As with most supposed contradictions involving the Bible or the Christian walk a closer look clears up everything. God’s plan from the beginning was that we would take care of the Earth, “The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it.” (Genesis 2:15) Just because our dwelling space has expanded from the Garden of Eden to encompass practically the whole Earth has not changed the fact that God put the care of the Earth into our hands. Further, when scripture talks of not loving the Earth it is not meaning that we are not to love the Rain Forrest or the majestic Redwoods of California, or any of the other countless wonders that God has placed on this Earth. The things of the Earth that we are not to love are those things that man has devised or designed. However, we do need to be careful that we do not place too much importance on the Earth or any part of the Earth. We do not want to be found guilty of worshipping the created rather than the Creator, Romans 1:25. It is important to remember that no matter how marvelous the Lord made the Earth to be, (For our sake, I might add), it is still only a temporary dwelling place. Our true citizenship is in heaven, Philippians 3:20. As tenants here we do need to take proper care of our dwelling place as we prepare for our eternal home.

### 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.  
Our next fellowship meal and devotional will be

NEXT SUNDAY April 29.

Tuition for camp is due by May 15th to get the discount.  
Men's Retreat, May 18-19, Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp.  
We are planning on attending camp the week of June 17th.  
Ladies Retreat, June 8-9, Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Robin & Greg Tholen, And the entire Tholen and Mount clans on the birth of Nova Sky Tholen,

### Traveling

The Steed family will be returning home.

### Just For Fun

- Q. Which name of a book of the Bible contains an insect?  
A. Ti-moth-y.  
Q. Which name of a book of the Bible contains a fruit?  
A. Phi-lemon.

Quiz Answer: Terah, Genesis 11:27.

### Illness and Prayer Concerns continued

Life Issues: Banach family, Zach Slack

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.

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, need for further heart surgery, on 26th.

Samantha Estep, Gall bladder issues.

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.

Expecting: Nicole Mount

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

Light not Darkness  
John 8:12

I. WALK IN DARKNESS.

A. SOME CHOOSE TO.

John 3:19

1 John 2:11

B. NOT A CHANCE.

JOHN 8:12

C. FOLLOW THE LEADER.

1 John 1:7

II. DISPEL DARKNESS.

A. SEPARATION.

Genesis 1:4

B. NO DARKNESS.

John 12:46

1 John 1:5

C. DARKNESS TRIES.

Matthew 4:1

Matthew 27:45

John 1:5

D. LIGHT OF LIFE.

John 12:35-36