

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

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Birthdays in December

Eric Balon 12/17
Angel Balon 12/26
Faith Carpenter 12/28

Anniversaries in December

Re-Birthdays in December

Eric Balon 12/17/2012
Toni Mount 12/19/1971

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 20
Weekly Budget \$600.00

Bible Correspondence Courses and home Bible studies are available upon request.

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)

December 16, 2018

Extol

Psalm 117:1

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. If you have any questions about any aspect of our worship service, or the church of Christ in general, we would love to answer those questions for you.

Just A Thought

On the Lord's day a group of missionaries and believers in New Guinea were gathered together to observe the Lord's Supper. After one young man sat down, a missionary recognized that a sudden tremor had passed through the young man's body that indicated he was under a great nervous strain. Then in a moment all was quiet again. The missionary whispered, "What was it that troubled you?" "Ah," he said, "But the man who just came in killed and ate the body of my father. And now he has come in to remember the Lord with us. At first I didn't know whether I could endure it. But it is all right now. He is washed in the same precious blood." And so together they had Communion. It is a marvelous thing, the work of the Holy Spirit of God. Does the world know anything of this?

Weekly Memory Verse

Genesis 24:1, ¹Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things.

Bible Quiz Time

How old was Sarah at the time of her death?

Today's Bible Passage

Psalm 117:1 English Standard Version.

¹Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

Paul's Portion

There is an expression of which many are familiar; "The poor devil". This phrase is used to express sympathy to someone who has experienced some great trauma in their life. It seems like a poor choice of words. If the person is already going through some great traumatic event in their life why would you add insult to theme by associating them with the devil. This then begs the question of whether the person is deserving of our sympathy to begin with. Which brings us to a second question. Is the devil deserving of our sympathy? Here we have a creature who rebelled against God and the utopia that Heaven is. We have scriptures such as ¹⁵See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone. (1 Thessalonians 5:15) In this passage Paul is not really addressing the devil, rather he is dealing with Christians' relationships with one another and those outside the Church. The same could be said for, Matthew 5:44, ⁴⁴But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." There probably is not a worse enemy to Christians than the devil. Some might say, "What good would it due to pray for the Devil. There is no escaping the fate for the devil. No matter how many times you pray for the devil, and sympathize with him he is not going to change and he will not get a get out of Hell free card. One need to remember that it was for the devil and his angels that hell was created, Matthew 25:41. So, again the question is asked, "Should we have sympathy for the devil?" The answer to that question is, "Yes". We are to show sympathy to the devil and say "Poor devil." but not so much his sake as ours. As already mentioned we are to pray for those who persecute you. We also learn from Matthew 5:14&15 that if we want to know forgiveness we have to forgive. There is not an addendum to that passage that excludes the devil. I believe that when Jesus cried out "Forgive them for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34), He was referencing the soldiers and the religious leaders, but also the devil. It is obvious that the devil did not know what he was doing, or he never would have let Jesus be crucified. Therefore, we should say "poor devil" remembering that but for the grace of God there go we, and what does it cost us to show sympathy to our enemies including the devil.

Take Note

December's Bible reading schedule is available in the foyer. Latest copies of "Our Daily Bread," December -January-February, are available in the foyer. The next service in song will be January 6, 2019. The 2019 communion preparation sign up sheet is posted.

We extend our sympathy to:

Betty Mount on the passing of her cousin Alice Hoggatt.
Bob Mount on the passing of his cousin Anna May Pointer.
The Pfister family on the passing of Ruth Pfister.
Shirley Hicks and Sandra Sullivan in the passing of their beloved pet, Angel.

Just For Fun

Q: How did Mary & Joseph know Jesus was 7.4 lbs at birth?
A: Because they had a weigh in the manger.

Traveling

Carol Banach traveling home to MI today.
Glenn & Mary are in Florida.
Dennis & Colleen will be traveling to Alabama this week.

Bible Quiz Time Answer: 127 years old, Genesis 23:1.

Illness and Prayer Concerns continued

Life Issues: Banach family, Julia Parker, Zach Slack

Nursing home: Gaylord Valentine

Headaches/Migraines: Angel Balon, Dale Schraw

Stomach Issues: Katie Mount, Andrew Turner

Kidney issues: Glenn Bishop, Ben Back, Edward Michaelson

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

Illness and Prayer Concerns

Debbie Turner, health concerns.

Pat Back, knee trouble

Ginger Back, health issues.

Brittney Balon, burn on her arm

Dawn "Michelle" Crockett, brain tumor.

Mark Deleonardis, ulcers in esophagus.

Alena Batterton, sepsis

Carolyn Wood, kidney stones

Mona Greer, back pain and stomach pain.

Fay Lamb's cousin Herschel in poor health.

Mark Roland, recovering from procedure

Pauline Arledge, 2 light strokes & brain aneurysm

Butch Peelle, procedure to help tremors.

Bill Harris, possible Lou Gehrig disease.

Taylor Scarberry, ulcerative colitis.

Dana Mount, diabetes

Connie Whitmore, diabetes and cirrhosis of liver.

Clyde Wood, depression, back issues.

Charlene Wisecup, COPD and bouts of pneumonia.

Sam Covett, in hospice

MS: Susan Binkley, Linda Fleming

Gall bladder: Samantha Estep, Delores Dwelley (+pancreas)

Cardiac issues: Jr. Banks, William Brose, Steven Elliott,

Bob Fleming, Mary Lathram, Edward Michaelson, Bob Mount

Cancer in remission: Hayden Cummings, Cliff Kerns,

Keith Mayes, Dennis Mount, Karen Smith, Roger Turner

Cancer: Rick Bryan, Goebel Craft, John Dayton, Dottie Dysen,

Regina Feltner, Olivia Furbee, Matt Hall, Marilyn Heichelbech,

Mellissa Jenkins, Linda King, Kristen, Melissa Krumpus,

Vernon Lucas, Jenna Mount's grandma, Valerie Powers,

Mary Sampson, Diane Spruance, Shirley Thompson,

Dorothy Trent, Becky Tyree, Tom Wisecup

Extol
Psalm 117:1

I. EXPERIENCE the reason to extol

A. EXAMINE

Revelation 4:11

Romans 1:16

B. EXPLORE

Psalm 34:8

C. EXPECT

1 Corinthians 2:9

II. EXTENSIVE nature

A. EXPANSIVE

Psalm 117:1

B. EXTRAORDINARY

Revelation 4:8

C. EXCLUDE

Luke 18:10-12

Mark 7:8

Amos 5:21-22

III. EXECUTE the action

A. EXALT

Deuteronomy 4:35

B. EXULT

2 Samuel 6:14-16

Luke 19:37-40

C. EXPRESS

Colossians 3:16

Ephesians 5:19-20

1 Timothy 2:8