

Those serving	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Announcements	Paul Carpenter	Dennis Mount
Song Leader	Bob Mount	Bob Mount
Opening Prayer	Bob Mount	Paul Carpenter
Lord's Supper (Prayer)	Paul Carpenter	Bob Mount
Helper	TBD	TBD
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Closing Prayer	Paul Carpenter	Dennis Mount
Greeters	Paul & Angela	Dennis & Colleen
Prayer Room	Bob Mount	Paul Carpenter
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 24

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

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December 23, 2018

Greatest Gift

Isaiah 9:6

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

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

God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen! If you never thought a comma could be confusing, then think again! Shouldn't the comma in this song title come after "you" instead of "merry"? That would be true, except that sometimes words can change meanings over time. For example, "cool" used to mean "sorta cold" but now it can also mean "awesome" or even "unfriendly." Similarly, the word "rest" used to mean "keep" and "merry" is another way to say "joyful," so the title of this carol really means something like "Gentlemen, may God keep you all joyful."

www.jellytelly.com/blog/the-stories-behind-4-popular-christmas-carols

Weekly Memory Verse

Matthew 2:1-2, ¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, "Where is He who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw His star when it rose and have come to worship Him."

Bible Quiz Time

Where did the wise men find the baby Jesus?

Today's Bible Passage

Isaiah 9:6 English Standard Version.

⁶For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Paul's Portion

Do you know someone who does not like Christmas songs? Do you know someone who quickly is sick of Listening to Christmas songs? Consider that there is a definite difference between Christmas songs and Christmas carols. When people hear the term "Christmas song" they generally think of songs such as "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," "Frosty the Snowman," "Let It Snow," "Winter Wonderland," "Baby Its Cold Outside," and so forth. In contrast when one thinks of Christmas carols generally the songs that come to mind are "Silent Night," "Come All Ye Faithful," "O Holy Night," and so forth. While it can be argued that too much of Rudolph can turn one off of Christmas, and if you start singing "Let it Snow" in the middle of February you will probably get some dirty looks, the same should not be said about "Away in a Manger". Unfortunately, the carols have gotten lumped in with the songs, and so you rarely sing or hear them other than around Christmas. I reiterate, this should not be so. Christmas carols are not about a change in the weather, or a toy toting elf, or presents under a tree. Christmas carols are about the miracle of Jesus' birth. This is something of which we should sing all year long, even every day. Yes, there are literally thousands of hymns and worship songs that can be song to celebrate Jesus and His birth, but does that mean we ignore the great carols. In 1 Corinthians 14:15 Paul talked about singing with the Spirit and the mind. This is a pretty accurate reflection of Christmas carols. Christmas carols represent the spirit of Christmas, that is to say, the celebration of Jesus' birth. Christmas carols also represent the mind, for they often reveal a deep understanding of why Christ came. Further, Colossians 3:16 states that Christians are to teach and admonish one another with singing. This can be accomplished through the singing of Christmas carols. As mentioned earlier many carols offer a deep understanding of Christ, this understanding can be passed on through the singing of the carol. (One does have to be careful, however, for there are some errors contained in some carols) One might also mention Ephesians 5:19 which mentions making melody to the Lord in our heart. Many carols speak from the heart to the Lord in thankfulness and praise. Therefore, sing those carols loud and proud and often.

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 2019 communion preparation sign up sheet is posted.

The next service in song will be January 6, 2019.

The next fellowship meal will be January 27, 2019.

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.

Just For Fun

Question: What did Adam say to his wife on Christmas?

Answer: Its Christmas, Eve.

Traveling

Glenn & Mary are in Florida.

Dennis & Colleen will be traveling home today.

Bible Quiz Time Answer: A house in Bethlehem, Matthew 2:11.

Illness and Prayer Concerns continued

Life Issues: Banach family, Julia Parker, Zach Slack

Nursing home: Gaylord Valentine

MS: Susan Binkley, Linda Fleming

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

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.

Megan Knope, possible torn meniscus.

Sheila Thompson, diabetes related foot surgery

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.

Nicole Mount's grandma, Joann, in hospice

Jamie Stout, brain tumor

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

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

Greatest Gift
Isaiah 9:6

I. A CHILD

A. CHILD BORN

Colossians 1:16

Luke 2:4-7

Philippians 2:5-7

B. SON GIVEN

John 3:16

Romans 8:3

Romans 8:32

1 John 5:11

II. A RULER

A. BROAD SHOULDERS

Micah 5:2

Matthew 2:2

B. EARTH

John 12:31

John 16:11

Revelations 17:14

C. HEAVEN

Matthew 16:19

Matthew 28:18

1 Peter 3:21-22

Philippians 2:10

III. A SAVIOR

A. COUNSELOR

Colossians 2:3

Hebrews 4:15

John 3:1-2

B. MIGHTY GOD

Philippians 2:6

Colossians 1:15

Revelation 1:8

Hebrews 1:8

C. EVERLASTING FATHER

John 10:30, John 10:38

John 14:9-10

D. PRINCE OF PEACE

Ephesians 2:14

1 John 4:17-18

Philippians 3:20