

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

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Birthdays in December/January

Eric Balon 12/17 Glenn Brose 1/18
Angel Balon 12/26
Faith Carpenter 12/28

Anniversaries in December/January

Paul & Angela Carpenter 01/01

Re-Birthdays in December/January

Eric Balon 12/17/2012 Greg Tholen 1/05/2011
Toni Mount 12/19/1971

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday 9
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 30, 2018

An Open Door

Revelations 3:8

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

“As the old year retires and a new one is born, we commit into the hands of our Creator the happenings of the past year and ask for direction and guidance in the new one. May He grant us His grace, His tranquility and His wisdom!”

— Peggy Toney Horton, Does God Want Us to Be Happy

Weekly Memory Verse

Philippians 3:13-14, ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Bible Quiz Time

Who prophesied that the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call His name Immanuel?

Today's Bible Passage

Revelations 3:8, English Standard Version.

⁸I know your works. Behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut. I know that you have but little power, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.

Paul's Portion

My family is a family that believes in sharing. This past week, however, we shared something we would rather have not, influenza. Paul wrote in Romans 8:28, “... all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose.” Believing this to be true, I set out to see the good in my whole family being down with the flu, ah, it gave me a bulletin article. While my family suffered and recovered from the flu I could not help but notice the similarities the flu has with sin; allow me to illustrate. To begin, we notice that the flu, much like sin, does not discriminate. The flu bug hit everyone in the family, sin also will strike everyone, Romans 3:23. Also, the flu, much like sin, does not affect everyone the same. Even though each family member shared the basic symptoms of the flu, it hit each differently, one had worse body aches, one had worse cough, etc. Sin is going against God and in this aspect it hits everyone the same, but the finer details of sin are different for different people. While one person may struggle with the sin of lying, another may struggle with adultery, while another idolatry, etc. In like manner, there are medications to fight the flu, but some may work better for one person than another. My wife and daughter benefitted by pain relievers and decongestants, while I preferred a nighttime medication. With sin there is the basic cure of following God's command, but different approaches help better in different situations. (1 Corinthians 10:13). There are times when the best way to battle sin is to fall to one's knees in prayer, then there are times when the best defense is to dive into God's word, other times the cure for sin is the support of fellow Christians, etc. Another similarity to the flu and sin is preventability. If my family had made the time to get the shot we could have avoided the flu. John said he wrote, “So that you may not sin” (1 John 2:1). He obviously felt sin could be prevented. Finally, when my family realized we had the flu, because it is very contagious, we did all we could to ensure that we did not infect anyone else. One simply needs to look around at the world to see the contagious nature of sin. It is the duty of every Christian to do all in our power to curtail the contagion of sin. I close with a wish for you to avoid the flu, but if you are going to catch something, the flu is better than sin.

Take Note

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 next Sunday.
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

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisers.

Traveling

Glenn & Mary are in Florida.
Steed family will be heading back home.

Bible Quiz Time Answer: Isaiah, Isaiah 7:14..

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

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

Bob Fleming, Mary Lathram, Edward Michaelson, Bob Mount

General poor health: Charlie Balon, Earl Carpenter, Dylan,

Kay Gillis, Herschel Dennis Irwin, Cheryl Irwin,

Charlie Kessinger, Mike Lucas, Barbara Milner, Dorothy Pfister,

Terry Sochman, Pat Whitacre.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

Shirley Hicks, getting over illness

Bob Mount, fighting flu bug

Betty Mount, fighting flu bug

Carpenter family, getting over influenza

Mel Lamb, UTI and kidney stones

Debbie Turner, health concerns.

Pat Back, knee trouble

Ginger Back, health issues.

Megan Knope, possible torn meniscus.

Sheila Thompson, diabetes related foot surgery

Mark Deleonardis, ulcers in esophagus.

Alena Batterton, sepsis

Carolyn Wood, kidney stones

Mona Greer, back pain and stomach pain.

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

Brain Tumor: Dawn “Michelle” Crockett, Jamie Stout

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

An Open Door
Revelations 3:8

I. DOOR

A. PRIVACY

Matthew 6:6

B. PORTAL

Acts 5:17-19

Acts 12:6-11

Luke 13:24

II. THE OPPORTUNITY

A. STANDS OPEN

B. GOD OPENED

Acts 14:27

1 Corinthians 16:8-9

2 Corinthians 2:12

Colossians 4:3

C. CAN'T BE SHUT

Acts 5:38-39

III. THE ABILITY

A. LITTLE POWER.

Numbers 13:31-33

Matthew 17:14-16

2 Timothy 1:7

2 Corinthians 12:9

B. NOT OUR POWER

1 Corinthians 4:20

Ephesians 3:20

C. STAYING TRUE

2 Timothy 1:13

Matthew 24:13

John 10:7-9