

This Sunday, and next, there will be no regular service, thus no men in service duties.

Those serving	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Announcements		
Song Leader		
Opening Prayer		
Lord's Supper (Prayer)		
Helper	TBD	TBD
Helper	TBD	TBD
Closing Prayer		
Greeters		
Communion Preparation for April		Betty Mount

Birthdays in March/April

Toni Mount 3/14	Mary Brose 4/06
Betty Mount 3/15	Dennis Mount 4/10
Debbie Turner 3/19	

Anniversaries in March/April

Re-Birthdays in March/April

Angela Carpenter

Attendance Record

Attendance last Sunday (Virtual) 148
Weekly Budget \$600.00

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

Pearl Street church of Christ

330 Pearl Street, P.O. Box 380
Lynchburg, OH 45142
www.pearlstchurchofchrist.com
Facebook @ Pearl Street church of Christ

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)

March 29, 2020
Hand of the Lord
Acts 11:21

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 or 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

“The way of Jesus cannot be imposed or mapped — it requires an active participation in following Jesus as he leads us through sometimes strange and unfamiliar territory, in circumstances that become clear only in the hesitations and questionings, in the pauses and reflections where we engage in prayerful conversation with one another and with him.”

Eugene H. Peterson

Weekly Memory Verse

Genesis 6:5-6, ⁵The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ⁶And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart.

Bible Quiz Time

For how long did the two spies hide in the hills outside Jericho?

Today's Bible Passage

Acts 11:21, English Standard Version.

²¹And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.

Paul's Portion

Where is God? This is a question that is asked numerous times every day. More often than not this is a question that is posed during times of crisis, hardship, or trials. One can be certain that during the present coronavirus pandemic it is being asked all over the world, just as must assuredly it was asked during the “Spanish Flu” pandemic of 1918. It is not surprising to see that times such as these cause many to question, or even deny the existence of a God, especially one who is reported to be the epitome of love. Doubting the existence of God based on imperfection in this world is not a new practice. It is a tool atheists have used for centuries. One God doubter stated, “The fact that there are oncology wards for children is proof that there is no God.” This person felt sure that the suffering and death of children was adequate evidence for the denial of God. Again, this is not a new sentiment. Undoubtedly during the pandemic of 1918, since there were many children among the dead, many used this as a proof that there was no God. Those of faith look at these tragedies from a whole different angle. Those who believe in a benevolent, loving God use things such as pandemics, children oncology wards, and the like as proof of God's existence. One may well ask, “How can that be?” The answer is simple, instead of saying the existence of these things is proof of no God, believers say that the fact that there are not more oncology wards, or pandemics, or other horrendous things in the world is proof that there is a God. Imagine how messed up humanity would have made the world by now if there was no God to keep it all in check. One might also remember the words of Job to his wife, “Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?” Job 2:10. It is also interesting to look at the incident of the “Fall of man.” When God pronounced “judgment” on Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:16-19) they did not blame God saying it was all His fault for putting that tree in the Garden. They realized it was their own actions that brought about their hardships. Likewise today, a majority of things in this world that cause people to question the existence of God are the result of humanities actions, The bottom line is this, we need to stop blaming God for problems that we bring on ourselves, and instead praise Him for keeping those problems to a minimum.

Take Note

Our March “Fellowship meal” is cancelled.
Sign-up sheet for Communion preparation has been posted.
Men’s Retreat, May 15-16, at Fort Hill Cristian Youth Camp.
Since we will still not meet for congregational services next
Sunday we will not have our monthly “Service in Song”.

Condolences

Sympathies to Colleen Mount and family in the
passing of her uncle Don Marsh.

Just For Fun

If you use a Bible app, is it a phony Bible?

Bible Quiz Time Answer

Three days, Joshua 2:22.

Illness and Prayer Concerns Continued

Toni Mount, recovery from gum surgery.
Dennis Mount, cat scan
Clyde Stewart, bladder removal due to cancer.
Travis Hatch, surgery recovery.
Chad Credit, recovering from lung transplant.
Kelly Cavanaugh, recovering from accident.
Marilyn Hazlip, issues with her back, migraines.
Fay Lamb, sciatic nerve issues, foot in brace.
Ginger Back, diverticulitis
Susan Valentine, radiation therapy on knees.
Ralph, (Mary’s brother), recovering from surgery
Nate & Kendra Stice, desirous of prayers..
Cathy Sullivan, prayers..
Mona Greer, back pain and stomach pain.

Illness and Prayer Concerns

The world in these times of the coronavirus pandemic
Aletha Gilliland, in hospice.
Amber, complications with pregnancy
Carolyn Wood, various health issues.
Kendra Stice’s mother, having hallucinations.
Ryan Roth, stroke.
Vernon Lucas, aneurism
Paul Michaelson, prostate issues
Janie, transition back home after nursing home stay.
Norman Vincent, blood clots and other health issues.
Kody King, seizures and black outs.
Ryan Jones, cancer of the esophagus
Randy Wilkin, LAS
Alex Barber, recovery from brain surgery
Bob Bartell, more cancer found
Levi, 5 year old with brain tumor
General poor health: Charlie Balon, Earl Carpenter, Dylan,
Kay Gillis, Dennis Irwin, Cheryl Irwin, Charlie Kessinger,
Mike Lucas, Barbara Milner, Dorothy Pfister, Pat Whitacre,
Roger Turner
Gall bladder: Samantha Estep,
Knee Problems: Pat Back, Judy Mason, Debbie Turner
Stomach Issues: Katie Mount, Andrew Turner
Kidney issues: Ben Back, Edward Michaelson, Henry Stevens
Diabetes: Connie Whitmore
MS: Susan Binkley, Traci Faddis, Linda Fleming
Cardiac issues: Charlene Back, Jr. Banks, William Brose,
Tony DeLeonardis, Steven Elliott, Bob Fleming,
Mary Lathram, Dan Minton, Dave Minton, Bob Mount,
Robert Pack
Health Issues: Ginger Back, Debbie Turner, Braden Spagel
Life Issues: Roger Curtis

Hand of the Lord
Acts 11:21

I. BELIEVED

A. GREAT NUMBERS

Acts 1:1

Colossians 4:14

Luke 15:10

Acts 2:41

Acts 4:4

B. VARIED

Acts 11:19-20

C. THE GOSPEL

John 1:14

Luke 23:33

Luke 23:53

Luke 24:6

Hebrews 9:28

2 Corinthians 2:2

Galatians 1:6-7

Jude 1:3

II. TURNED

A. TO LORD

James 2:19

John 12:42

Matthew 3:8

Acts 26:20

2 Chronicles 7:14

B. FROM WORLD

1 John 2:15

Matthew 6:33

Colossians 3:5

C. FROM SELF

Matthew 16:24

Ephesians 4:22-24

III. HAND OF GOD

A. GAVE INCREASE

Joshua 2:24

B. CAN FEARFUL

Exodus 9:3

1 Samuel 5

Acts 13:11

Deuteronomy 2:15

C. CAN BE BLESSING.

Luke 1:66