

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – September 27, 2015

Front Door – Billy III and Lindsay Helton
 West Door – Carolyn Kilburn and Judy Vandiver
 East Door – Mark and Kristi Miller

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Reggie Holt

MORNING WORSHIP – September 27

OPENING PRAYER.....Biff Helton

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....Mark Miller and Jeremy Gargis

SERVE AT TABLE

Mark EvansDanny Tice
 Dustin Maggard.....JoJo Gieske
 Jeff Bass.....Doug Burns

USHERS

Kenneth Kidd, Jackie Keaton,
 Mike Purcell, Mack Evans, Tommy Lee

CLOSING PRAYER.....Scott Harris

If you cannot serve on Sunday morning, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920 or Ricky Smith at 244-5982.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – September 27

Ushers.....Jim Donnelly and Kenneth Kidd
 Front Door Greeters.....T.J. and Sammie Hughes
 Scripture Reading, Mark 6:53-56.....Joseph Miele
 Lead Prayer.....Randy Britton
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Thomas
 Communion & Contribution.....Scott Harris
If you cannot serve on Sunday evening, please call Eric Nutt at 242-3566 or Jeremy Gargis at 231-9557.

The elders ask that our Bible readings come from the King James or the New King James versions.

WEDNESDAY EVENING – September 30

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 28:16-19.....Jeff Smith
 Lead Prayer.....Olen Springer
 Closing Prayer.....Shane Hughes
If you cannot serve on Wednesday, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920.

VAN DRIVERS FOR September 27 and 30

Call the driver listed below if you won't be riding the van.

SUNDAY MORNING Scott Harris: 629-5994.

SUNDAY EVENING NO VAN RUNS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING Tim Hammond: 852-4832.

If you cannot drive the van, please contact Scott Harris at 629-5994.

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR September 27 and 30

Sunday Morning.....Jacob Cothren

Sunday Evening Service.....Darrin McKamey

Wednesday Evening.....Mark Miller

SERVING THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

Nursery Attendant.....Vangie Gieske
 Baptismal Clothes.....Carolyn Kilburn and Linda Markus

Auditorium Class Song Leader.....Joe Cook
 Sunday Morning Song Leader.....Eric Nutt
 Sunday Evening Song Leader.....Jeremy Gargis
 Wednesday Evening Song Leader.....Sam Boyd

Prepare Communion.....Denise Hughes
 Pick up Cups.....Dean Hughes and Nita Pinckley

September 9 and 13

Mid-Week Bible Study.....212
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....248
 Sunday Morning Worship.....368
 Sunday Evening Worship.....220
 Contribution (Budget \$9,069).....\$7,931.49
 (Average through August).....\$9,840.12

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 247 Pulaski Street
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SCHEDULE of SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes.....9:30 a.m.
 Sunday Morning Worship.....10:25 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.*
 Wednesday night.....7:00 p.m.
 (*Each 4th and 5th Sunday evening service is at 1 p.m.)

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

◆ On WDXE AM 1370 ◆ 12:45 p.m. ◆ Monday through Friday ◆
 The upcoming week of September 21 – September 25 will be hosted by the **CREWSTOWN** Church of Christ.

PANTRY LIST

instant potatoes/8 oz. pkg.
rice/1 lb. bag **crackers**/1 lb. box
macaroni & cheese/7.25 oz. box
quick oats/18 or 42 oz. **OR** boxes of individual packets
dried beans/1 lb. bag **ramen noodles**/3 oz. pkg.
 cans of: **tuna**/6 oz. **Vienna sausage**/5 oz. **salmon**/ 15 oz.
SpaghettiOs, ravioli, etc./15 oz. can
fruit or vegetable juice/46 oz. can or bottle
peanut butter/18 oz. jar **soup**/10.5 oz. can
canned vegetables/14.5 oz. can...
 (corn, green beans, peas, baked beans, pork & beans, etc.)
canned fruit/15 ¼ oz. (peach, pear, etc.)
canned meat/12-24 oz. (Spam, Treet, Chicken, etc.)
jelly, jam, or preserves/18-32 oz. jar

*Monetary contributions are always welcome!
 Make check payable to Pulaski Street Church of Christ,
 and please indicate "PANTRY" on the memo line.*

Thank you!

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Thicker Than Blood

During his earthly ministry, Jesus did some amazing things. Among the other miracles we could mention, Jesus made the lame to walk (John 5:1-17), the deaf to hear (Mark 7:31-37), and the blind to see (John 9). Jesus also made some authoritative claims and said some astonishing things. He didn't teach like all the other rabbis, and people noticed (Matt. 7:28-29). For these reasons, Jesus sometimes found Himself standing in front of large crowds who were mesmerized by what He was capable of doing and saying.

On one particular occasion, Jesus turned to face a huge crowd that had gathered around Him, and He said the following words: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple" (Luke 14:26). I wonder how many jaws dropped when He spoke these words. I wonder how many people scratched their heads in disbelief. I've found that things aren't much different today. Upon first hearing, these words have a way of stopping people in their tracks. What should we make of Jesus' teaching here? Why the use of such strong language?

Obviously, hating your family or hating yourself would contradict other passages of Scripture. For instance, in Ephesians 5:25-33, Paul tells husbands to love their wives. Furthermore, we are commanded by God to love our neighbors as we love ourselves (Matt. 22:39). So, if literally hating your family or hating yourself is not in view here, what is Jesus seeking to communicate in Luke 14:26?

Most people are aware of the old proverb that says "blood is thicker than water." The thought is that those relationships or loyalties that exist within a family trump those relationships or loyalties that exist between friends or acquaintances. In Luke 14:26, Jesus is essentially saying that there is, in fact, something that is thicker than blood. In Jesus' mind, one's relationship and loyalty to Him trumps all other relationships and loyalties on the face of this planet. In Luke 14:25-26, it would appear that what concerned Jesus the most wasn't the size of the crowd, but the level of commitment. By using such strong language, Jesus wants us to understand that following Him is a serious undertaking. It is one that has cost and may cost people those relationships that they cherish most deeply (Matt. 10:34-37).

Jacob Evans

ELDERS: Tim Hammond, 852-4832 Biff Helton, 242-8785 Bob Markus, 762-9779 Eric Nutt, 242-3566

Please speak with the elder chairman regarding anything you'd like for the elders to discuss or to arrange a time to meet with them.
 The elder chairman for *September and October of 2015* is **Eric Nutt**.

DEACONS: Shayne Adams Joe Cook Jacob Cothren Jim Donnelly Scott Harris Billy Helton III
 Reggie Holt Shane Hughes Mark Miller Brad Nielsen Olen Springer

MINISTERS: Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325

Jeremy Gargis, 231-9557

AGAPE COUNSELING OFFICE: 762-8502

OCTOBER 2015 - AUDITORIUM GREETERS LIST

Group 1 Jacy Haislip -- East Wing/Facilitator
Melissa Haislip -- East Outside Aisle
Theresa Brown -- East Center Aisle
Robert Morris -- West Center Aisle
Joe and Sandi Cook -- West Outside Aisle
Brittany Evans -- West Wing
Harley Pope -- Visitors

**Sunday,
October 4**

Group 6 Jackie and Beth Keaton -- East Wing/Facilitator
Penny Helton -- East Outside Aisle
Patrick Hughes -- East Center Aisle
Brandon and Mary Beth Snider -- West Center Aisle
Shane Hughes -- West Outside Aisle
J. Fred Johnston -- West Wing
Kathy and Emma Sisk -- Visitors

Group 2 Billy Helton, Sr -- East Wing/Facilitator
Brian Robertson -- East Outside Aisle
Troyce Spears -- East Center Aisle
Brent McKamey -- West Center Aisle
Jim Donnelly -- West Outside Aisle
Sammie Hughes -- West Wing
Hazel Violet -- Visitors

**Sunday,
October 11**

Group 7 Jack and Judy Butler -- East Wing/Facilitator
Kristi Miller -- East Outside Aisle
Tim Miller -- East Center Aisle
Dean Hughes -- West Center Aisle
Brad Nielsen -- West Outside Aisle
T.J. Hughes -- West Wing
Jeffrey Hughes -- Visitors



Group 3 Abigail McKamey -- East Wing/Facilitator
Wayne and Linda Snider -- East Outside Aisle
Zoe Morse -- East Center Aisle
Sam Boyd -- West Center Aisle
Billy Helton III -- West Outside Aisle
Darrell and Judy Maggard -- West Wing
Sharon Hendrix -- Visitors

Group 8 Allison McKamey -- East Wing/Facilitator
Joe Miele -- East Outside Aisle
Coy Green -- East Center Aisle
JoJo and Vangie Gieske -- West Center Aisle
Jeremy Gargis -- West Outside Aisle
Anna Fisher -- West Wing
Bob Markus -- Visitors

**Sunday,
October 18**

Group 4 Carolyn Kilburn -- East Wing/Facilitator
Amanda Maggard -- East Outside Aisle
Judy Vandiver -- East Center Aisle
Dustin Maggard -- West Center Aisle
Mark Miller -- West Outside Aisle
Doug Burns -- West Wing
Tammie Thomas -- Visitors

Group 9 Jerri Harris -- East Wing/Facilitator
Denise Hughes -- East Outside Aisle
James Weeks -- East Center Aisle
Chuck Richardson -- West Center Aisle
Scott Harris -- West Outside Aisle
Tim Hammond -- West Wing
Camry Harris -- Visitors

Group 5 Jeff and Christy Smith -- East Wing/Facilitator
Heather Hammond -- East Outside Aisle
Lindsay Helton -- East Center Aisle
Randy Britton -- West Center Aisle
Shayne Adams -- West Outside Aisle
Megan Shadrick -- West Wing
Jennifer Springer -- Visitors

**Sunday,
October 25**

Group 10 Maxine Anderson -- East Wing/Facilitator
Victoria Pope -- East Outside Aisle
Donna Gray -- East Center Aisle
Katie Gargis -- West Center Aisle
Biff Helton -- West Outside Aisle
Shelley Boyd -- West Wing
Shirley Evans -- Visitors

THANK YOU

To the Elders, congregation, and Billy Helton class,
Thanks so much for thinking of us when Dan died.
Thanks for the donation to the library in memory of him. Thanks so much for your prayers, cards, phone calls, and visits while I was in the hospital and nursing home. Your sympathy and get-well wishes meant so much to Martha and me. I hope to get enough strength to be back in church before long. Keep praying for us. We would appreciate that so much. We want to say a special thanks to Martha's sister, Jo Ann Smith, for all she did for us. She has been a blessing to us. It's a comfort to know we can count on each other through whatever life brings. We love all of you. Thanks. **Martha and Bob Belew**

Church family,
Thank you so much for the continued prayers for our family during the time of our illnesses and tests. Your cards, calls, texts, and prayers have been such a comfort to us all. I can't thank you enough for the support you have shown us. **Erin Serrett**

COMING SOON

Thursday, September 17: 20s and 30s Ladies' Devo, 6:30 p.m. at Michele Tice's house, 134 Brewer Lane, Ethridge, TN. Bring your favorite dish for the meal!

THIS Saturday, September 19 - UPCOMING EVENT!
Please check the bulletin board, e-mail, and announcement slides for some information of interest concerning an upcoming event.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

Wednesdays through October 14: 8 week church history study, 7 p.m., Fairview Church of Christ, Iron City, TN, w/ C. Wayne Kilpatrick.
Wednesdays through October 28: Fall Series, Southgate Church of Christ, Columbia, TN, 6:30 p.m. Various speakers.
September 19: Ladies' Bible Study/F'ship, Crewstown, 10-11:30 am.
September 19: Ladies' Day 2015 at East Main Church of Christ, Murfreesboro. Speaker is Donna Faughn. Reg.@8:15 a.m.
September 20: Friends and Family Day, Mt. Carmel Church of Christ, Athens, AL. Speaker Odis Duncan.
September 27: Homecoming, Lone Cedar Church of Christ, Florence, AL. Speakers Doug Jackson, Tim Grigsby.
November 10: Agape's 49th Annual Dinner. 6:30 p.m. An evening of Stories and Songs. Franklin Marriott Cool Springs.
December 4: 2015 FHU Benefit Dinner with Dr. Kent Brantly. Call (800)348-3481, ext. 607 or order online at www.fhu.edu/brantly

MEMORIALS

In lieu of flowers, a donation from Pulaski Street Church of Christ has been given to Shriner's Children's Hospital in memory of **TRESIA MCWHIRTER**, sister of **Frances Chaffin** and aunt of **Shelley Boyd, Nancy Reedy, and Melissa Rochelle**.

A donation has been given to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ Youth Group from **friends of Vickie and Jimmy Hagan** in memory of **CHRIS HAGAN**.

CAME FORWARD

On Sunday, September 13, **ROBBIE GUTHRIE** came forward asking for prayers. Robbie wants forgiveness, peace, and to be assured of her eternal life.

YOUTH NEWS

September 19th-20th – RUSH at FHU! We will be going over on Saturday morning like we have the past several years. You will need to bring money for three meals and whatever souvenirs you may want to buy. We will be leaving at 6:30 a.m. Saturday morning and should be back by about the time worship is letting out here on Sunday morning. Please keep us in your prayers this weekend!
September 20th – Soul Food Sunday! 7th grade and up. Shane and Denise Hughes will be hosting this. Make your plans to be there!
September 22nd – Tweens Activity! In the fellowship building from 3:45-5:00 p.m. Amanda Maggard is in charge.
September 30th - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. for a time of learning, worship, and edification!
October 4th - Combined Devo! Stay after the Sunday evening service devotional, fellowship, food and fun time!
October 14th - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. for a time of learning, worship, and edification!
October 15th – In-betweens Activity! This will take place in the FB from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Erin Evans is in charge.
October 18th – Soul Food Sunday! This is for the 7th-12th grades and is being hosted by Reggie and Pam Holt. Plan on it!
October 20th – Teens Activity! This will be the annual October Devo at the Heltons'! If you have been before, you know to expect a hauntingly good time! If you haven't, you don't want to miss this!
October 23rd – Tweens Activity! More details to come.

CLOSING IT OUT:

When I walked outside this morning (Monday) it was 44 degrees. It felt good! There are many things that this kind of weather makes me think of. One of them is football season. I really like the Crimson Tide, I find myself cheering for the Vols more and more every year (other than the third Saturday in October, anyway), and, even though they haven't given me a reason to be proud of late, I still like the Chicago Bears. Another thing that dropping temperatures makes me think about is deer hunting. While I don't go as much as I used to (kids change things), I still really enjoy it and look forward to it every year. But, the thing that comes to mind for me that may stand out above the rest as far as fall weather is concerned is soup. I love soup! Pretty much any kind there is, I like eating it.

The interesting thing about soup is that, like several other things, to me it is better the next day than when it is freshly made. All of the ingredients are given more time to mix together, and that makes it all the better, in my opinion. For that reason, when I make soup, I like to make way more than my family needs for one meal. That way I can simply put the pot back on the stove and enjoy an even better meal the next day (or maybe the next two or three days)!

Christians, both individually and as a group, are a little like soup, I think. As individuals, the more time we have, the more we are able to let our specific talents, our "flavor," take shape and be useful to the church. We don't master things at the point of baptism! It takes time for our "seasoning" to reach its potential.

Also, when it comes to Christians as a group, the more time that we spend together, the better we learn to play to each other's strengths. We each have some things that we are better at than others, and as we learn this we are able to allow ourselves, as the Body of Christ, to better serve those around us. Soup is fantastic. If you have any extra that you need to find something to do with, let me know. But the church is far better. And, just like soup, it gets better with time.

Until next time,

Jeremy

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

SUSIE DAVIS was scheduled to be discharged from Woodcrest on Thursday, September 17. She plans to alternate staying with each of her children for one week at a time to continue physical therapy on an outpatient basis. *c/o Herman and Patsy Partin, 1114 Brookmeade Drive, Nashville, TN 37204.*

ALENA DOWLEN has been diagnosed with the flu. Due to her pregnancy, she cannot take anti-flu medication. *322 Deller St., L'brg.* **JEFF DOWLEN** will be in a cast for six to eight weeks following a recent hand injury and surgery. *322 Deller Street, L'burg, TN 38464.*

JEWELL HENSON is in NHC Lawrenceburg, Rm. 109B, after a hospital stay last week during which she was treated for fluid around her heart. *374 Brink St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MICHAEL MASHBURN received good results from a recent scan; no cancer was detected. He will be having check-ups every six months now instead of every three months. *No address yet.*

TRAVIS MAYFIELD was scheduled for a cornea transplant at Vanderbilt UMC on Thursday, September 17. *4 N. Bradley Rd., L'brg.* **FRANCES PINCKLEY** was treated this past weekend at STRHS with three units of blood. She is doing some better. *405 Waldon Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

ERIN SERRETT got a good report from a recent colonoscopy; the polyp results were benign. *116 Guard Drive, L'burg, TN 38464.*

HUDSON SERRETT is improving after being sick with high fevers for the past week with what was probably a viral illness. *116 Guard Dr.* **HUNTER SERRETT** is scheduled for a follow-up cardiologist appointment on September 24 to receive a complete report from recent tests. *116 Guard Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

WAYNE SNIDER is recovering after having three heart stents placed last week at St. Thomas. The surgery went well, and the doctor was very pleased with the outcome. Wayne was in Rm. 646, continuing treatment for excess fluid, as of Tuesday, September 15. *703 Lloyd Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JESSE SPRINGER was taken to the ER on Sunday, September 13, after passing out at church. He was diagnosed with a UTI and a low heart rate. *416 Eighth St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JOHNNY ARROWOOD, brother of Wayne Arrowood, has been diagnosed with a recurrence of liver cancer. He has a consultation appointment on September 22 to set up radiation treatments. *743 Hunt Road, Lexington, NC 27292.*

JIM CALTON, father of **Darlene Dewberry**, was in Maury Regional Hospital, Rm. 352, as of Tuesday, September 15. He was admitted last week with pneumonia and sepsis. *175 N. Old Military Rd., Summertown, TN 38483.*

VELMA COTHREN, grandmother of **Jacob Cothren** and sister of **Frances Chaffin**, is home after a hospital stay with atrial fibrillation. *504 Virginia Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JIMMY HICKMAN, a member at Ethridge, was still in Maury Regional Hospital's ICU as of Tuesday, September 15. He was having difficulty being weaned off the ventilator. *2150 Betty Ave., L'burg, TN 38464.*

JOAN KITTRELL, sister-in-law of **Troyce Spears**, was still in Vanderbilt UMC as of Tuesday, September 15. *958 S. Cross Bridges Road, Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474.*

TONYA WOODHAM, niece of **Troyce Spears**, is continuing to have serious kidney problems and will be seeing a specialist as soon as possible. *121 Hwy. 20, Summertown, TN 38483.*

SYMPATHY

CORRECTION: We extend our Christian love and sympathy to **Walter and Ava Cantrell** on the death of **Ava's** aunt, **REBECCA REED**. A memorial was held on Wednesday, September 9, at Pettus Turnbo.