

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – December 13, 2015

Front Door – Olen and Diane Springer
 West Door – Jeremy and Katie Gargis
 East Door – Debbie Kidd and Vickie Hagan

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Reggie Holt

MORNING WORSHIP – December 13

OPENING PRAYER.....Sam Boyd

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....Lance Pope and Jeremy Gargis

SERVE AT TABLE

Austin Serrett.....Hunter Serrett
 Taylor Markus.....Jerren Gieske
 Gage Thigpen.....Kaleb Jeans

USHERS

Mason Rochelle, Peyton Sockwell, Maliq McDowell,
 Will Baxter, Cayden Hughes

CLOSING PRAYER.....Jim Donnelly

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – December 13

Ushers.....Jim Donnelly and Kenneth Kidd
 Front Door Greeters.....J. Fred and Barbara Johnston
 Scripture Reading, Mark 9:9-13.....Will Baxter
 Lead Prayer.....Brad Nielsen
 Closing Prayer.....Taylor Markus
 Communion & Contribution.....Joseph Cook
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 – December 16

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 30:22-26.....Danny Tice
 Lead Prayer.....Brent Thomas
 Closing Prayer.....Reggie Holt
If you cannot serve on Wednesday, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920.

VAN DRIVERS FOR December 13 and December 16

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

SUNDAY MORNING Tim Miller: 244-6113.
 SUNDAY EVENING Olen Springer: 762-6238.
 WEDNESDAY EVENING Steve Sisk: 931-215-3146.

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

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR December 13 and December 16

Sunday Morning.....Jacob Cothren
 Sunday Evening Service.....Darrin McKamey
 Wednesday Evening.....Mark Miller

SERVING THROUGHOUT DECEMBER

Nursery Attendant.....Kim Pope
 Baptismal Clothes.....Nita Pinckley and Mary Alice Tidwell

Auditorium Class Song Leader.....Joseph Cook
 Sunday Morning Song Leader.....Eric Nutt
 Sunday Evening Song Leader.....Jeremy Gargis
 Wednesday Evening Song Leader.....Billy Helton III

Prepare Communion.....Olen and Diane Springer
 Pick up Cups.....Gina Burns

November 25 and November 29

Mid-Week Bible Study.....184
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....226
 Sunday Morning Worship.....319
 Sunday Evening Worship.....175
 Contribution (Budget \$9,069).....\$13,409.76
 (Average through November).....\$9,762.68

Pulaski Street Church of Christ
 247 Pulaski Street
 Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

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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 December 7 – December 11 will be hosted by the GANDY 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!

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN
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Are You Open?

Sometimes I forget that it is a holiday and drive to the bank to deposit a needed check, only to see a sign on the door that reads "Closed." Frustrating.

On one summer night a few years ago, my wife and I were craving some Maggie Moo's Ice Cream. We made the thirty-minute trek from our home in Maryville to the nearest Maggie Moo's, only to see that the neon sign that read "Open" was not lit up. They were closed. Disappointing.

On one occasion, my gas light came on during a stretch of the interstate where exits were few and far between. As more and more mile markers swept by, I began to get nervous. When I came to the next exit, I got off and made my way to the nearest gas station. The sign on the door said, "We're Closed." Troubling.

Now, there is something that is far more frustrating, disappointing, and troubling than a closed bank, ice cream shop, or gas station, and that is a heart that is not open to God. What is the sign on the door of your heart saying to God? Open 24 hours? Closed?

As you are contemplating your honest response to this question, keep three things in mind: (1) God will not come into your heart uninvited (Rev. 3:20); (2) opening your heart up to God involves giving your entire life to God, not just one or two days a week (Rom. 6:5-14); (3) once the door closes on your life or Jesus returns, you will not be able to exchange a closed sign for an open one (Luke 13:22-29).

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 November and December of 2015 is **Tim Hammond**.

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

JANUARY 2016 - AUDITORIUM GREETERS LIST

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

**Sunday,
January 3**

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

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

**Sunday,
January 10**

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

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

**Sunday,
January 17**

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

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

**Sunday,
January 24**

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

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

**Sunday,
January 31**

Group 10 Shelley Boyd -- East Wing/Facilitator
Shirley Evans -- East Outside Aisle
Maxine Anderson -- East Center Aisle
Will Baxter -- West Center Aisle
Donna Gray -- West Outside Aisle
Katie Gargis -- West Wing
Amanda Brown -- Visitors

COMING SOON

PLEASE NOTE: *The 20s and 30s Ladies' Devo is scheduled for Thursday, December 3, and NOT Saturday, December 5!*

December 3: 20s and 30s Ladies' Devo, Denise Hughes' house, 44 Beuerlein Lane, Lawrenceburg. 6:30pm. Bring a new pair of fun and crazy Christmas socks filled with inexpensive treats for a gift exchange game!

December 6: Combined Devo, FB, following the p.m. service.

December 6: Care Group 1, SW corner classroom, following the p.m. service.

December 9: Songs Class, 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

December 12: Annual 20s and 30s Tacky Christmas Sweater/Attire Party. 6 p.m. at Joe and Sandi Cook's house, 1128 Austin Circle, Lawrenceburg. Please bring a finger food or dessert and a \$10-\$15 gift for a great game of Dirty Santa.

Sunday, December 13:

Please see the bulletin board, e-mails, and overhead slides for information of interest about an upcoming event.

December 13: Care Group 2, SW corner classroom, following the p.m. service.

December 14: Annual Ornament Swap! 6:30 p.m. at Jennette Sockwell's house. 94 Beuerlein Lane, L'burg. Bring a finger food to share and a \$5 ornament to swap.

December 20: Wellness Class,

5 p.m. in the church office. Nancy Reedy.

December 20: Care Group 3, SW corner classroom, following the p.m. service.

December 21: Widows' Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. at Hardee's.

December 25: Community Christmas Breakfast, 9 – 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. If you plan to attend, please call the church office. If you'd like to help, please see the sign-up sheets in the foyer!

December 27: 4th Sunday, 1 p.m. Song Service.

December 27: Care Group 4, SW corner classroom, following the p.m. service.



AREA OPPORTUNITIES

December 4: 2015 FHU Benefit Dinner with Dr. Kent Brantly. Call (800)348-3481, ext. 607, or order online at www.fhu.edu/brantly

December 5: 8th Annual Men's Day at Leoma Church of Christ. Speaker Dave Miller. "The Silencing of God in America."

December 13: Law-Co Churches of Christ Singing, Salem, 2 p.m.

December 19: Ladies' Bible Study Fellowship, Crewstown. 10-11:30 a.m.

SPANISH TRANSLATOR, ANYONE?

Latin American missionary Ever Gallo, who preaches at the Monterrey church in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, will be sending his missionary report – written in Spanish – each month to our elders. If you have the ability to translate the report into English and are willing to donate your time to do this each month, please let one of the elders know.

VAN RIDERS and DRIVERS

If you need to RIDE THE VAN to church services, please call the office at 762-5161, or call Scott Harris at 629-5994. Also, VAN DRIVERS are needed. If you would be willing to drive the van, please call Scott Harris at 629-5994.

YOUTH NEWS

December 5th – Teens Christmas Party! This will be at Jeremy and Katie's house. **POSTPONED! Watch for a later date!** Devotional, supper, and a \$10 gift that you wouldn't mind taking home for yourself; we will be playing derelict Santa.

December 6th – Combined Devo! Stay after the Sunday p.m. service for devotional time, fellowship, food, and fun! Special thanks to Sandy Adams for organizing the food for this!

December 9th - Songs Class! Please join us for a time of learning, worship, and edification.

December 19th – Tweens and In-betweeners Christmas Party!

December 20th – Lads to Leaders Training! 4 p.m.

December 20th – Soul Food Sunday! Andy and Katie Lee are organizing this event, which is for the 7th-12th grades. Make your plans to be there!

December 21st – ICE! For those that want to carpool over, we will meet in the parking lot at 3:30 p.m. to depart for Nashville. Your supper at McDonald's, should you choose to join us there, will be paid for. Those attending will be responsible for covering the cost of entrance to the ICE exhibit.

Closing it out:

Many times during a bible class or sermon, the person leading the class or preaching will give the definition of a specific word. It may go something like this: "According to Merriam-Webster, the definition of paragon is 'a person or thing that is perfect or excellent in some way and should be considered a model, or example, to be copied.'" Dictionaries can be useful when explaining concepts found in scripture to give a deeper definition of a word or phrase.

While I have, on many occasions, looked up definitions of words for Bible classes and for preaching purposes, I have never thought to look the definition of the word "definition." So, what, according to Merriam-Webster, is the definition of definition? Well, here are three of the results that are offered: 1) an explanation of the meaning of a word, phrase, etc.; a statement that defines a word, phrase, etc. 2) a statement that describes what something is; a statement expressing the essential nature of something; 3) a clear or perfect example of a person or thing. The second option proposed is one that I want us to think about briefly. "A statement that describes what something is." That is an idea that I suggest we should think about in regards to at least three aspects of our lives.

First, what defines me within my family? Am I the kind of parent, child, or sibling that I should be? Are there areas where I need improvement so that my family could function more properly?

Second, what defines us as a congregation of God's people at Pulaski Street? Do we have a good reputation in this community? Are there things that we/I can do to improve it?

Third, what defines me as a Christian? Do my actions and desires support my claims? When others think of me, do they consider me to be a person that is trying to live like Jesus?

What defines us should be very important to us! If what we perceive others to think about us isn't what we would like it to be, then we should make the necessary changes!

So, let's ask ourselves the question one more time; what defines us?

Until next time,

Jeremy

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

BOB BELEW was doing about the same as of Tuesday, December 1. He and Martha both continue to battle chronic illnesses. 805 Daniel Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

MARTHA BRITTON is scheduled for a lumpectomy on Monday, December 7. This will be an outpatient procedure, and she expects to return home that day. Following her recovery, she will be seeing an oncologist to determine further treatment. 365 Chicken Creek Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.

JAMI DIXON had an appointment on Tuesday, December 1, with an orthopedic surgeon to determine further treatment for a torn meniscus. No report by print time. 701 Fifth Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

MACK EVANS has been battling severe vertigo for the last couple of weeks. 1265 E. Gaines, L'burg, TN 38464.

BRIDGETT PEDIGO GRAY continues to battle cancer. 822 Windsor Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

DONNA GRAY has been undergoing epidural injections to treat pain caused by spinal disc problems. Unfortunately, the treatment has been unsuccessful to this point. 15 Chief Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN.

ROBBIE GUTHRIE is very tired as she continues to recover from the removal of her thyroid gland. Her most recent blood work looks good. She was scheduled for scans on Wednesday, December 2. 1804 Jean Street, L'burg, TN.

ANGELENA STEWART is being treated for fluid retention and was scheduled for tests related to this treatment on Wednesday, December 2, at STRHS (Crockett). 823 Mahr Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

DEBBIE DELOACH, sister-in-law of Shirley Evans, is now scheduled to be admitted to Vanderbilt UMC on Monday, December 7, to explore treatment possibilities to improve her kidney function. P.O. Box 11716, Jackson, TN 38308.

MELISSA HINE, mother of Sheana Rochelle, has improved. She has an appointment on Wednesday, December 9, with her doctor. 3410 Gimlet Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ETHAN SMITH, son of Nora Smith and cousin of Jenifer Hughes, is recovering well after recent ear surgery. 1011 Maple Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

From 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. on Friday, December 25, 2015, a **breakfast buffet** will be served at Pulaski Street's Fellowship Building. **Everyone is welcome, and you won't need a penny to eat!** We want to make sure no one in our community misses out on a delicious breakfast or spends Christmas morning alone.

If you plan to attend, please call the church office at 762-5161, and let one of the secretaries know how many will be in your party. This will give us an idea of how much food to prepare.

If you'd like to **help provide this breakfast**, please see the sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the foyer!

