

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – April 24, 2016

Front Door – Tommy and Patsy Lee
 West Door – Andy and Katie Lee
 East Door – Shayne and Sandy Adams

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....James Weeks

MORNING WORSHIP – April 24

OPENING PRAYER.....Sam Boyd

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....Jim Donnelly and Jeremy Gargis

SERVE AT TABLE

Lance Pope.....Will Baxter
 Austin Serrett.....Hunter Serrett
 Kaleb Jeans.....Gage Thigpen

USHERS

Jerren Gieske, Taylor Markus,
 Harley Pope, Bobby Hendrix

CLOSING PRAYER.....Tommy Lee

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – April 24

Ushers.....Joe Cook and Reggie Holt
 Front Door Greeters.....Randy and Martha Britton
 Scripture Reading, Mark 12:18-27.....Andy Lee
 Lead Prayer.....Shane Hughes
 Closing Prayer.....Joe Cook
 Communion & Contribution.....Shane Hughes
*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 Version, the New King James Version, or the English Standard Version.

WEDNESDAY EVENING – April 27, 2016

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 37:1-7.....Kenneth Kidd
 Lead Prayer.....Danny Tice
 Closing Prayer.....Mike Keill
If you cannot serve on Wednesday, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920.

VAN DRIVERS FOR April 24 and 27

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

SUNDAY MORNING Scott Harris: 629-5994.
 SUNDAY EVENING, 1 PM SERVICE NO VAN RUNS.
 WEDNESDAY EVENING Reggie Holt: 629-8920.

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

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR April 24 and 27

SUNDAY MORNING.....Jacob Cothren
 SUNDAY EVENING.....Darrin McKamey
 WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Mark Miller

SERVING THROUGHOUT APRIL

Baptismal Clothes.....Gina Burns and Shirley Evans

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

Prepare Communion.....Tony and Pam Allen
 Pick Up Cups.....JoJo and Vangie Gieske

April 6 and April 10

Mid-Week Bible Study.....180
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....268
 Sunday Morning Worship.....385
 Sunday Evening Worship.....226
 Contribution (Budget \$9,661).....\$9,932.94
 (Average through March).....\$9,407.28

Pulaski Street Church of Christ
 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/FM 102.5 ◆ 12:45 p.m. ◆ Monday – Friday ◆
 The upcoming week of April 18 – April 22 will be hosted
 by the **PULASKI STREET** 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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What Faith is Not

It is often helpful to discuss what something is not in order to clarify our thinking about what something is. From a careful study of John's Gospel, our understanding of faith can be enriched by considering the following four things that faith is not. For rhetorical effect, I have deliberately chosen to use a figure of speech known as "litotes," i.e. an ironical understatement in which an affirmative is expressed by the negative of its contrary.

Faith is not indefensible. The stated purpose of John's Gospel is to engender faith in Jesus Christ (John 20:30-31). John's means of encouraging such faith among people was selecting and recording certain "signs." In other words, the "signs" that John recorded were intended to serve as the basis or grounds for a person's faith in Jesus. John did not expect people to believe in Jesus without any reason for doing so. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, people could likewise point to the "signs" as a way of defending their faith in Jesus. Faith is not a blind leap into the dark (cf. Heb. 11:1).

Faith is not invariable. In John 2:23-24, John makes an interesting observation: "Now when [Jesus] was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people." In other words, the people believed in Jesus, but Jesus did not believe in them. Why? Evidently, the people possessed a superficial faith. While their faith was better than no faith at all, it fell short of what Jesus desired. John's observation forces us to view faith as something that exists along a continuum between shallow and deep.

Faith is not insubordinate. Though a translational issue does exist in John 3:36 (see NKJV), the ESV arguably reflects the better rendering: "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him." Faith and obedience belong together. To believe in Jesus is to obey Jesus; to obey Jesus is to believe in Jesus. To be disobedient is to be unbelieving so as to incur the wrath of God. John's Gospel destroys the notion that faith is exclusively cognitive (cf. John 12:44-50).

Faith is not indestructible. In John 6:66, we read, "After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked in him." While we may question the level of faith that these "disciples" had, the fact remains that they abandoned whatever measure of faith they did have. The same could be said of the Jews in John 8. They went from believing in Jesus (vs. 31) to picking up stones to throw at Jesus (vs. 59). According to John's Gospel, faith can regress and even die.

How might the foregoing thoughts about faith or believing in Jesus inform one's interpretation of John 3:16?

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 the elders to discuss or to arrange a time to meet with them.
 The elder chairman for March and April of 2016 is **Bob Markus**.

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

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the concern shown for me after my surgery. I'm so blessed to have such a wonderful church family. God bless you all, and thanks so much. **Pam Purcell**

Thanks to all for all the support, help, and, most of all, the prayers. **Kim Rose**

Thank you to all my brothers and sisters at Pulaski Street for being with me when I need you. You all are wonderful people, and I love each one of you. May God bless you in every way. Just don't forget our Father above who looks after us every minute of the day and night. Thanks again for each of you. **Angelena Stewart**

To the Elders,

I want to thank you for the prayers and concerns that you manifested toward me when I was ill for several months. Besides those prayers, I really felt supported for the time that I was allowed to minister to the church and those in the community. I think I am well now. I have been able to return to doing the things that I was used to doing in my life. I am not going to return to counseling. I feel it is time to retire from those endeavors. Again, thank you for your overall kind consideration for me and my family, and may God continue to bless your work and Pulaski Street. In God's love, **David W. Amonette**, MSW, LCSW

COMING SOON

THIS SATURDAY, April 16: UPCOMING EVENT in the FB. 10 a.m. until noon. Please see the bulletin board and the overhead announcements. 📢

April 18: Widows' Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. at Hardee's.

April 19: Dorcas Sewing, 10-3 in the FB.

April 23: UPCOMING EVENT in the FB. 10 a.m. until noon. Please see the bulletin board and the overhead announcements. 📢

April 24: COMING HOME Sunday!

Please invite your friends, relatives, and neighbors to join us.

We will have a fellowship meal following the morning worship.

We will then have a 1 p.m. song service.

Please bring plenty of food for your own family and enough to share with our guests on this special occasion.



April 27: Songs Class, 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

May 1: Combined Devo in the FB following p.m. service.

May 15: Senior Night in the FB following the p.m. service.

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **EVERLY KOLESAR**, the two-year-old daughter of **Brandon and Cassie (Sisk) Kolesar**. She was the granddaughter of **Steve and Kathy Sisk**, the great granddaughter of **Bill and Barbara Sisk**, and the niece of **Zoe Morse and Emma Sisk**. The funeral was held on Tuesday, April 12, in Lawrenceburg, TN.



We extend our Christian love and sympathy to **Polly Gray** on the death of her brother, **WAYMON GREEN**. The funeral was held on Saturday, April 9, in Lawrenceburg, TN.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **KENNETH BUTLER**. He was the father-in-law of **Randy Cole**, who is **Mary Alice Tidwell's** brother. He was a longtime employee at Murray Ohio Mfg. The funeral is scheduled for Friday, April 15, at 1 p.m. at Shackelford Funeral Home in Collinwood, TN.

O the precious name of Jesus!
How it thrills our souls with joy,
When His loving arms receive us,
And His songs our tongues employ!
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;
Precious name, O how sweet!
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n.

Baxter, Doane

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

April 15-16: GLOW. For 6-12th grade girls. Killen Church of Christ.

April 22: Friday night singing. East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. 7 p.m. Refreshments to follow.

April 23: Ladies' Day. Charlotte Heights church of Christ, Nashville.

April 24: Faith, Family, Friends Day. Columbia Ave. Church of Christ, Centerville, TN. Speaker Deltric McCullough.

April 24-26: Spring Gospel Meeting. Gandy Church of Christ. Speaker Willie Hamblen.

April 30: 2nd Annual Men's Day, Wayne Furnace Church of Christ, Waynesboro, TN. Speaker John Kachelman.

April 30: Ladies' Day. East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro. Speaker Lori Boyd.

June 24-26: 5th Annual Southeastern Soul Saving Seminar, Adamsville church of Christ, Adamsville, AL.

YOUTH NEWS

April 17th – Soul Food Sunday! This event is for the 7th-12th grades and will take place at the home of Joe and Sandi Cook. Head over to their house after the evening service, and plan on having a great time!

April 18th – Tween Activity! Emily Nielsen will be in charge of this event which will take place in the fellowship building from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

April 23rd – In-between Activity! This will take place at the home of Shayne and Sandy Adams and will last from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Weather permitting, it will be a field day-type activity with lots of outside games and competitions. If it rains, the location will remain the same, and inside games will be played. There will be a devotional and dinner following the games. This is sure to be a great time! Plan on it!

April 27th - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. for a time of learning, worship, and edification!

May 1st – Combined Devotional! Stay after the evening worship service for a time of devotional, fellowship, food, and fun! This, as always, will take place in the fellowship building. At this month's devo, we will also be recognizing our Lads to Leaders participants, so please invite any family members or friends who may want to be there for that! Pizza will be provided, but please bring chips, drinks, and desserts.

May 15th – Senior Night! Please stay after the evening worship service for a time to show honor and love to those who have made it to graduation! There will be an area designated for gifts for each senior, should you choose to give them a little something (or a big something...ha!).

Closing it out:

I really enjoy leading the Pew Packers class here at Pulaski Street! There are some evenings when the kids get so into their singing that it leaves me in an unquenchable good mood for days! I love to see their smiles. I love to hear their voices. I love to see them light up when we start singing their favorite songs. It is just a really good thing!

Perhaps one of the hardest songs for them to master (because of the hand motions associated with it) is the one that goes like this: "I'm all wrapped up, I'm all tied up, I'm all tangled up in Jesus...". Little ones with developing motor skills sometimes struggle getting all the motions right and in the right order. Let's just be honest; some of us with fully developed motor skills struggle with it, especially since the song speeds up as it is repeated!

It is a fun song to sing, though, with a fantastic sentiment. That sentiment is perhaps what makes it the hardest song for us to live out as maturing Christians. It can be easy to get wrapped up in the schedules that we have. At times, we can't avoid being tied up in meetings or classes. The struggles and temptations that we face can certainly get us tangled up. But this song states that those adjectives apply to our walk with God the Father, and God the Son. At the point that I really consider the message of this song, a provoking question comes to my mind (and hopefully we will all ask this of ourselves): Am I more wrapped up, tied up, and tangled up with my faith, or with the peripherals of life?

"Seek first the Kingdom..." – Matthew 6:33

Until next time...**Jeremy**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

RANDY BRITTON was transported to Maury Regional Hospital by ambulance on Tuesday, April 12, with chest pain. *365 Chicken Creek Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.*

KIMBERLY HENDRIX is scheduled to have a biopsy on Wednesday, April 20, in Columbia and is scheduled to have surgery on May 26. *293 Napier Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

RUDIE JEANE HOOD fell this past Friday, April 8. Thankfully, no bones were broken, and she is back at home recovering. *979 Paige Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MICHAEL MASHBURN received a great report from last week's guided needle biopsy; we are thankful to report that it was 100% clear. *314 Deller Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JANET PINCKLEY MORROW is home and recovering after having heart surgery at Vanderbilt UMC on Monday, April 11. The procedure went well, and she is doing well. *602 Fall River Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MARLENE SWAIN was still hospitalized at Centennial as of Tuesday, April 12, after recent aortic valve replacement and heart bypass surgeries. She will be going to a rehab facility in Nashville when she is able. *17 Delana Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN.*

BOBBY BIVENS, brother of **Carol Davenport**, battled cancer less than a year ago. Unfortunately, the cancer has returned and is in several organs. Further treatment is not an option. *840 Gaither Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JUDY BRYANT, daughter of **Ruth Bryant**, has been hospitalized twice recently with stomach problems. She is at home, but is continuing to suffer illness. She has a follow-up appointment on April 18.

KIRCEY CAMPBELL, two-month-old daughter of **Frank and Brittany Campbell**, was hospitalized this week with RSV but doing better as of Tuesday, April 12. Kircey is the granddaughter of **Beth Campbell** and the great granddaughter of **Willodean Campbell**. Cards may be sent to Kircey's family at *1606 Collins Hollow Rd., Lewisburg, TN 37091.*

ELLI CREECY, a 4-year-old Lawrenceburg girl, is recovering from surgery to have a cancerous tumor and one kidney removed. *150 Crews Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

EVELYN GLASS is the mother of **Emily Fife** who has attended services here from time to time. Emily has requested prayers for her mother.

JUNIOR GLASS, father of **Ricky Glass**, is undergoing radiation treatments for seven small tumors on his brain. *2795 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KAREN DUNN, daughter of **Coy Green** and sister of **Jeanette Green**, was taken back to the hospital last week with severe stomach pain after recent gallbladder surgery. As of Tuesday, April 12, she was still having pain, still hospitalized, and having tests. *14436 Hillndale Way, Poway, CA 92064.*

KELLI RODGERS, a junior at LCHS, has been transferred to the Shepherd Center in Atlanta, GA to continue recovery from injuries she suffered in a recent car accident.

REGINA ROSE, mother of **Megan Shadrick**, has been diagnosed with stage 3 or 4 mucinous ovarian cancer. The lining of her stomach and other organs are also affected by this. This type of cancer does not respond to chemotherapy, so she will be undergoing numerous surgeries. *168 South Oak Park Drive, Lexington, AL 35648.*

ROBERT ROSE, grandfather of **Hunter Rose** (the little boy who is in need of a kidney transplant), was also injured in the Roses' recent car accident. He has a broken arm, lacerations, and other injuries. *3911 Waynesboro Hwy., Lawrenceburg TN 38464.*

Please continue to remember:

Bob and Martha Belew, Tyson Grooms, Connie Powell, Colleen Jaco, Nan Yeager, and others who have been recently mentioned.