

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – April 10, 2016

Front Door – Debbie Kidd and Vickie Hagan
 West Door – James and Betty Weeks
 East Door – David and Charlotte Grooms

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Robert Bailey

MORNING WORSHIP – April 10

OPENING PRAYER.....Alex Heffington

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....Charlie Holt and Billy Helton

SERVE AT TABLE

Ronnie Thigpen.....Robert Morris
 Chuck Richardson.....Ray Ezell
 Darrell Snider.....T.J. Hughes

USHERS

Jay Dewberry, Danny Cockrell,
 Jack Butler, Coy Green

CLOSING PRAYER.....Tim Hammond

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – April 10

Ushers..... Brad Nielsen and Olen Springer
 Front Door Greeters.....Bob and Linda Markus
 Scripture Reading, Mark 12:1-12.....Patrick Hughes
 Lead Prayer.....Sam Boyd
 Closing Prayer.....Jacob Cothren
 Communion & Contribution.....Reggie Holt
*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 13, 2016

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 36:8-13.....Joe Cook
 Lead Prayer.....Jim Donnelly
 Closing Prayer.....Brent McKamey
If you cannot serve on Wednesday, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920.

VAN DRIVERS FOR April 10 and 13

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

SUNDAY MORNING Joe Gambrell: 931-982-9566.
 SUNDAY EVENING Olen Springer: 762-6238.
 WEDNESDAY EVENING Tim Hammond: 852-4832.

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

PROJECTOR OPERATORS FOR April 10 and 13

SUNDAY MORNING.....Darrin McKamey
 SUNDAY EVENING.....Shayne Adams
 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

March 23 and March 27

Mid-Week Bible Study.....194
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....193
 Sunday Morning Worship.....353
 Sunday Evening Worship.....95
 Contribution (Budget \$9,661).....\$7,729.43
 (Average through February).....\$9,353.50

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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/FM 102.5 ◆ 12:45 p.m. ◆ Monday – Friday ◆
 The upcoming week of April 4 – April 8 will be hosted
 by the **LEOMA** 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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MORALISTIC THERAPEUTIC DEISM

The daunting title to this article is a term that was coined in the book *Soul Searching: The Religious and Spiritual Lives of American Teenagers* (2005) by sociologists Christian Smith and Melinda Lundquist Denton as a way of summarizing the dominant religion among contemporary teenagers in the United States. The authors believe that “a significant part of ‘Christianity’ in the United States is actually only tenuously connected to the actual historical Christian tradition, but has rather substantially morphed into Christianity’s misbegotten step-cousin, Christian Moralistic Therapeutic Deism.” Based upon my own observations, I would argue that many adults, not just teenagers, have imbibed the basic tenets of Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (MTD). So, what are those tenets, and how do they measure up to Scripture?

The word *moralistic* captures the idea that God simply calls human beings to be good, moral people. Being a good, moral person is essentially defined as being a nice person, and being a nice person is considered to be the key to enjoying life and going to heaven. Though God does expect His people to be kind and respectful, the problem here with MTD is that it supplants the gospel of grace with a meritorious system of salvation. In other words, MTD involves the belief that all one has to do in order to go to heaven is to be a decent human being. Such a mindset overestimates the value of one’s good deeds (Rom. 3:21; Eph. 2:8-9; Titus 3:5a) and underestimates the destructive power of sin (Isa. 59:1-2; Rom. 3:23; 6:23). Ultimately, MTD not only makes a mockery of the gracious and vicarious sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Rom. 3:24; 5:6-10; 2 Cor. 5:21; Titus 3:5b-7), but it also leaves the impression that being a disciple of Jesus has nothing to do with being “a living sacrifice” (Rom. 12:1-2; cf. Luke 9:23).

The word *therapeutic* highlights the temporal goal of MTD, namely, to provide helpful benefits to people so that they can feel good about themselves, happy about their circumstances, and safe from threatening forces. This pseudo-Christian religion knows nothing of loving others through service, repenting of sin, and persevering through suffering; it is all about attaining subjective well-being or a high self-esteem. Simply put, MTD promotes personal fulfillment, comfort, and security. Conversely, the NT makes it clear that God is more interested in a person’s faith than his or her comfort (Rom. 5:1-5; 1 Pet. 1:6-7). This is not to say that God does not want His people to be joyful, but such joy is to be found in submission to God, self-denial, sacrificial service to others, and even suffering (Matt. 5:3-12; James 1:2-4). None of this is on the radar of MTD.

The word *deism* is employed to portray the God of MTD, one who exists, created the world, and establishes our general moral order, but not one who is personally involved in our affairs unless we call on Him to fix a problem or provide us with something. In other words, God is viewed as nothing more than a Heavenly Butler, a Celestial Counselor, or a Sycophantic Genie. We don’t exist to serve God; God exists to serve us. Nothing, of course, could be further from the truth. MTD not only distorts the nature of the relationship that God desires with those He has created (2 Cor. 6:16—7:1; Heb. 8:10), but it also conveniently misconstrues just how interested God is in the affairs of human beings (Eccles. 12:14; Matt. 10:30; Rom. 2:16; 2 Cor. 5:10; Heb. 4:13).

Adam Ford, an online Christian comic writer, provocatively summarizes my own conclusions about MTD: “[It] is a false religion created by and for members of the most rich, catered, defensive, politically-correct, over-protected, over-nurtured, over-fed society the world has ever known, and the fact that it uses the name Jesus and various select Christian buzzwords allows it to be passed off as Christianity.” Is it possible that you have subscribed to this so-called “version” of Christianity? Do you, perhaps, know someone who has? It’s high time that we be honest with ourselves and get real with others.

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

APRIL 2016 - AUDITORIUM GREETERS LIST

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

**Sunday,
April 3**

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

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

**Sunday,
April 10**

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

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

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

**Sunday,
April 17**

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

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

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

**Sunday,
April 24**

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

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **ROBERT HARRIS**. He was the brother of **Sherman Harris** and the uncle of **Scott Harris**. The funeral was Saturday, March 26, at Pettus-Turnbo Funeral Home.

MEMORIAL

A monetary donation has been given to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ in memory of **WAYNE SNIDER** by **Bill and Mable Parks**. Bill and Mable are the uncle and aunt of **Beth Snider**, who is the wife of **Dwayne Snider**.

CAME FORWARD

On Sunday, March 27, **JAMES WEEKS** came forward requesting prayers and forgiveness. James has been having some health problems lately, and he wants to be right with God and to know that his soul is secure.

NEW ADDRESS

ANTHONY AND ERIN SERRETT and family will be moving the weekend of April 1. Please make a note of their new address: *591 Rabbit Trail Rd., Leoma, TN 38468*.

COMING SOON

April 3: Care Group 1 (James Weeks's group) will meet following the evening service.

**Saturday, April 9:
LADIES' DAY** at Pulaski Street
with guest speaker **Dwina Willis**
A Blue Ribbon Life
Registration begins at 9 a.m.



April 10: Combined Devotional in the FB following the evening service.

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. We will have a fellowship meal following the morning worship. We will also have a 1 p.m. service.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

April 10: Lawrence County Churches of Christ Singing, 2 p.m.

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

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

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.

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

YOUTH NEWS

April 10th – Combined Devo! PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS EVENT HAS BEEN MOVED FROM THE 3rd to the 10th. Please stay after the evening service for a time of devotional, fellowship, food, and fun! Special thanks to Jenifer Hughes and Kimberly Smith for organizing the food for this devo!

April 17th – Soul Food Sunday! This event is for the 7th-12th grades; this 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 21st – 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! Sandy Adams will be in charge of this event. Stay tuned for more details concerning this activity!

Jeremy Gargis

GRADUATES, WE NEED YOUR PHOTO AND INFO BY APRIL 6.

THANK YOU

Thank you for the sunshine bag. The goodies were very good. Thank you to the Cook family for delivering them.

Willodean Campbell

Thank you so much for the sunshine package that was carried to Willie. Thank everyone for the visits and prayers that have been said for him. Thank you all.

Paulette Markus

Thanks to all that had a part in the "Sunshine Bag." It was really appreciated and also nice to be remembered.

Frances Tripp

A few days ago my doorbell rang. I answered, and there stood two precious young ladies who brought me a lovely Sunshine Bag. Thanks to Savana and Sophie Cook. That was very nice of you. May God's blessings be with you and to all who had a part in preparing the bags. I enjoyed it and appreciate it very much. In Christian love, *Cleo Keaton*

Thank you to all who showed us so much love and support over the past few months. Thanks for the food, the cards, the phone calls, the encouraging words, the hugs, the visits, for mowing our lawn, for taking me to appointments, and for every prayer that was said on our behalf. There is no way we could have made it through all of this without help from God and each of you. We are so blessed to be a part of this amazing family. We love you all!

Randy and Martha Britton

NEW BABY!

Brand new baby boy **THOMAS GLYNN LEE** arrived Tuesday, March 29, 2016, to parents **Andy and Katie Lee**. Thomas weighed in at 6 lbs., 4 oz., and he measured 19.5 inches long. Pulaski Street grandparents are **Tommy and Patsy Lee**, and great grandmother is **JoAnn Hollman**. Thomas has a big sister, **Tinley**, and a big brother, **Titus**.

Mother and baby are doing well.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

MAXINE ANDERSON was diagnosed with pneumonia last week. *140 Michael Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

BOB and MARTHA BELEW continue to battle health problems. Bob has good days and bad days. *805 Daniel Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

DAVID GROOMS is home and recovering after having eyelid surgery on Monday, March 28. *24 Grooms Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

TYSON GROOMS is scheduled for another chemo treatment on Monday, April 4. *24 Grooms Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

WESTON GAMBRELL was diagnosed with the flu last week. *932 Hayes Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

ROBBIE GUTHRIE has several upcoming appointments with cancer doctors, eye doctors, and an endocrinologist. *1804 Jean St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

DAWN HAMMOND was diagnosed with the flu last week. *197 Old Jackson Hwy., Loretto, TN 38469*.

KATIE LEE was diagnosed with the flu last week, and was scheduled to (and did) have labor induced on Tuesday, March 29, at STRHS. *400 Cherokee Hills Drive, Loretto, TN 38469*.

MICHAEL MASHBURN will be having a guided needle biopsy soon following recent test results. *3410 Waynesboro Hwy., L'burg, TN*.

PAM PURCELL is home and recovering after having gallbladder surgery on Monday, March 28, at Maury Regional Hospital. *9 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

TINA SMITH was diagnosed with the flu last week. *911 Grandmere Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

MARLENE SWAIN's arteriogram was rescheduled for Tuesday, March 29, at Centennial. She was also seen at the ER on Sunday and Monday for severe upper back pain which was thought to be muscle-related. *17 Delana Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

JAMES WEEKS was scheduled for an appointment with his heart doctor on Wednesday, March 30, after having some episodes of atrial fibrillation last week. *297 Napier Rd., L'burg, TN 38464*.

ZENO BERRY, father of **Mary Beth Snider**, is now in NHC Scott, Rm. 133B, for rehab following recent knee replacement surgery. *5418 Gimlet Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

JANNA MANGRUM, daughter of **Jan Clifton**, is doing some better after suffering a heart attack and having surgery last week. *1375 County Road 22, Florence, AL 35634*.

KALA MURRELL, niece of **Robert Morris**, was admitted to Vanderbilt UMC on Monday, March 28, with pneumonia. Due to previous cancer treatments, Kala recently had to have complete spinal fusion surgery, and she has been in either Vanderbilt or Stallworth Rehab Hospital since. She hopes to return to Stallworth once she is able.

REGINA ROSE, mother of **Megan Shadrack**, is scheduled for surgery this Friday, April 2, at Huntsville Hospital. This surgery will determine the type of cancer that she has. *168 South Oak Park Drive, Lexington, AL 35648*.

CHRISTY WHITE, niece of **Robert Morris**, is being treated at Vanderbilt UMC for leukemia. She has been staying close to the hospital for her treatments, but expects to go home soon for several days. *403 Morris St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

PAM WHITE, mother of **Maliq McDowell**, has been doing well with cancer treatment. She has seven more treatments to go. *2102 Springer Rd., Apt. A6, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

Please also continue to remember:

Connie Powell, Jim Calton, Danny Carter, Natalie Edson, Nan Yeager, and others who have been recently mentioned.

Please see Melanie Nutt or Kristi Miller if you have not yet made your directory photo appointment.