

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – July 24, 2016

Front Door – JoAnn Hollman and Hazel Violet
 West Door – Olen and Diane Springer
 East Door – Jeremy and Katie Gargis

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Chuck Richardson

MORNING WORSHIP – July 24

OPENING PRAYER.....Tim Hammond

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....T.J. Hughes and Robert Morris

SERVE AT TABLE

Jay Dewberry.....Ray Ezell
 Charlie Holt.....Robert Bailey
 Ronnie Thigpen.....Billy Helton

USHERS

Darrell Snider, Danny Cockrell,
 Jack Butler, Coy Green

CLOSING PRAYER.....Jeremy Gargis

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – July 24

Ushers.....Joe Cook and Reggie Holt
 Front Door Greeters.....J. Fred and Barbara Johnston
 Scripture Reading, Mark 14:32-42.....Eric Nutt
 Lead Prayer.....Brad Nielsen
 Closing Prayer.....Billy Helton III
 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 Version, the New King James Version, or the English Standard Version.

WEDNESDAY EVENING – July 27, 2016

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 40:9-14.....Eric Nutt
 Lead Prayer.....Shayne Adams
 Closing Prayer.....Joe Gambrell
If you cannot serve on Wednesday, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920.

VAN DRIVERS FOR July 24 and July 27

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

SUNDAY MORNING Joe Gambrell: 931-982-9566.

SUNDAY EVENING NO VAN RUNS.

WEDNESDAY EVENING Steve Sisk: 931-215-3146.

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

PROJECTOR & SOUND OPERATORS FOR July 24 and July 27

SUN. MORN. – PROJ. OP., Shayne Adams. SOUND, Jacob Cothren.

SUN. EVE. – PROJ. OP., Darrin McKamey. SOUND, Austin Serrett.

WED. EVE. – PROJ. OP., Mark Miller. SOUND, Mike Hughes.

SERVING THROUGHOUT JULY

Baptismal Clothes.....Jerri Harris and Penny Helton

Auditorium Class Song Leader.....Reggie Holt

Sunday Morning Song Leader.....Eric Nutt

Sunday Evening Song Leader.....Jeremy Gargis

Wednesday Evening Song Leader.....Joe Cook

Prepare Communion.....James and Betty Weeks

Pick Up Cups.....Bob and Linda Markus

July 6 and July 10

Mid-Week Bible Study.....201
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....265
 Sunday Morning Worship.....354
 Sunday Evening Worship.....173
 Contribution (Budget \$9,661).....not available at print time
 (Average through June).....\$9,313.51

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/FM 102.5 ◆ 12:45 p.m. ◆ Monday – Friday ◆
 The upcoming week of July 18– July 22 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!

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The Dog Ate My Homework

Human beings are notorious for relying on excuses to decline an invitation, justify laziness, undermine accountability, avoid embarrassment, or escape punishment. For instance, people create excuses all the time to cover for a missed day of work or an absence at school. Sometimes our excuses are cliché like the excuse that was used as the title to this article. At other times, our excuses are curious. A lady once tried to account for a missed day of work by claiming that she had sprained her wrist while cooking dinner in the microwave. At still other times, our excuses are comical, if not contemptible. A girl once told her boyfriend's boss, "My boyfriend won't be able to come into work today because he has a 111 degree temperature." (I hope you are going to the funeral, lady.)

In order to prove that excuse-making is not some recent phenomenon, all you have to do is read Jesus' parable in Luke 14:12-24. A man prepared a huge feast and invited many people. On the day of the banquet, he sent out his servant to alert those who had been invited that the feast was ready. "But they all alike began to make excuses" (vs. 18). One claimed that he needed to survey a field that he had just purchased. Another declared that he needed to examine some oxen he had just bought. Still another maintained that he needed to spend some time with the woman he had just married. Upon learning about all these excuses, the "master of the house became angry" (vs. 21a), refusing to allow them a place at the table (vs. 24).

On the face of it, we might be tempted to think that these people had a right to decline the invitation and do whatever they wanted to do. As such, we might question the master's reaction. But there is more going on here, as is the case with all of Jesus' parables. Among other things we could mention, this parable underscores the wonderfulness and seriousness of the invitation to enter the kingdom of God. There are no good excuses for not entering God's kingdom or following Jesus (cf. Luke 9:57-62). Furthermore, those who make excuses for not entering the kingdom of God in this life are the very ones who are going to be tempted to make excuses on the Day of Judgment (cf. Matt. 7:21-23). Of course, whatever excuse one might want to offer on that Day will be as hackneyed and ineffective as "the dog ate my homework."

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 July and August of 2016 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

MINISTERS: Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325 Jeremy Gargis, 231-9557 **AGAPE COUNSELOR,** 762-8502

COMING SOON

July 19: Dorcas Sewing Group. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the FB.

July 19: Ladies' Devo, 6:30pm at Emily Nielsen's house, 207 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg.

July 20: Please **turn in your money** for the **"20s and 30s Fall Retreat at Pigeon Forge"** to Joe or Sandi Cook by this date! (The retreat will be held September 22-24. The cost is \$50 per person, which includes a 2-night stay and 3 meals. If you have any questions, please see Joe or Sandi.)

July 24: GROWTH SEMINAR. Guest speaker Gary Bradley. Combined classes for the entire congregation.

July 24: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. service.

July 31: 5th Sunday. Fellowship Meal. 1 p.m. service.

August 7: Ice Cream Supper. Crockett Park Shelter # 1.

August 21: Lads to Leaders Kickoff and Signup Meeting. Details to come.

September 22-24: 20s and 30s Retreat at Pigeon Forge.

A SERVICE OPPORTUNITY - LUNCHES FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN (CONTINUING THROUGH JULY)

During the month of July, Pulaski Street is providing lunch once a week for children who live in neighborhoods/areas zoned for Ingram Sowell. Everyone is welcome to help! We will be bagging lunches each Tuesday in July at 6 p.m. in the fellowship building. On each Wednesday in July, we will meet at the building at 11 a.m. to load the lunches into the church van, and we will all go together to hand them out between 11:30 and 12 noon in the above-mentioned neighborhoods. **More men are still needed to volunteer to hand out lunches.**

Please note: For week 3, the most-needed items are **granola bars and individual snack-size bags of chips.**

There will be a collection box in the foyer from now until the end of July for the following: pre-packaged fruit cups, snack crackers, pop tarts, granola bars, and individual bags of chips. (Health department regulations do not permit homemade items; all food must be prepackaged.) New sign-up sheets are now posted in the back classroom hallway. Volunteers may sign up to prepare lunch bags, to deliver them, and/or to help for a particular week. Volunteers may sign up for multiple weeks and multiple tasks.

If you have questions, please contact **Brittany Evans.**

PANTRY FOOD BOXES – JULY 21

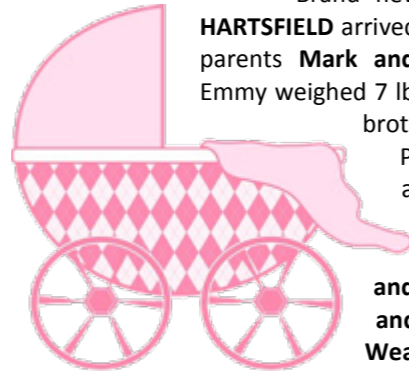
Thanks to those who have volunteered to help with the food boxes on the third Thursday of each month. This month, boxes will be distributed on Thursday, July 21, between 3 and 5 p.m. If you have already spoken to **Shayne Adams** and you want to come on this date, we will see you then. If anyone would still like to volunteer, please speak to Shayne between now and that date.

Thank you so much to all those who donate food, and money to purchase food, for our church pantry. These funds enable us to help local families who are in need of this assistance. Your donations are always needed and appreciated! Please see the list of needed items on the back of the bulletin.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

On Sunday, July 10, it was announced that **PATRICIA "PAT" GRAY** has placed her membership here at Pulaski Street. We look forward to continuing to worship and work with her. Pat's address is 225 Caperton Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

NEW BABY



Brand new baby girl **EMMY ROSE HARTSFIELD** arrived on Wednesday, July 6, to parents **Mark and Beth (Rose) Hartsfield**. Emmy weighed 7 lbs., 15 oz. She has two big brothers, **Luke and Jase**. Pulaski Street relatives abound – grandmother is **Linda Rose**, great aunts and uncles are **Debbie and Danny Cockrell, David and Charlotte Grooms, Joyce Weaver, and Norma Gallian**, and cousins are **Russ and Sara Gallian** and children, **Katie Staggs, and River Grooms**.

THANK YOU

Thank you all so much for the graduation gifts! They were all so thoughtful. I am blessed to have all of you in my life! Prayers would be appreciated as I begin my journey through college. Thank you again! **Kaylie Pope**

I want to thank you for all the cards and prayers during this time with my ankle and leg. I really appreciate it. **Sondra Thigpen**

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

July 10-17: Revival at Chapel Grove Church of Christ. M-F at 7pm, Saturday at 6pm. Speaker Don King.

July 16: Ladies' Day, Dellrose church of Christ. Speaker Sharon Leighton.

July 17-19: Gospel Meeting, Simms Ridge Church of Christ, 7:30 on Sunday, M & T at 7pm. Speaker Paul Helton.

July 17-19: Gospel Meeting, Lomax Church of Christ, 12:45 on Sunday, M & T at 7pm. Speaker Clarence DeLoach, Jr.

July 17-20: Gospel Meeting, Lexington (AL) Church of Christ. Speaker Chris Kemp. 2pm Sunday, M-W 7pm.

July 17-21: Gospel Meeting, Appleton Church of Christ. 7pm nightly.

July 23: Vacation Bible School, Iron City church of Christ. 9am – noon, preschool thru 12th grade. Snacks & lunch provided.

July 24-28: Gospel Meeting, Gandy Church of Christ. Speaker Tracy Love. Sunday 7:30pm, M-Thurs., 7pm.

August 5-7: S.A.L.T. 2016. "We bow down." Siwell Road Church of Christ, Jackson, MS.

YOUTH NEWS

July 12th-19th – Mission Trip! We will be going on a trip with Churches of Christ Disaster Response Team. Please keep this group in your prayers!

July 22nd-24th – AIMCON! This is a youth rally that takes place on the campus of Faulkner University in Montgomery, AL. If you plan to go and haven't signed up, I will have to know by June 29th before registration closes. This is sure to be a great trip!

July 25th-27th – Tween Day Camp! More details will be coming later, but make your plans to enjoy this week together!

July 31st – Songs of Summer! This will be the final SOS, and we will meet at 5:15 to head to Florence and eat before the 8:00 p.m. singing. This last session of the summer will take place at the Sherrod Avenue Church of Christ. Hope you can make it!

August 7th – Ice Cream Supper! This will take place at Crockett Park Shelter #1 after the p.m. service. Bring your favorite homemade ice cream and finger foods! This event will also serve as a going away party for Jonah Dawes!

In the light of recent hate-filled tragedies that have occurred in our country, I thought it would be appropriate to talk about love.

In Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus gives us the two greatest commandments to follow as Christians. First, we are to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind, and second, we are to love our neighbor as ourselves. These two commandments give us the very foundation of Christianity: Love.

A foundation is known as the lowest load bearer in a building. When all else fails, the foundation is supposed to be there to continue holding it all up. That is what love is supposed to do for us as Christians! When all else fails, there is to be love.

Now, let's go back to that second greatest commandment. "Love your neighbor as yourself." It's easy to love God, but to love our neighbor? This can be a bit more difficult. Jesus doesn't tell us to only love the people we like. To love our neighbor includes the people we don't like as well. This includes the people who do evil to us!

In Matthew 5:38-40, Jesus tells us how to respond to evildoers. "You have heard that it was said, 'An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.' [a] 39 But I say to you, do not resist the evildoer, but whoever strikes you on the right cheek, [b] turn the other to him also. 40 And the one who wants to go to court with you and take your tunic, let him have [c] your outer garment also" This means we are to give unconditionally, to show love, to the people who do the most evil towards us!

Now, as stated previously, this is being written in light of recent tragedies. There have been many deaths, some of these being people who may not have been living the most Christian-like lifestyles, but that doesn't matter. These are losses, nonetheless. There are people in the world who are hurting over these deaths.

In Romans 12:15, Paul tells us to rejoice with those who rejoice and to weep with those who weep. Right now, there are many who are weeping in our country for losses in their families, and we have a responsibility as Christians to be there and to show love to them all, even the ones who don't have the most Christian-like habits. Not only does that show the true strength of the church to the world, but it also opens a door to let God do some healing in the lives of the people mourning.

So, remember, when all else fails, there is to be love. Right now, we have a responsibility to go and lay that foundation throughout the world!

JONAH (THE INTERN) DAWES

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

JEAN BROOKS was in Rm. 125B at NHC Scott as of Monday, July 11. 2380 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

WILLODEAN CAMPBELL was in Rm. 117B in NHC Scott as of Monday, July 11. She is doing pretty well but did have to be given two units of blood earlier this week. NHC Scott: 2380 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464. Home address: 495 Kent Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

JAMI HAISLIP DIXON has been having some breathing issues and passing out spells. 701 5th Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

WILLA DEAN HAMBY is still having a great deal of pain and difficulty after her recent fall and injury. She is now scheduled for hip replacement surgery in October unless the surgeon has a cancellation before then. 333 Fleeman Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ANGELENA STEWART was still in NHC Scott, Rm. 133A, as of Monday, July 11, but expected to be able to go home within a week. 2380 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464. Home: 343 Geri Street, Apt. A-5, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

MARLENE SWAIN was able to return home from NHC Scott last week after several weeks of being hospitalized and in the nursing home. 17 Delana Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

MARY KATHERINE MCGEE, our Pulaski Street neighbor to the west, fell last week and fractured her hip. She had hip replacement surgery at Maury Regional and was scheduled to go to a rehab facility in the Nashville area for a few weeks. 235 Pulaski Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

LIBBY (RAYFIELD) ROBBINS, aunt of **Sarah Marston Nutt** who is the daughter-in-law of **Eric and Melanie Nutt**, has been diagnosed with acute promyelocytic leukemia. She began treatment this past Friday, July 8. 7017 Marwood Drive, College Grove, TN 37046.

REGINA ROSE, mother of **Megan Shadrick**, has been battling ovarian cancer. Last week, she had surgery to remove a small mass on her clavicle. The pathology report indicated that the area was lymphoma, and she was scheduled to see her oncologist on Tuesday, July 12, to determine a course of treatment. 168 South Oak Drive, Lexington, AL 35648.

ROY SHAFFER, brother of **Robbie Guthrie**, has been diagnosed with a complete blockage in a vessel behind his heart. He was scheduled for an appointment on Tuesday, July 12, to see a heart surgeon to determine what treatment may be done. 336 Johnson Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

PAUL SHULTS, grandfather of **Jacob Cothren**, was still in Maury Regional Hospital's Critical Care Unit as of Monday, July 11. 167 Dunn-Leoma Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.

Please also continue to remember all of those recently mentioned and all those who are in need of our prayers.

Coin cans are now available for the
North Alabama Christian Children's Home
COIN CAN DRIVE.

Your spare change can help provide shelter, food, clothing,
medication, and funds for camp
for the children being assisted by the NACCH.
Pick up your coin can now!