

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – September 11, 2016

Front Door – Ricky and Tina Smith
 West Door – Billy and Donna Helton
 East Door – Kaleb Jeans and DeAnna Thigpen

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....James Weeks

MORNING WORSHIP – September 11

OPENING PRAYER.....Chris Sockwell

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

SERVE AT TABLE

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

USHERS

Jerren Gieske, Taylor Markus,
 Bobby Hendrix, Harley Pope

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 – September 11

Ushers.....Jim Donnelly and Scott Harris
 Front Door Greeters.....Reggie and Pam Holt
 Scripture Reading, Mark 15:21-32.....Andy Lee
 Lead Prayer.....Shane Hughes
 Closing Prayer.....Brent Thomas
 Communion & Contribution.....Joe 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 Version, the New King James Version, or the English Standard Version.

WEDNESDAY EVENING – September 14, 2016

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 41:17-20.....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 -September 11 and September 14

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

SUNDAY MORNING Tim Miller: 931-244-6113.
 SUNDAY EVENING Jackie Keaton: 931-242-4376.
 WEDNESDAY EVENING Tim Hammond: 931-852-4832.

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

PROJECTOR & SOUND OPERATORS - September 11 and September 14

SUN. MORN. – PROJ. OP., Jacob Cothren. SOUND, Darrin McKamey.
 SUN. EVE. – PROJ. OP., Tim Hammond. SOUND, Joe Cook.
 WED. EVE. – PROJ. OP., Jacob Cothren. SOUND, Shayne Adams.

SERVING THROUGHOUT SEPTEMBER

Baptismal Clothes.....Carolyn Kilburn and Linda Markus

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.....Denise Hughes
 Pick Up Cups.....Nita Pinckley and Linda Snider

August 24 and August 28

Mid-Week Bible Study.....219
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....220
 Sunday Morning Worship.....343
 Sunday Evening Worship.....127
 Contribution (Budget \$9,661).....\$8,789.16
 (Average through August).....\$9,658.76

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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 September 5 – September 9 will be hosted
 by the **COUNTY LINE** 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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Jesus and the Problem of Suffering

In our auditorium class on Sunday mornings, we have been disputing the atheistic contention that the presence of evil, suffering, and injustice in our world proves that God, as described in the Bible, does not exist. We sought to demonstrate that the so-called "problem of evil and suffering" is just as much a problem for the atheist as it is for the biblical theist. After acknowledging our limitations, we also discussed some reasons why a loving and powerful God might allow evil and suffering to exist in a world of His creation. Then, we focused on Jesus.

Because of their belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Christians stand in a unique position when it comes to addressing the problem of suffering. The cross of Jesus Christ proves that God did not choose to remain inaccessible to human suffering. It demonstrates God's willingness to enter into the fray of human suffering and to share in humanity's pain and grief. While the injustice, torture, and crucifixion that Jesus experienced doesn't explain why there is suffering (Matt. 26—27; Mark 14—15; Luke 22—23; John 18—19), Jesus' suffering does show us what the explanation can't be. It can't be that God doesn't love us. It can't be that God is indifferent or calloused to the human condition. Christians have long found strength to endure the worst of sufferings by reflecting on Jesus' suffering and the implications of it.

Nevertheless, I do think we need something more than just knowing that God doesn't remain aloof from our difficulties. We also need to be assured that our suffering isn't futile. In other words, we need hope for something better. Christianity offers such hope in Jesus' resurrection from the dead (Matt. 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; John 20). Incidentally, Jesus' resurrection doesn't explain why there is suffering, but it does show us what the explanation can't be. It can't be that God isn't powerful enough to remove it. It can't be because God is helpless in the face of suffering. Raising someone from the dead requires power—supernatural power (Rom. 1:4). The explanation for suffering in this world must lie elsewhere.

Just after the climax of the trilogy *The Lord of the Rings*, Samwise Gamgee discovers that his friend Gandalf was not dead (as he thought) but alive. He cries, "I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead myself! Is everything sad going to come untrue?" Christianity's answer to that question is a resounding "yes." Everything sad is going to come untrue one day for those who follow Jesus, and the basis of that answer is not a wish or a whim, but an historical event (1 Cor. 15:1-11, 20-28). God has promised the faithful a life hereafter whose glory will far outweigh the sufferings of this present world (Rom. 8:18).

Atheists, however, do not share this outlook. Their worldview is a hopeless one. In their thinking, everything sad will remain true. This observation does not actually prove that their position is wrong, but it should at least prompt a person to solemnly investigate the competing claims of atheists and biblical theists.

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 *September and October of 2016* is **Biff Helton**.

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

CAME FORWARD

On Sunday morning, August 28, **VELVA CARROLL** came forward. Velva requested prayers for herself and her sons, for their physical and spiritual wellbeing. Velva's mailing address is *P.O. Box 432, Collinwood, TN 38450*.

Also on Sunday morning, August 28, **SARA GALLIAN** came forward. Sara requested prayers for herself and her family. Sara's address is *180 Sundance Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

MAGI BOXES!

Each year, our congregation collects donations and packs 200 boxes for boys and girls in Honduras through the MAGI Project. MAGI, a work of Healing Hands International, stands for "Making A Godly Impact." Through your generous donations, each child receives a box filled with clothing, school supplies, hygiene products, and treats.

If you are interested in helping with this project, sign-up sheets are now posted on the bulletin board in the upstairs back hallway. Monetary donations are accepted as well. If you have any questions or you'd like to contribute funds or turn in donations, please see Sandy Adams or Denise Hughes. Donations of items may be left in a box designated for MAGI in the foyer; please give money or checks to Sandy or Denise.

COMING SOON

September 4: Bring snacks for A Kid's Place.

September 13: Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB.

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September 17: Lawrence County Walk-4-Water! Register online at www.hhi.org/walk4water and receive a free t-shirt.

September 17: Pack Magi boxes, 2 p.m. in the FB!

September 19: Widows' Breakfast, 9:30 a.m. at Hardee's.

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

October 2: 1:00 – 2:30 p.m., FB. Be watching for information to be posted on the foyer bulletin board and the overhead projector about an Upcoming Event!

October 16-19: Gospel Meeting at Pulaski Street. Our speaker will be Paul Merideth.

October 30: Our p.m. service will be an Area-wide Youth Service at 5 p.m., followed by a Soup & Chili Supper, then Trunk or Treat.

November 5: Golden Age Banquet!

THANK YOU

To all my Christian family,

I want to thank you for your prayers and cards I received during my hospital and nursing home stay. It was a really hard time in my life, and I know that the prayers on my behalf helped pull me through. Thank you.

Marlene Swain

Dear Pulaski Street Church of Christ,

The staff at Kid's Place would like to extend our appreciation for your recent donation. Your efforts help make a difference in your community. Your support makes it possible for us to help families who are experiencing difficulties due to child abuse. Thank you for your contribution to your local child advocacy center. Together we can make a big difference!

Sincerely, *The staff at Kid's Place*

NEW BABIES

Baby boy **RAY COOPER RUTLEDGE** was born on Wednesday, August 24, in Florence, AL. Parents are **Adam and Ashley Rutledge**. Ray weighed 8 lbs., 8 oz., and measured 21" long. He has two big sisters, **Gracie Rutledge** and **Reese Rutledge**. Pulaski Street grandparents are **Biff and Penny Helton**. Great grandparents are **Billy and Donna Helton**.

Baby girl **EVERLY HOPE BIVENS** was born on Monday, August 29, in Lawrenceburg, TN. Parents are **Michele Tice** and **Caleb Bivens**. Everly weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz., and measured 19 and ¾ inches long. She has two big brothers, **Wade Littrell** and **Hunter Littrell**. Pulaski Street grandparents are **Danny and Joy Tice**.

ADDRESS UPDATE

MIDGE and **AL TURMAN** have moved to Alabama where they will be nearer to family members. Midge has been working hard for the last month in accomplishing this move. She misses everyone here.

Her new address is *235 Inverness Center Drive, Apt. 234, Hoover, AL 35242-5607*.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

September 7-October 26: Fall Series, South Gate Church of Christ, Columbia, TN. Various speakers.

September 11: Law-Co. Churches of Christ Singing, Crewstown, 2pm.

September 17: Teachers Workshop, Graymere Church of Christ. Register at graymerehub.com/tw16

October 16-19: *Spiritual Sword* Lectureship. "Eternal Security." Getwell Church of Christ. Memphis, TN.

November 10: 50th Anniversary Annual Agape Dinner. Franklin Marriott Cool Springs.

YOUTH NEWS

September 14th - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. for a time of worship, learning, and edification!

September 15th – Tween Activity! This will take place in the fellowship building from 3:30-4:45 p.m. Brittany Evans is in charge of this event. Make your plans to be there!

September 17th & 18th – RUSH! Teens, you don't want to miss this weekend that is always so uplifting and so much fun! As we have done for the last several years, we will be leaving early Saturday morning so that there isn't a conflict with those that have roles to play at the football game Friday night. Please sign up by Sept. 4th!

September 18th – Lads to Leaders Training Session! We will meet at 4 p.m. in the church building.

September 22nd – In-between Activity! This will take place in the fellowship building from 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Abigail McKamey is planning this event, and it is going to be a great opportunity to serve and have fun. Make your plans to be there!

September 28th - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. for a time of worship, learning, and edification!

Closing it out...

Sometimes God tells us no. It can hurt. It can perhaps frustrate us and make us wonder why. But, what God says goes! We must go with what His Word teaches.

We certainly aren't the first God has said no to, and we won't be the last. If you recall, King David had his heart set on building a temple. In 1 Chronicles 28:2, David says, "I had it in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord." But, God said no. In vs.3, God said, "You shall not build a house for My name," with the disclaimer that David had been a man of war.

This vision of David's had been shot down by the Lord. But, David didn't wallow in his misery because he wasn't going to be able to carry out his dream! He went straight to thanking God for choosing him to be king of Israel. He spoke of how he had set apart supplies for the building of the temple that his son, Solomon, would complete. His last words recorded here are not words of frustration, disappointment, and bitterness. Rather, in 1 Chronicles 29:20, David simply says, "Now bless the Lord your God."

We can learn much from David's example here. First, we have to come to grips with the reality that there will be times that our desires do not line up with God's desires. Second, we need to focus on the good blessings from God rather than the things we aren't able to do or accomplish. And, finally, we need to praise God, regardless of the circumstances that may have played out related to the first two things we can learn. We, like David, must choose to focus on the mercies God has shown us and praise Him for them!

Until next time... *JEREMY*

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

(Addresses are provided when possible in case you'd like to send cards.)

ROBBIE GUTHRIE was scheduled for an ultrasound on Wednesday, August 31, in Columbia. *1804 Jean Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

BERTHA SHELTON is recovering from knee replacement surgery she had on Monday, August 29, at St. Thomas Hospital. The surgery went well, and Bertha will be going to her daughter's home in Brentwood for a week or so to continue to recuperate. Home address for cards: *325 Weakley Creek Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

ANGELENA STEWART had appointments on Monday, August 29. Her eye doctor told her that her macular degeneration will no longer improve from treatment, so her injections have been discontinued. Her dermatologist diagnosed her with a non-cancerous skin growth (keratosis). *343 Geri Street, Apt. A-5, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

MELISSA CURTIS, daughter of **Cathy Atwell** and sister of **Michael Mashburn**, was able to return home on Monday, August 29, after several days in STRHS with pneumonia, a partially collapsed lung, and possible blood clots. She is dependent on oxygen and unable to return to work at this time. *231 Summerlake Drive, Summertown, TN 38483*.

DENISE HUCKABA, sister of **Debbie Kidd**, was able to return home on Monday, August 29, following Friday's back surgery. The surgery went well. *145 Waterloo Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

BILL MURPHY, father of **Will Murphy**, was injured in a fall at work on Monday, August 29. He suffered a fractured cheekbone, a black eye, and a possible tear in his shoulder.

TONY SMITH, father of **Michael Smith**/father-in-law of **Hailey Wells Smith**, was hospitalized with pneumonia last week. He is recovering at home.

DAVID TUCKER, who visited here recently, has asked the Pulaski Street family for prayers for himself and his three boys. He is facing uncertainty and difficulties in his life, and he is going to be raising his sons by himself.

NAN YEAGER, mother of **Jerri Harris**, had another scan last week. We are thankful to report that everything is still looking good. There is no new cancer, and the cancer that is there is still shrinking. *1091 Mattoxtown Rd. Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

Please continue to pray for: Louise Bates, Bob and Martha Belew, Priscilla Daniels, Natalie Kuykendall, Jonathan McCormick, Dorothy Redden, Katelyn Romsdal, and all those who have been recently mentioned.

SYMPATHY

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to **Anthony Serrett** on the death of his cousin, **BECKY JUDKINS JONES**. Becky passed away on Wednesday, August 24. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family of **SHEA WRIGHT**. Shea was the sister of **Sara Hendrix** who is the daughter-in-law of **Sharon Hendrix**. She was the wife of **Joshua Wright** and the mother of a baby girl, **Eva**. The funeral was Tuesday, August 30, in Clarksville, TN.