

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – February 19, 2017

Front Door – Billy and Donna Helton
 West Door – Reggie and Pam Holt
 East Door– Kaleb Jeans and DeAnna Thigpen

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Chuck Richardson

MORNING WORSHIP – February 19

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.....Tom Hestle

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – February 19

Ushers.....Shayne Adams and Billy Helton III
 Front Door Greeters.....JoAnn Hollman and Hazel Violet
 Scripture Reading, Luke 2: 39-45.....Eric Nutt
 Lead Prayer.....Brad Nielsen
 Closing Prayer.....Billy Helton III
 Communion & Contribution.....Biff Helton
*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 – February 22, 2017

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 45:18-21.....Tommy Case
 Lead Prayer.....Shayne Adams
 Closing Prayer.....Joe Gambrell
If you cannot serve on Wednesday, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920.

VAN DRIVERS – February 19 and February 22

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

SUNDAY MORNING.....Joe Gambrell: 931-374-2105.
 SUNDAY EVENING.....Jackie Keaton: 931-242-4376.
 WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Reggie Holt: 931-629-8920.

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

PROJECTOR & SOUND OPERATORS – February 19 and February 22

SUN. MORN. – PROJ. OP., Jacob Cothren. SOUND, Caleb Shadrick.
 SUN. EVE. – PROJ. OP., Tim Hammond. SOUND, Shayne Adams.
 WED. EVE. – PROJ. OP., Mark Miller. SOUND, Darrin McKamey.

SERVING THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY

Baptismal Clothes.....Martha Britton and Mindy Markus

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

Prepare Communion.....Hazel Violet
 Pick Up Cups.....Biff and Penny Helton

February 1 and February 5

Mid-Week Bible Study.....227
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....231
 Sunday Morning Worship.....347
 Sunday Evening Worship.....131
 Contribution (Budget \$9,661).....\$8,882.90
 (Average through January).....\$9,641.93

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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 February 13-February 17 will be hosted
 by the SALEM 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 ¾ 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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DEATH: A PARADOX

For Christians, death is paradoxical. In other words, death presents us with a couple of realities that seem to contradict one another, but they are both true at the same time.

On the one hand, death signifies an end and prompts grief. The passing of a loved one seems so final, and it results in pain deep inside of us. We mourn. We cry. We hurt. We feel a void. We feel separation. Death separates us from our loved ones.

Throughout Scripture, we find Bible characters grieving over the loss of loved ones. David grieved on several occasions (2 Sam. 1:1-27; 12:15-23; 18:31-33). Jesus wept at the tomb of Lazarus (John 11:28-37). The Bible knows grief. It is true to human experience, and it does not make light of it. In fact, death is referred to as an enemy (1 Cor. 15:26). Many people dread it and go to great lengths to avoid it.

If you are grieving over the loss of our brothers and sisters in Christ in recent days, then that makes all the sense in the world. After all, death is an end. It marks a painful separation. It is not a gain; it is a loss.

Now, on the other hand, for Christians who are facing the loss of those who have fallen asleep in Jesus, death is not just an end that prompts grief; death also signifies a beginning that prompts celebration. Death puts an end to suffering. It alleviates pain. Death unshackles a human body that is imprisoned by illness. For the Christian, death is a gateway to something much better. Death can unite a person with loved ones who have gone before.

I like how Peter describes his own impending death: "I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder, since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things" (2 Pet. 1:13-15). Interesting, isn't it? Peter doesn't refer to death as end, but as a departure. For Peter, death is an exodus.

The Christian perspective on death is also enriched by the concept of the resurrection. Paul told the Thessalonian Christians who were grieving over their lost loved ones not to grieve without hope. Why? Well, as Paul reminds them, since Jesus was raised from the dead, their loved ones who had fallen asleep in Jesus would be raised from the dead to live with Jesus forever (1 Thess. 4:13-18)!

While the Bible does take death very seriously, it also points out death's limitations, its powerlessness over those who belong to Christ, and its ultimate defeat (1 Cor. 15:50-57). There are many people that don't dread death; they welcome it, because of their faith in God's promises.

If, in response to the recent passing of our brothers and sisters in Christ, you are not just grieving but also rejoicing, then that makes all the sense in the world. After all, death is a beginning for Christians; it is a departure to something better. It is not a loss; it is a gain.

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 *January and February* is **Eric Nutt**. The elder chairman for March and April will be **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, 931-231-9557 **AGAPE COUNSELOR**, 931-762-8502

MEMORIALS

A donation from **Mack and Shirley Evans** has been made to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ youth group in memory of **NORMA ALLEN**.

In lieu of flowers, a donation has been made to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ benevolence fund in memory of **BOB BELEW**.

A donation from **Mack and Shirley Evans** has been made to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ youth group in memory of **KATHLYN HEFFINGTON**.

A donation from **Paul and Lorene Chandler** has been made to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ benevolence fund in memory of **GARY SPRINGER**.

A donation from **Reggie and Pam Holt** has been made to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ benevolence fund in memory of **GARY SPRINGER**.

A donation from **Marcus and Frances Johns** has been made to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ benevolence fund in memory of **GARY SPRINGER**.

A donation from **Wynell Davis** and **Andy and Carolyn Davis** has been made to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ benevolence fund in memory of **GARY SPRINGER**.

A donation from **Mack and Shirley Evans** has been made to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ youth group in memory of **FRANCES TRIPP**.

A donation from **Mr. J. W. Downey** has been made to Pulaski Street Church of Christ in memory of **FRANCES TRIPP**.

A donation from the **Chester Carroll family** and the **Jerry Carroll family** has been made to Pulaski Street Church of Christ in memory of **FRANCES TRIPP**.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

February 25: 8th Annual Christian Servants Day, East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

March 3-4: Women of Hope Conference, Wilson County Exposition Center, Lebanon, TN.

TWIN BOYS

Twin baby boys, **GUNNER SETH PURCELL** and **CARSON MICHAEL PURCELL**, arrived on Wednesday, February 1. Parents are **Brittney Jones** and **Justin Purcell**. Gunner weighed 5 lbs., 6 oz., and Carson weighed 5 lbs., 13 oz. The new babies have an older brother, **Mason Kirby**. Pulaski Street grandparents are **Mike and Pam Purcell**. All are doing well.

THANK YOU

The family of Kathlyn Heffington would like to thank everyone at Pulaski Street for the cards, kind words, flowers, food, and expressions of sympathy in the loss of our loved one.

Alex and Judy Heffington

Dear Church Members,

Your thoughts, prayers, and the lovely meal prepared for us are greatly appreciated. Mother loved her church family. Warmest regards,

Children of Kathlyn Heffington

Thanks so much for the kindness shown to us during the illness and death of our mother. The meal after the funeral was delicious. It is wonderful to be a part of such a loving church family. We love you all.

Tony and Pam Allen

Thank you to our Christian family. Your continued thoughts and prayers helped us in our need for strength. May God bless you all.

Claudette and Jim Parkes

Thank you so much for all the love and support given to our family during this difficult time. We appreciate the donation to the pantry fund in memory of Gary. Also, a special thanks to all the ladies who prepared food for our family.

The Jesse Springer family

Family and friends of Pulaski Street church,

Just can't express the thanks for all your expressions of love and good wishes for healing for Harold's surgery and recovery! For every prayer, card, and phone call, we are very thankful. The Lord has blessed us with family and friends who believe He is still the Great Physician! We love you and are thankful for each one of you! He continues to improve every day. In Christian love, Thanks!

Harold and Jean Springer

Dear Ladies,

On behalf of the patients, families, and staff at the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt, we thank you, ladies of Pulaski Street Church of Christ, for your generous donation. Because of your kindness, young patients are able to experience the joy and comfort of receiving your beautiful handmade hats. Because of your generosity, we are able to provide a sense of normalization for children and their families. Your gifts brought smiles, comfort, and peace to children and their families during a very difficult time in their lives. Children heal faster with their loved ones by their sides, and staying at a facility that doesn't feel like a hospital helps families focus on rest and recuperation. Thank you for being a part of the great work at Children's Hospital. We hope you will continue to volunteer with us through your generosity. Donations year-round make a difference!

Stephanie Van Dyke

Director, Child Life and Volunteer Services

DISHES

There are many dishes accumulating in the fellowship building following recent funeral meals. Please go by and pick up your dish(es) at your earliest convenience. Thank you!

YOUTH NEWS

February 10th – In-between Activity! Shayne and Sandy Adams are in charge of this event, and it will take place at their house from 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will be doing a service project for A Kid's Place! Make your plans to be there!

February 12th – Combined Devotional! Stay around after evening worship for a time of devotion, fellowship, food, and fun! Pizza will be provided, but please do bring drinks, chips, cookies, etc.

February 16th – Tweens Activity! This will take place in the fellowship building from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

February 18th – Valentine's Banquet! This will take place at the home of Shane and Denise Hughes. Stay tuned for more details concerning this event that is always so much fun!

February 19th – Soul Food Sunday! This month's SFS, which is for the 7th-12th grades, will be at the home of Brad and Emily Nielsen. Plan on it!

February 22nd - Songs Class! Join us for a time of learning, worship, and edification.

February 24th-26th – CYC! We are looking forward to this event that is always so uplifting! Those attending will need to bring money for six meals, plus any souvenirs and snacks you may want to purchase. Please pray for us as we travel to Pigeon Forge, TN for this great weekend!

March 3rd-5th – Family Retreat! This year's family retreat is going to be great, as always! Devin Morris, who interned with us in the summer of 2013, will be our speaker this year, and we look forward to spending some time with him! Please sign up by no later than February 26th! Make your plans to be a part of this weekend that is always so much fun, inspiring, and so encouraging!

March 16th – Tween Activity! Emily Nielsen will be in charge of this event which will take place in the fellowship building.

March 17th – In-between Activity! This will be a St. Patrick's Day-themed activity at the home of Shane and Denise Hughes. It is sure to be a great time! Plan on it!

Closing it out...

You may have heard of Billy Sunday; he was a popular outfielder in professional baseball in the late 1800s, and he later became an evangelist. The following is one of many quotes you might find from him:

"Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you an automobile."

Perhaps you have heard this one liner before, but I believe it's worth sharing, anyway.

It is quite true. Many of us can be lulled into this dangerous frame of mind from time to time. We can get to where "going to church" is about the only upright thing we do. But, as this quote reminds us, simply being part of an assembly in a building does not change us!

What does change us is Christ! His life can train us. His love can lead us. His sacrifice will redeem us! Don't just go to church...be Jesus to the world!

Until next time... *Jeremy*

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

DEBBIE COCKRELL is home and recovering from the extensive dental work last week. *4324 Hwy. 43 N., Ethridge, TN 38456.*

NELL DIXON has been diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer. *1505 Massey Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DAN HAISLIP is continuing to slowly recover from recent foot surgery. He was able to return to work last week. *702 9th Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

LANCE POPE recently suffered a torn meniscus and a severe bone bruise. Surgery was to be scheduled for some time this week. *332 Rabbit Trail Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.*

ANGELENA STEWART was scheduled to begin cardiac therapy on Tuesday, February 7, in Columbia. *343 Geri St., Apt. A-5, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

Please continue to remember **JUDY VANDIVER** as she recovers from major surgery.

JAMES WEEKS has been diagnosed with skin cancer on his cheek. He is scheduled to have it removed on February 22. *297 Napier Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DENISE CATO, neighbor of **Biff and Penny Helton**, is recovering after having surgery for spinal injuries she suffered in a horse riding accident. *11 Walking Horse Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MAMIE HOLLMAN, daughter-in-law of JoAnn Hollman, had surgery last week for a collapsed lung. The surgery went well. She has had prior issues with this problem occurring in the same lung and twice in her other lung. *136 Michael Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

ANN HUGHES, daughter of **Mary Williams** and sister-in-law of **Joyce Clark**, is home and doing very well after recent treatment for heart arrhythmia. *1000 5th Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JACKIE MCCORD, father of **Cara Robertson**, had an arteriogram on Monday, February 6. Thankfully, results were good, and no problem was detected. *308 Ellingson Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Martha Belew** and all the family on the death of her husband, **BOB BELEW**. The funeral was held on Tuesday, February 7, at Neal Funeral Home.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Bertha Shelton** on the death of her brother, **W.C. WELLS**. The funeral was held on Wednesday, February 1, in Pulaski, TN.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
Colossians 3:12-14, ESV