

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – February 18, 2018

Front Door – Biff and Penny Helton
 West Door – Billy III and Lindsay Helton
 East Door – Carolyn Kilburn and Judy Vandiver

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Andy Lee

MORNING WORSHIP – February 18

OPENING PRAYER.....Brad Nielsen

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....Shayne Adams and Billy Helton III

SERVE AT TABLE

Joe Gambrell.....Billy Helton III
 Brian Robertson.....Cam Mashburn
 Brent McKamey.....Mike Keill

USHERS

Michael Mashburn, Caleb Shadrick,
 Tommy McClaren, Joe Cook

CLOSING PRAYER.....Brandon Snider

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – February 18

Ushers.....Jacob Cothren and Shane Hughes
 Front Door Greeters.....Mark and Kristi Miller
 Scripture Reading, Luke 10:21-24.....Eric Nutt
 Lead Prayer.....James Weeks
 Closing Prayer.....Tim Hammond
 Communion & Contribution.....Randy Britton

*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 21, 2018

Scripture Reading, Isaiah 58:6-11.....Robert Morris
 Lead Prayer.....Chuck Richardson
 Closing Prayer.....T.J. Hughes

If you cannot serve on Wednesday, please call Reggie Holt at 629-8920.

VAN DRIVERS – February 18 and February 21

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

SUNDAY MORNING.....Scott Harris: 931-629-5994.
 SUNDAY EVENING.....Scott Harris: 931-629-5994.
 WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Reggie Holt: 931-629-8920.

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

PROJECTOR & SOUND OPERATORS – February 18 and February 21

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

SERVING THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY

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

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.....Brian and Cara Robertson
 Pick Up Cups.....Biff and Penny Helton

January 31 and February 4, 2018

Mid-Week Bible Study.....194
 Sunday Morning Bible Study.....229
 Sunday Morning Worship.....313
 Sunday Evening Worship.....147
 Contribution (2018 Budget \$10,205.71).....\$12,682.19
 (Average thru January).....\$10,138.84

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 February 12-February 16 will be hosted
 by the **MIDWAY** 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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Rival Standards of Authority (Part 1)

Many folks claim that they accept the Bible as their sole authority in Christianity, but when faced with an issue in which a cherished position or view is being challenged, they often appeal to a source of authority that isn't the Bible. People often do this unconsciously, and perhaps the best way for a person to avoid this problem is to become aware of illegitimate sources of authority that he/she might rely on in matters pertaining to Christianity.

Some are "objective" standards of authority, external sources that one might use to establish Christian beliefs and practices. Others are "subjective" standards of authority, internal sources that one might use to accomplish the same. In this article, we'll highlight some objective standards of authority and save the subjective ones for next week's article.

First, among the objective standards of authority, we discover that some rely on certain codified **creeds or traditions of men**. Various religious groups and some major denominations use other books in addition to (or in place of) the Bible as their standard of authority. To be sure, many of these groups openly acknowledge that these extrabiblical texts or manuals are crucial to their faith. In the introduction to the Book of Mormon, we find these words: "The Book of Mormon is a volume of holy scripture comparable to the Bible. It is a record of God's dealings with the ancient inhabitants of the Americas and contains, as does the Bible, the fullness of the everlasting gospel." Joseph Smith, the one who created this volume, said the following: "I told the brethren that the Book of Mormon was the most correct of any book on earth, and the keystone of our religion, and a man would get nearer to God by abiding by its precepts, than by any other book." In Joseph Smith's mind, the Book of Mormon trumps the Bible itself, and he is not alone in his veneration of a non-biblical book.

Second, many people appeal to **majority rule** as a means of defending a certain belief or practice. If you had followed the majority in Noah's day, you would have perished in the flood. If you had followed the majority in Moses's day, you would have perished in the wilderness. According to Jesus, the majority of folks will perish in hell (Matt. 7:13-14). Majority rule is obviously not an acceptable standard of authority.

Third, some allow the teachings or opinions of their **parents** to serve as their standard of authority. They think or say, "If it was good enough for mom and dad, it's good enough for me." Yet, as much as we might love and respect our parents, Christ must come first (Matt. 10:37). Though parents are called to teach their children the way of Christ (cf. Eph. 6:1-4), an uncritical acceptance of parental teachings or traditions is unwise.

Fourth, people commonly place their trust in their **preacher, priest, or "pastor."** They reason in their hearts that surely these "men of God" could not be wrong or lead them astray. Yet, Jesus warned about the "blind leading the blind" (Matt. 15:12-14), and Paul warned about how we can easily be misled (2 Cor. 11:13-15). Our attitude needs to be like that of the Bereans who carefully examined what they were being taught in light of Scripture (Acts 17:11).

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 **Biff Helton**.

DEACONS: Shayne Adams Joe Cook Jacob Cothren Jim Donnelly Mark Evans Joe Gambrell Scott Harris
 Billy Helton III Reggie Holt Shane Hughes Andy Lee Mark Miller Brad Nielsen Caleb Shadrick James Weeks

MINISTERS: Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325 Jeremy Gargis, 931-231-9557

AGAPE COUNSELOR, 931-762-8502

COMING THIS SATURDAY

EDUCATE | EQUIP | EMPOWER

TEACHING ROCKET

DATE: Saturday, February 10, 2018
TIME: Begins @ 9:00 a.m.
PLACE: Pulaski Street's Fellowship Building
FOR WHO: Pulaski Street's Bible Class Teachers (Pre-K thru Adult)

THE INSTRUCTOR

Michael Whitworth has over 12 years of experience as a pulpit and education minister; he is currently the president of Start2Finish and author of several commentaries and Bible studies. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, drinking coffee, watching sports, and spending time with his awesome family and furry golden retriever.

THE SEMINAR

TEACHING ROCKET is a teachers' training seminar for the local church designed to educate, equip, and empower Bible class teachers of all ages. It has been said, "As the Bible Class goes, so goes the church." Whether it's doctrinal instruction, everyday life skills, or interpersonal connection and fellowship, a vibrant education program is vital to a vibrant church. Teaching Rocket provides training across five areas (see below).

TOPICS COVERED:

- **Session 1: The Goals of an Education Program.** What exactly are we seeking to accomplish when we come together to study the Bible? This session explores the goals of a successful Bible class program—they might not be what you think!
- **Session 2: Preparing & Delivering a Lesson.** This session explores a step-by-step process of developing a lesson and tips for delivering the lesson in a classroom setting.
- **Session 3: Keys to Better Bible Study.** Knowing how to study the Bible properly is essential to being a dynamic Bible teacher. This section discusses six Bible study habits that are guaranteed to generate material for your lesson.
- **Session 4: Classroom Dynamics.** How does a teacher connect with students on an emotional and spiritual level? How can I come up with great discussion questions that reinforce the lesson? How do I handle the person who seems to always dominate the conversation? This session answers those questions and more.
- **Session 5: The Teacher's Spiritual Life.** It's important that teachers keep themselves spiritually fit in order to maximize their effectiveness over the long haul. Focusing on James 3:1, this session discusses the steps necessary for a teacher to maintain his or her spiritual integrity instead of falling victim to Satan's schemes.

~ This event is for anyone who wants to come but is especially for teachers and those who want to teach. Please sign up/RSVP on the sign-up sheet on the foyer bulletin board or online at: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0b48aea82aa6fb6-teaching> as soon as possible so appropriate preparations can be made.

Thank you!

SYMPATHY



We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **SONDRA THIGPEN**. She was the wife of **Ronnie Thigpen**, the mother of **Clint Thigpen**, the mother-in-law of **Deanna Thigpen**, and the grandmother of **Caleb Jeans**, **Gage Thigpen**, and **C.J. Thigpen**. The funeral was held on Monday, February 5, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to Ronnie at 400 Land Road, Leoma, TN 38468, and to Clint and family at 1101 West 7th Street, Apt. 11, Columbia, TN 38401.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Debra Satcher** on the death of her mother, **BESSIE J. HAMRICK**.

Condolences may be sent to Debra at 305 Fisher Alley, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **KATHY BISSINGER**. She was a former member here. She was the mother of **Lacey Bissinger Partain**, also a former member here. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 3, in Waynesboro, TN.

COMING SOON

February 10: Teaching Rocket.

February 11: Combined Devotional. In the fellowship building following the evening worship service.

February 12: Ladies Devotional. 6:30 p.m. at Cara Robertson's, 164 Freeman Hill Rd, Leoma.

February 13: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

February 14: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

February 19: Widows Breakfast.

February 25: 4th Sunday, 1 p.m. service.

February 27: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

February 28: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

And, please mark your calendars!

March 2-4: Family Retreat.

March 31: Men's Breakfast. 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship building.

April 14: Ladies Day at Pulaski Street.

April 22: Coming Home Sunday.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

February 16: Area-Wide Acapella Singing. 7 p.m. Madison Church of Christ, Madison, AL.

February 24: 9th Annual Christian Servants seminar. East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. Begins at 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch served at 12:30 p.m. Speakers Tom Holland, Glenn Colley, and Keith Mosher.

March 3: 3rd Annual Ladies Day. East Hill Church of Christ. Beginning at 9:30 a.m. Speaker Cindy Colley. Lunch served.

YOUTH NEWS

February 8th - In-betweens Activity! This event, for grades 3-6, will be in the fellowship building from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

February 11th - Combined Devotional! Stay after the Sunday evening worship service for a time of devotional, fellowship, and a meal!

February 14th - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium for a time of learning and edification.

February 18th - Soul Food Sunday! This month's SFS will be hosted by Mike and Amanda Keill. These get-togethers are always fantastic! Make your plans to be there!

February 20th - Tweens Activity! This event, for those in 2nd grade and younger, will be in the FB from 3:30-4:45 p.m.

February 23rd-25th - Challenge Youth Conference! Please keep our group in your prayers as we travel to Pigeon Forge, TN! For those that have signed up, we will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. Friday morning, and we hope to return by around 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

February 28th - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium for a time of learning and edification.

March 2nd-4th - Family Retreat! Sign-up sheets will be made available soon, but please be making your plans to be a part of this weekend that is always so great! Our speaker is going to be Josh Walker, and the theme is "Deeply Rooted." This is sure to be another great year, and we want YOU to be a part of it!

March 8th - In-betweens Activity! This event is for those in 3rd-6th grades. Meet in the fellowship building at 3:45 p.m.

March 13th - Tweens Activity! This event is for those in 2nd grade and younger. We will meet in the fellowship building at 4:00 p.m.

Closing it out...

When was the last time that you felt ashamed? Shame is something that we all feel from time to time. While there are times that we are unjustifiably overcome with this emotion, sometimes it is deserved, and on those occasions it should motivate us to change.

There are some things for which we should never be ashamed of. Most notably, as pointed out by Paul in Romans 1:16, we should never be ashamed of the Gospel, its power, or its author, Jesus! "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also to the Greek."

What about those words that you let slip out of your mouth when you were angry? There's a good chance you should be ashamed of those. What about the way you treat your child when patience is lacking? There's a good chance you should be ashamed of that. What about the opportunity to help someone in need that you didn't take advantage of, despite having the time and means to do so? You should feel shame for that. But what about spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ? We should never be ashamed of that!

Show someone the love of Jesus today, and at every opportunity, share the message of the Gospel! That's nothing to be ashamed of!

Until next time...

Jeremy

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

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

MARTHA BELEW has an appointment on Thursday, February 15, to discuss cancer treatment options. NO VISITORS until after February 15, please. 805 Daniel Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

KYM BILBREY BROWN was in Maury Regional Hospital, Rm. 375, as of Tuesday, February 6. She was receiving wound care treatment. 105 Graves Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

NATALIE HAISLIP is scheduled for hip replacement surgery this Friday, February 9, at Maury Regional Hospital. She expects to return home within a day or two after the surgery to recover. 702 9th Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ELIZABETH LAND is home after a stay in STRHS where she was treated for atrial fibrillation and fluid retention. She will be following up with her doctor. 227 Garner Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

PATSY LEE is still recovering from mononucleosis. 3040 Hwy. 43 S., Loretto, TN 38469.

DALTON GULLEY, husband of **Esther Gulley**, is now in NHC Lawrenceburg, Rm. 112, recovering from recent serious surgery and a number of health problems. NHC: 374 Brink Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464. Home: 1345 Brannon Road, Lawrenceburg.

AUBREE and JAKOB ALLEN, the prematurely born twins of **BRANDY SMITH**, are progressing very well. They are doing even better than expected, and the family is very thankful for the prayers. (Aubree and Jakob are the cousins of **Hunter, Austin**, and **Makenna Serrett**; Brandy is the Serretts' aunt.) 528 Perry Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

CINDY GOBBELL (Agape receptionist and Thursday-Friday Pulaski Street secretary) was scheduled for outpatient shoulder surgery on Wednesday, February 7, at Vanderbilt Bone and Joint Clinic. She was to have her rotator cuff repaired, a tendon repaired, and a bone spur removed. 41 Gobbell Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

NADINE PARDUE, mother of **Diane Braswell**, had surgery last week to repair a leg fracture suffered in a fall. She is recovering in NHC Lawrenceburg, Rm. 118. 374 Brink Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

RODNEY REED, brother of **Vangie Gieske**, has been having difficulties with walking and balance. He has been diagnosed with ataxia. 305 Rabbit Trail Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.

WILLIAM and SANDRA REED, parents of **Vangie Gieske**, are battling health problems. **WILLIAM** is taking medication to dissolve blood clots in his leg. **SANDRA** was released from STRHS on Sunday, February 4, to return home after suffering a mini-stroke. She is scheduled to see a neurologist later this month. 175 Reed Road, Pulaski, TN 38478.

Please continue to remember all those who have been recently mentioned and those in nursing homes.

But you, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger
and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86:15