

**THOSE TO SERVE**

**SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – September 8, 2019**

Front Door – Tommy and Patsy Lee  
West Door – Andy and Katie Lee  
East Door – Mike Hughes

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Patrick Hughes

**MORNING WORSHIP – September 8, 2019**

OPENING PRAYER.....Tom Hestle  
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, Robert Bailey

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 – September 8, 2019**

Ushers.....Billy Helton III and James Weeks  
Front Door Greeters.....Jackie and Beth Keaton  
Scripture Reading, Luke 24: 13-27.....Patrick Hughes  
Lead Prayer.....Craig Usrey  
Closing Prayer.....Jacob Cothren  
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 – September 11, 2019**

Scripture Reading, Ecclesiastes 11:9-10.....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 September 8 and September 11**

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

SUNDAY MORNING.....Craig Usrey, 931-629-9666  
SUNDAY EVENING.....Scott Harris, 931-629-5994  
WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Tim Hammond, 931-852-4832  
*If you cannot drive the van, please contact Scott Harris at 629-5994.*

**PROJECTOR OPERATORS – September 8 and September 11**

SUNDAY MORNING.....Darrin McKamey  
SUNDAY EVENING.....Shayne Adams  
WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Mark Miller

**SERVING IN SEPTEMBER**

Baptismal Clothes.....Carolyn Kilburn and Linda Markus  
**Please check at each service** for garments and towels that need to be washed. The baptistry is used frequently for jail ministry baptisms.

Sunday Morning Song Leader.....Eric Nutt  
Sunday Evening Song Leader.....Jeremy Gargis  
Wednesday Evening Song Leader.....Billy Helton III

Prepare Communion.....Denise Hughes  
Pick up Cups.....Linda Snider, Terri Rose, Callie Rose

**August 21 and August 25, 2019**

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	190
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	249
Sunday Morning Worship.....	343
Sunday Evening Worship.....	146
Contribution (2019 Budget \$10,384.71).....	\$11,721.45
(Average, last available).....	\$10,500.79

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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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 2 – September 6 will be hosted by the **PULASKI STREET** 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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**Cancer vs. Sin**

Which should concern people most: a doctor informing them that they have cancer or a preacher informing them that they have sin? Now, it stands to reason that if one of these two is worse than the other, then whatever is worse should concern people most. To be sure, various people have created extensive lists, wherein they have compared cancer to sin, pointing out the similarities. In fact, Augustine drew the analogy that sin is the cancer of the soul. With respect to sin, Jesus said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick” (Matt. 9:12). So, one metaphor for sin is that it is a sickness or disease like cancer. Nevertheless, I am not so much concerned with their similarities; I want to focus on what makes them different. By focusing on their differences, we can see which one is worse than the other.

**Unlike cancer, sin personally affects everyone.** Everyone we meet does not have cancer, but everyone we meet does have sin. Not everyone will be diagnosed with cancer in this life, but everyone who has reached the age of accountability has been diagnosed with sin. One of the best places you can go in Scripture to establish the fact that sin is a universal phenomenon is Romans 1:18—3:23. Over the course of these three chapters, Paul imprisons everyone under sin. Romans 3:23 is the clincher: “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” The disease of cancer unfortunately affects thousands of people each year, but “all have sinned.” That’s you. That’s me. That’s everybody. It is imperative that we all come to a place where we accept Paul’s indictment, or diagnosis, of sin. If we deny that we have this “disease,” then we will never go looking for a cure. We must accept the diagnosis of sin. At the end of the day, we can’t deny it. Deep down all of us know that we have said or done things that we should not have said or done.

**Unlike cancer, sin results in separation from God.** I’ll admit that the effects of both sin and cancer are quite pervasive. Both sin and cancer affect people mentally, emotionally, and physically. However, sin is the only thing that can separate us from God. Cancer, in and of itself, does not separate us from God. People may allow a diagnosis of cancer to so affect them that they point to it as proof that God does not exist or that God doesn’t care about them. But, it is also the case that cancer can draw people closer to God. In Isaiah 59:1, we read these words: “Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that it cannot hear; but *your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God*, and your sins have hidden his face from you so that he does not hear” (ital. mine). Moving again to the NT, we read in the first part of Romans 6:23 that “the wages of sin is death.” The paycheck of sin is death (i.e., separation from God) not only in this life but potentially in the life hereafter as well. Hell is a terrifying place primarily because it is a place where God is not present. Cancer, in and of itself, cannot send people hell, but sin that remains unforgiven can send people to hell. We must not only accept the diagnosis of sin, but we should also recognize and be burdened with the prognosis of sin.

**Unlike cancer, sin has a known cure.** Now, in reading this statement, you may at first balk at it. I realize that some forms of cancer are quite treatable with chemotherapy, radiation, or invasive surgery, but to the best of my knowledge there is no actual cure for cancer. Moreover, if you think that this statement supports the idea that cancer is worse than sin, because cancer, unlike sin, has no known cure, then I want you to think about the following: *Jesus didn’t die to rid the world of cancer; Jesus died to take care of sin.* Given what we know of sin, if we were given the choice between having a cure for cancer and having a cure for sin, we should choose the latter. Jesus obviously considered sin to be man’s ultimate disease, and He gave his life to provide a cure for it (Isa. 53:6; Rom. 5:6-10; 1 John 2:2).

Cancer can take people’s lives, but it doesn’t have to take their souls, and Jesus made that possible. Here’s the beautiful thing: though cancer continues to ravage humanity in the present, Jesus has also made it possible for people to enter into a place in the future where cancer is not allowed to enter. The only way you and I can go to that place there and then is by being cured of our sin here and now. Accept the diagnosis, recognize the prognosis, and reach for the cure (Rom. 3:24-26; cf. Acts 2:38; Eph. 2:1-10; Col. 2:11-14).

**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, August, and September is **Biff Helton**.

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

**MINISTERS:** Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325

Jeremy Gargis, 931-231-9557

**AGAPE COUNSELOR,** 931-762-8502

## SEPTEMBER 2019 - AUDITORIUM GREETERS LIST

**Group 1** Jeff Smith -- East Wing/Facilitator  
Jerri Harris -- East Outside Aisle  
Scott Harris -- East Center Aisle  
James Weeks -- West Center Aisle  
Dean Hughes -- West Outside Aisle  
Christy Smith -- West Wing

Sunday,  
September 1

**Group 2** Vickie Hagan -- East Wing/Facilitator  
Kenneth and Debbie Kidd -- East Outside Aisle  
Ronnie Thigpen -- East Center Aisle  
Hazel Violet -- West Center Aisle  
JoAnn Hollman -- West Outside Aisle  
Jack and Judy Butler -- West Wing

**Group 3** Bob Markus -- East Wing/Facilitator  
Emily Nielsen -- East Outside Aisle  
Megan Shadrick -- East Center Aisle  
Jim Donnelly -- West Center Aisle  
Sandy Adams -- West Outside Aisle  
Jackie and Beth Keaton -- West Wing

Sunday,  
September 8

**Group 4** Jennifer Springer -- East Wing/Facilitator  
Sandi Cook -- East Outside Aisle  
Kaley Donnelly -- East Center Aisle  
Tim Miller -- West Center Aisle  
Patrick Hughes -- West Outside Aisle  
Brad Nielsen -- West Wing

**Group 5** Michael Mashburn -- East Wing/Facilitator  
Robert Morris -- East Outside Aisle  
Biff and Penny Helton -- East Center Aisle  
Joe Cook -- West Center Aisle  
Joseph Miele -- West Outside Aisle  
JoJo and Vangie Gieske -- West Wing

Sunday,  
September 15

**Group 6** Kristen Mashburn -- East Wing/Facilitator  
Kristi Miller -- East Outside Aisle  
Shane and Denise Hughes -- East Center Aisle  
Shayne Adams -- West Center Aisle  
Tommy and Patsy Lee -- West Outside Aisle  
Danny and Teresa Kennedy -- West Wing

**Group 7** Will Baxter -- East Wing/Facilitator  
Tim Hammond -- East Outside Aisle  
Amanda Brown -- East Center Aisle  
Billy Helton III -- West Center Aisle  
Jeremy Gargis -- West Outside Aisle  
T.J. and Sammie Hughes -- West Wing

Sunday,  
September 22

**Group 8** Theresa Brown -- East Wing/Facilitator  
Tammie Thomas -- East Outside Aisle  
Andy Lee -- East Center Aisle  
Mark Miller -- West Center Aisle  
Katie Gargis -- West Outside Aisle  
Lindsay Helton -- West Wing

Sunday,  
September 29

## THANK YOU

Dear Tim Hammond, Biff Helton, Bob Markus, Eric Nutt, and the congregation of Pulaski Street Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for your love and support of me and my family during this time of loss of our precious Drew White. Your prayers are felt and have given us comfort and peace that only the Lord can give.

Love and blessings,  
**Velma Cothren and family**

It's so nice to know you all are praying for me. That means so much to me. I appreciate the beautiful cards, visits, calls, and acts of kindness. Thanks for everything. Thanks to the elders for their prayers. Love you all.

**Martha Belew**

Friends at Pulaski Street Church of Christ,

Thank you so much for the meal you provided for our faculty and staff. It was very delicious and greatly appreciated. Thank you to the sweet ladies who prepared it and made it even more special by helping to serve it.

We are so blessed to have local churches showing God's love and support to our local schools and community.

With warmest regards,  
**Lawrenceburg Public School Faculty and Staff**

Dear Pulaski Street family,

You will never know how much it means to me to have the love and support of such an amazing congregation during this time of loss. Thank you so much for all the prayers, cards, calls, and the beautiful quilt. I will cherish it forever.

In Christian love, **Reese Britton**

## COMING SOON

**Monday, September 2: LABOR DAY.**

**Tuesday, September 3: Dorcas Sewing.** 10 a.m. – 3p.m. FB.

**Saturday, September 7: Men's Breakfast.** 8:30 a.m. in the FB. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

**Wednesday, September 11: Songs Class.** 6:15 p.m. Auditorium.

**Saturday, September 14:**

### Lawrence County Walk4Water

Rotary Park. 927 Military Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN.  
Check in begins at 8. Walk at 9 a.m.

Please support this very worthy and fun event. The goal is to raise money for drilled wells in Haiti, to repair previously drilled wells, and to support Haitians with various programs such as sustainable agriculture and disaster relief, while teaching them about Jesus.

**Register or donate online now at:**

<https://www.hhi.org/walk4water/lawrenceburg-tn-2019>

**Thursday, September 19: Food Box Giveaway.** 3– 4:30 p.m. If you'd like to help, please be in the main foyer by 2:45 p.m.

**Thursday, September 19 – Saturday, September 21:** Young Adults Retreat. Pigeon Forge, TN.

**Sunday, September 22: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 1 p.m. service.

**Sunday, September 22: Lads to Leaders Kickoff!**

**Sunday, September 29: Super Sunday.** Guest speaker Chuck Webster. Fellowship Meal. 1 p.m. service.

Please fill out and return a **2019 PARTICIPATION/WILLINGNESS/INFORMATION FORM.**

## YOUTH NEWS

**August 31<sup>st</sup> – Teens Activity!** We are going to go canoeing/kayaking on Shoal Creek, and we will meet in the church parking lot at 7:00 a.m. If you want to canoe, the cost will be \$20, and if you want to kayak, the cost will be \$30.

**September 1<sup>st</sup> – Combined Devotional!** Stay after the evening service for a time of devotional and fellowship! Food will be provided.

**September 11<sup>th</sup> – Songs Class!** Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium!

**September 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth-led Evening Worship at Long Branch!** You are invited to come support our young people as they take care of the various facets of worship at Long Branch this evening. Teens, the van will leave at 5:20 p.m.

**September 21<sup>st</sup> – Teens Activity!** Shayne and Sandy Adams are in charge of this event. We will meet in the parking lot at 4:00 p.m., have a scavenger hunt around town, and then go to the Adams's house for supper and a devotional.

**September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Soul Food Sunday!** This month's SFS will be hosted by Jacob and Brittany Evans. More details to come.

**September 25<sup>th</sup> - Songs Class!** Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium!

**September 28<sup>th</sup> – R.U.S.H. at FHU!** Jim Donnelly will be taking our group over since the chances are strong that there will be a newborn in the Gargis household by this time. Thanks, Jim! The van will be leaving at 6:30 a.m., and you'll need to bring money for breakfast, lunch, and supper. If you plan to go to RUSH, you need to see me to sign up by September 15<sup>th</sup>!

**REMINDER!!!** There are sign-up sheets posted in the west, upstairs classroom hallway that cover through the month of December. If you would like to sign up to host or help with an event, please do so!

Closing it out...

How much does it hurt us when our fellow believers aren't at worship and involved in our lives? It should hurt us deeply! In 2 Corinthians 2:12-13, we find Paul so distressed about Titus not meeting him at Troas that he left a great opportunity to spread the Gospel to try to find him in Macedonia.

I have two challenging questions to ask with this situation in Paul's life in mind. First, are we willing to change our plans in order to be of service to our fellow Christians? If not, perhaps we don't love the body of Christ as much as we should! Of course, we can't always drop everything that we have going on in our lives to come to the aid of others, but if we never do, we may need to evaluate our priorities and make necessary changes. Second, if one of our brothers or sisters has simply stopped meeting with us and seems to be experiencing a low point in their faith, does it hurt us to the point that we will seek them out?

Let's be willing to help our fellow Christians in whatever way we can, even if it inconveniences us. Our souls should yearn for our brethren just like Paul's did!

Until next time...  
**Jeremy Gargis**

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Addresses are listed when possible in case you'd like to send a card.

Below is the latest information available to us as of **Tuesday, August 27.** **MABLE DURHAM**, two-year-old daughter of **Kesha** (teacher at LPS) and **Casey Durham**, was able to return home on Monday, August 26, after being treated at Vanderbilt over the weekend for third degree burns she suffered in an accident on Friday, August 23. Her injury will continue to be monitored at upcoming appointments at Vanderbilt, but she is doing better than first expected.

**BARRY MASHBURN**, uncle of **Michael Mashburn**, was rushed to Maury Regional Hospital on Saturday, August 24, with blood clots in his lungs. He was released on Monday, August 26.

**JAMES SHAFFER**, brother of **Robbie Guthrie**, is in Centennial Medical Center, Rm. 1226, recovering from encephalitis. Thankfully, he is responding to medication and is improving. He will likely go to another facility for therapy later this week. *6 Spring Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**ROY SHAFFER**, brother of **Robbie Guthrie**, is still in the V.A. Hospital in Murfreesboro, but he is doing better and expects to return home this week. *336 Johnson Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

Please also continue to remember:

**Gennie Adams, Martha Belew, Mary Louisa Belew, Kym Bilbrey Brown, Susie Davis, Bettye Holt, DeAnna Thigpen, Ben Allen, Teisha Benefield, Larry Cobb, Kenny Hargrove, Ethan Jenkins, Charlie Mabry, Gabriel Miller, Emily Perron, Rodney Reed, Michael Steinfath**, and all those recently mentioned.

## SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Reese Britton and family** on the death of his grandmother, **DEBORAH NEWELL**. A memorial service was held on Saturday, August 24, in Pulaski, TN. You may send cards to Reese at *365 Chicken Creek Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.*

## BAPTIZED

We rejoice to announce that **George "Pistol" Marston** was baptized into Christ on Thursday, August 15. Pistol is the husband of **Donna Marston**. You may send cards to him at *5 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

## NEW BABY

Brand new baby girl **AUGUSTA WREN HOWELL** was born on Wednesday, August 21, in Lawrenceburg, TN, to parents **Lucas and Erica (Miele) Howell**. Augusta arrived weighing 8 lbs. and measuring 20 inches long. She has a big brother, **Atlas**, age two. Pulaski Street grandparents are **Joseph and Rebecca Miele**. Mother and baby are doing well.

## AREA OPPORTUNITIES

**September 8: Lawrence County Churches of Christ Singing.** Crewstown Church of Christ. 2 p.m.

**September 10: Apologetics Press Banquet.** Leoma Church of Christ Annex. 6 p.m. Speaker Kyle Butt. Products available to view. Donations greatly appreciated and needed to continue the work of Apologetics Press. RSVP to 931-851-9181 by September 4.