

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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Dissecting Our Adversary

If Jesus is my Lord, then Satan is my adversary. The converse is true as well. If Satan is my Lord, then Jesus is my adversary. Jesus and Satan are opposed to one another. If you stand with Jesus, you stand against Satan. If you stand with Satan, you stand against Jesus.

Satanas is the Greek transliteration of the Hebrew word *sātān*, meaning “adversary.” *Diabolos* is the Greek noun commonly translated “devil,” meaning “accuser” or “slanderer.” In the New Testament, Satan (34x) is a personal name for the archenemy of God and His people, while “the devil” (33x) is more like a title for this same diabolical being (cf. Matt. 4:1, 10).

As with Satan’s appearance or form (cf. 2 Cor. 11:14), Satan’s origin receives little to no attention in Scripture. Most Bible students have concluded that Satan was an angel whose prideful disposition led to his downfall (cf. 1 Tim. 3:6). One can demonstrate from Scripture that Satan does not possess the characteristics of deity. If Satan isn’t deity, then he must be a created being. As a created being, he must have been originally created as good, but he was evidently endowed with the ability to make decisions for good or evil. According to what we know about him from Scripture, he’s no longer good. We first meet him in Genesis 3 in the form of a serpent as he successfully drives a wedge between the first human couple and God (cf. John 8:44; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 12:9; 20:2). What he was before this time is difficult to establish. In light of 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6, he may have been involved in or even led a rebellion that left certain angels in chains, awaiting judgment. Without more information, it seems best to conclude that Satan was an angel.

Nevertheless, whatever one might conclude on the issue of Satan’s origin, it must be affirmed that Satan is a literal, evil being that belongs to the unseen realm. He is called the “ruler of this world” (John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11) and the “prince of the power in the air” (Eph. 2:2). Satan is an accuser (Gen. 3; Job. 1:6-11; 2:1-5; Zech. 3:1; Rev. 12:10), tempter (Matt. 4:1-11; 1 Cor. 7:5), and sinner (1 John 3:8). He employs a variety of tactics: doubt (Gen. 3:2); deception (Gen. 3:4-5; Luke 8:12; John 8:42-45; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; 2 Thess. 2:9-10; Rev. 12:9); division (Gen. 3:5; Job 1:9-10; 2:4-5; Rev. 2:10); distraction (Gen. 3:6; Matt. 4:1-11; 1 John 2:15-17); discouragement (1 Thess. 3:1-5; 1 Pet. 5:8-9; Rev. 2:10). Satan is not simply the personification of evil influences in the heart of a person; he is an unrelenting evil being who is bent on destroying our souls (Job 1:6; 2:2; 1 Pet. 5:8).

We must take Satan seriously. A growing number of folks are willing to accept the existence of God and heaven, but not Satan and hell. But the latter is just as real as the former. In next week’s article, we’ll discuss what we can do to defeat our adversary.

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, February, and March* is **Eric Nutt**.

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 Shadrick James Weeks

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

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January 29 and February 2, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	180
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	226
Sunday Morning Worship.....	338
Sunday Evening Worship.....	153
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$9,476.11
Average (as of 1-28-20).....	\$10,267.66

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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 10 – February 14 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 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!

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – February 16, 2020

Front Door – Kim Pope and Connor Pope
West Door – Andy and Katie Lee
East Door – Mike Hughes and Jayse Hughes

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Jeff Smith

MORNING WORSHIP – February 16, 2020

OPENING PRAYER.....Shane Hughes

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....Olen Springer and Jeff Smith

SERVE AT TABLE

J.W. Dotson.....Randy Britton

Tim Miller.....Darrin McKamey

Brent Thomas.....Joseph Miele

USHERS

Mark Evans, Steve Sisk,
Ricky Smith, Larry Pope

CLOSING PRAYER.....Chris Sockwell

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – February 16, 2020

Ushers.....Joe Cook and Shane Hughes

Front Door Greeters.....Scott, Jerri, Camry Harris

Scripture Reading, John 4: 16-26.....Mike Hughes

Lead Prayer.....Mack Evans

Closing Prayer.....Mark Miller

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 19, 2020

Scripture Reading, Genesis 5: 25-32.....Mark Evans

Lead Prayer.....Robert Bailey

Closing Prayer.....Matthew Smith

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

VAN DRIVERS for February 16 and February 19

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

SUNDAY MORNING.....Scott Harris, 931-629-5994

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WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Reggie Holt, 931-629-8920

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

PROJECTOR OPERATORS – February 16 and February 19

SUNDAY MORNING.....Darrin McKamey

SUNDAY EVENING.....Shayne Adams

WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Jacob Cothren

SERVING THROUGHOUT FEBRUARY

Baptismal Clothes.....Mindy Markus 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.....Carter Hughes

Prepare Communion.....Brian and Cara Robertson

Pick up Cups.....Biff and Penny Helton

THANK YOU

Dear Pulaski Street family,

We appreciate everyone who has visited us recently and brought meals to us. This has been so helpful since I am still having back problems, and I'm unable to do much right now. Thank you all so much for your kindness and concern.

In Christian love, **Thelma and James McCloud**

To Pulaski Street Church of Christ,

A big thank you for the groceries. That was very sweet and much needed. God bless you all. **Kim Hargrove**

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

SUSIE DAVIS will celebrate her **100th birthday** on February 23! You may send cards to her at *Brighton Gardens, Apt. 262, 103 Arcaro Place, Brentwood, TN 37027.*

Please see the bulletin board, overhead announcements, and e-mail for information about birthday plans for Susie.

COMING UP

Wednesday, February 12: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Sunday, February 16: Area-wide Youth-led Evening Worship Service. 6 p.m. We are hosting this event and will be serving a potluck meal after the evening worship service. Please bring plenty of food for your family and all of our guests this evening.

Monday, February 17: Widows Breakfast. 9:30 a.m. at Hardee's.

Tuesday, February 18: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the FB.

Sunday, February 23: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. service.

Wednesday, February 26: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Family Retreat will be **Friday, March 6, through Sunday, March 8**, at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton, AL. There is a sign-up sheet on the communion table. Please sign up as soon as possible so T-shirts can be ordered and ready by the retreat weekend! The cost will be \$20 per person with a maximum of \$80 per household.

Saturday, March 7: Before retiring this evening, remember to **move your clocks** forward one hour!

Sunday, March 8: Daylight Saving Time begins!

April 9-12: Lads to Leaders Convention. Opryland Hotel in Nashville, TN.

Pulaski Street's Ladies Day is scheduled for **Saturday, April 25.** The speaker will be **Lori Boyd**, and the topic is "Brave in Every Season." Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the program starts at 9 a.m. A meal will be served.

SYMPATHY



We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **MARLENE SWAIN.** The funeral was held on Wednesday, February 6, at Neal Funeral Home.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

Sunday, February 9: Lawrence County Churches of Christ Singing. Loretto Church of Christ. 2 p.m.

Continuing through Wednesday, February 26: Marriage and Family Seminar. Leoma Church of Christ. 7 p.m. each Wednesday evening. Speaker Barry England.

Saturday, April 18: Ladies Day. East Main church of Christ. Speaker Jania Otey. *Joy: Finding It, Sharing It, Keeping It.* Breakfast and registration 8:15 a.m. Program 9-11:30 a.m. Lunch will follow.

PHOTOS NEEDED

HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADS:

We need a photo of you for the bulletin. We would prefer your actual senior picture, but any good, clear picture will do. We need your FULL name and the name of the school from which you are graduating/have graduated.



College students, we also need the degree you have achieved.

High school grads, we need several photos (15-20 pics) of you throughout your life, from babyhood to now. We need photos of you involved in church youth group activities and/or classes. You may also give us photos of you involved in school activities, sports activities, community events, etc.

Please e-mail your photos and information to pulstch@pulaskistreet.com. You can also text or give these to Melanie, Jeremy, or Jacob.

DISHES/COOKWARE/SERVINGWARE

There is now a **Designated Dish Table** in the Pantry Room (at the southwest corner of the auditorium). As of Tuesday, February 4, the table was covered with dishes, cookware (including crock pots), and serving pieces. Please go by and check for any items that may be yours. Remember, after a period of time, these items will be donated or discarded.

We know you'd like to have your useful kitchen items back. Please remember to label your pieces with your name to make it possible for us to return them to you.

YOUTH NEWS

February 12th - Songs Class! 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium!

February 14th - Valentine's Banquet – To be Rescheduled! This event, originally scheduled for February 14th, is going to have to be rescheduled. When a date is decided, I will update here, and it will be announced so that everyone knows!

February 16th - Area-Wide Youth-led Worship Service at Pulaski Street! Make your plans to be here and bring guests this evening! We will need to provide a potluck meal after the worship service. Let's be great hosts and provide plenty of food for ourselves and all of the guests that we will have! Worship will begin at 6:00 p.m.

February 23rd - Soul Food Sunday! Notice the change of date from the 9th to the 23rd!!! This month's SFS will be hosted by Brad and Emily Nielsen. Those in the 7th grade and up, make your plans to head to the Niensens' house (207 Admiral Circle) after the evening worship service!

February 26th - Songs Class! 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium!
February 28th-March 1st – CYC! We will be leaving at 8:30 a.m. to head to Pigeon Forge, TN! Those attending will need to bring money for five meals, plus any souvenirs you may want to purchase. Please keep our group in your prayers while we travel and attend the conference!

March 4th - Good Works Wednesday! 7th grade and up, please meet in the parking lot at 5 p.m. for a service project! We will eat supper before returning for bible class.

March 6th-8th – Family Retreat! Make your plans to be a part of this fantastic weekend at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton, AL! Please sign up as soon as possible so t-shirts can be ordered and ready by the retreat weekend! Cost will be \$20 per person with a maximum of \$80 per household.

March 8th – Youth-led Worship at Long Branch! Our young men will lead the evening worship service at Long Branch. Head out there and encourage them with your presence!

March 15th - Soul Food Sunday! March's SFS will be hosted by Shayne and Sandy Adams. Those in 7th grade and up, make your plans to head to the Adamses' house after the p.m. service!

Closing it out...

The passage of time is often necessary for experiencing the full effect of a course of action. For example, if you begin taking a prescription medication, you may have to wait weeks or even months for it affect your system to its full potential. This can make pinpointing the most beneficial medication for you difficult, but when you are able to discover what that medication is, it makes the long process of elimination worth all the effort.

Depending on Bible version, James 1:2-4 tells us that the testing of our faith over time produces patience, endurance, perseverance, or steadfastness. James 1:4 (ESV) encourages us to allow "steadfastness" to have its full effect. Of course, steadfastness by its very definition requires us to remain faithful as we face life's various trials and temptations.

Are you allowing steadfastness to have its full effect? In the end, it will be worth it!

Until next time, Jeremy Gargis

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, February 4:

JEAN HARRIS (stepmother of **Scott Harris**) is scheduled for surgery on Monday, February 10, at Maury Regional Hospital to remove a mass from her kidney. Indications are that the mass is not cancerous; however, if it is, the kidney will be removed. *236 Beartown Rd., Loretto, TN 38469.*

MICHAEL MASHBURN got a good report at his appointment last week at Vanderbilt UMC. The doctor was very pleased that the infection is healing well. A smaller trach tube was put in that will be less irritating to Michael's skin. *NHC Brink, 374 Brink St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464* or (Home) *250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DIANA SMITH is home and recovering after last week's ACL repair surgery. She is undergoing physical therapy and doing well. *19 Pruitt Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

J.D. CONLEY, husband of **Denise Conley (Penny Helton's** cousin), seems to be doing some better after recently being hospitalized with internal bleeding. He was scheduled for a doctor's appointment on Wednesday, February 5. *102 Laramie Rd., Marietta, OH 45750.*

SHANNON COTTON, granddaughter of **Jean Caperton** (neighbor of **Jean Parrish**), was still hospitalized at Maury Regional as of Tuesday, February 4. She is no longer on the ventilator and is being assisted with a CPAP machine. She continues to battle a serious respiratory illness. *c/o Jean Caperton, 206 Lafayette Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

RICKY HUNT, who visits here from time to time, is home after being hospitalized with flu and sepsis this past week. No visitors at this time, please. (Ricky is the brother of **Kim Hooker** who is a member at Leoma Church of Christ and a teacher at 1st Pres. Preschool.) *72 Rabbit Trail Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.*

LINDA KELLEY, friend of **Tommy and Patsy Lee**, had a stent placed last week to open a blocked duct. Unfortunately, the stent was already blocked by Monday, February 3. Therefore, a procedure was performed successfully (on the second attempt) on Monday at Maury Regional Hospital to open the stent and restore flow through the duct. Linda is battling pancreatic cancer. *610 William Street, St. Joseph, TN 38481.*

SHEA MCCURRY, sister of **Beth Keaton**, is undergoing physical therapy and continuing to progress since her release from the hospital. *1438 Chisholm Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452.*

CHARLES NEAL, husband of **Vickie Neal**, is back at home and recovering after having two heart bypasses and pacemaker surgery last week at St. Thomas. *231 N. Military Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MARY LEWIS STRICKLIN, mother of **Beth Keaton**, was able to return home from Maury Regional Hospital on Tuesday, February 4, after being treated for diverticulitis. She will have more tests in a few weeks. *1432 Chisholm Road, Cypress Inn, TN 38452.*

Please continue to remember **Martha Belew, Susie Davis, Nell Dixon, Thelma McCloud, Linda Snider, Ruby Welch, Kathryn Bryson, Willie Childress, Richard Cothran, Dustin Haltom, Martha Hampton, Anne Crowder Hughes, Keith Mattox, Jay Thomas**, and all those recently mentioned.