

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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Pandemic Pandemonium

It's Monday, March 17, 2020. At the time of this writing, over 5,000 people have tested positive for the new COVID-19 disease in the U.S., and at least 90 have died. Globally, about 190,000 people have contracted the virus with a total of approximately 7,500 deaths. These numbers only reflect those who have been tested and diagnosed, not those who have contracted the virus and gone undiagnosed.

In order to abate the spreading of this disease in the U.S., social distancing has become one of America's top priorities. In a handful of days, Americans have witnessed a number of unprecedented events from the cancellations of major sporting events to the disappearance of mass amounts of toilet paper and hand sanitizer. Following the recommendations of the CDC and WHO, school systems, universities, churches, and other organizations have cancelled classes, meetings, and various activities. State governments have begun shutting down restaurants. Economic projections are bleak. Handshakes have been replaced by handwaves, elbow bumps, air hugs, salutes, and even bowing.

Those who have yet to be physically affected by the disease itself have been affected economically, psychologically, and/or socially. In these unsettling and uncertain times, those of us who are Christians should be characterized by the following things:

- **Faith.** Having faith in God means trusting God. Rather than being consumed with worry, anxiety, or fear, Jesus calls us to trust in God's concern and provision for His people (Matt. 6:25-34). We must focus on the object of our faith rather than the object of our fear (cf. Num. 13-14). We must choose trust over trepidation.
- **Peace.** One huge byproduct of faith is peace. If I truly trust God, then I will lean on God, and when I lean on God, I will receive peace in return. The apostle Paul put it this way: "[D]o not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:6-7). We must choose peace over panic.
- **Love.** Loving God involves loving our neighbor (Matt. 22:37-40), and loving our neighbor requires compassion and selflessness (Luke 10:25-37; cf. Phil. 2:1-4). It's not out of fear that elderships around the country have chosen to cancel worship services; it's out of love. They trust God, but they also know that God wants us to use our brains. A contagious disease is afoot that threatens to kill the most vulnerable among us and to overwhelm our healthcare system. Love demands that we do what we can to protect our neighbors. We should also add that love demands we take others into consideration when we are buying food and other supplies for our family. We must choose *agapē* over apprehension, compassion over callousness, and selflessness over selfishness.
- **Joy.** Being joyful doesn't mean we can never be sad. I am sad that March Madness was cancelled. My wife is terribly sad that FHU's Makin' Music won't be happening. Many in Lawrence County are sad that the high school basketball state tournament won't be played, because we know how good those Loretto girls are and what they would have been able to accomplish. Numerous parents have had to cancel their children's birthday parties, and countless people have had to settle for a staycation instead of a vacation during spring break. And then we have those families in our country that have had to bury a loved one because of this virus. These difficulties, disruptions, and disappointments can be hard to bear, but Christians should still be joyful people. As one preacher friend of mine said, "Joy is the stubborn delight of the spiritually full." Because of Jesus and His victory over sin and death, Christians always have a reason to be joyful (Phil. 4:4). We must choose delight over despondency.
- **Hope.** Hope involves standing firmly on God's promises about the future (Rom. 8:24-25; Titus 1:1-3). Biblically speaking, hope is not a wish; it's a confident expectation. The Christian hope has survived ostracism, ridicule, persecution, martyrdom, and countless wars, and it will outlast this pandemic, too. As hopeful people, Christians can endure anything, because they know that something better is coming. What's occurring in the present will not last forever. It will pass. We must choose hopefulness over hopelessness.

Obviously, faith, peace, love, joy, and hope should always characterize Christians (Gal. 5:22-23), but it's during dark days like these that our light can shine the brightest to the glory of God and perhaps for the salvation of souls.

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**. The elder chairman for *April, May, and June* will be **Tim Hammond**.

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

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

Hispanic Ministry: Rodolfo Espinoza, 615-516-0650

AGAPE COUNSELOR, 931-762-8502

March 11 and March 15, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	180
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	214
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$8,922.00
Average (as of 3-17-20).....	\$10,348.51

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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 March 23 – March 27 will be hosted by the **GANDY** 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!

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THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – March 29, 2020

Front Door – T.J. and Sammie Hughes
West Door – Kim Smith and Matthew Smith
East Door – C.J. Thigpen and DeAnna Thigpen

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Andy Lee

MORNING WORSHIP – March 29, 2020

OPENING PRAYER.....Brad Nielsen

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

SERVE AT TABLE

Joe Gambrell.....Patrick Hughes
Brian Robertson.....Ethan Cooper
Brent McKamey.....Mike Keill

USHERS

Tanner Romsdal, 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 – March 29, 2020

Ushers.....Shayne Adams and Reggie Holt

Front Door Greeters.....Brad and Emily Nielsen

Scripture Reading, John 5: 5-15.....Eric Nutt

Lead Prayer.....Biff Helton

Closing Prayer.....Matthew Dickey

Communion & Contribution.....Cayden Hughes

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 – April 1, 2020

Scripture Reading, Genesis 7: 17-24.....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 for March 29 and April 1

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

SUNDAY MORNING.....Reggie Holt, 931-629-8920

SUNDAY EVENING.....NO VAN RUNS

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

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

PROJECTOR OPERATORS – March 29 and April 1

SUNDAY MORNING.....Jacob Cothren

SUNDAY EVENING.....Tim Hammond

WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Jacob Cothren

SERVING THROUGHOUT APRIL

Baptismal Clothes.....Gina Burns and Shirley Evans

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.....Joe Cook

Prepare Communion.....Jennifer, Olen, Diane Springer

Pick up Cups.....JoJo and Vangie Gieske

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, March 17:

WILLODEAN CAMPBELL had an appointment on Thursday, March 12, with a hematologist. She will be treated with iron infusions in Columbia once Beth (Willodean's daughter-in-law) can get it arranged. Mrs. Willodean is extremely weak and can hardly walk. 495 Kent St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

MICHAEL MASHBURN was scheduled to be released from Vanderbilt UMC on Tuesday, March 17. He will continue antibiotic treatment for two more months at home for an infection that invaded his left lung. 250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

SHANNON COTTON, granddaughter of **Jean Caperton** (neighbor of **Jean Parrish**), has been hospitalized at Maury Regional Hospital for about the last two months. She hoped to be released on Tuesday, March 17, to go to a rehab facility in Pulaski. c/o **Jean Caperton**, 206 Lafayette Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

LINDA JENKINS, sister of **Mike Hughes**, has a 90% blockage in her carotid artery. As of Tuesday, March 17, Linda was awaiting a date and time for her surgery at St. Vincent Hospital in Birmingham, AL. 14173 CO RD 33, Killen, AL 35645.

LINDA KELLEY, friend of **Tommy and Patsy Lee**, is battling pancreatic cancer. Unfortunately, tumor markers are up, and the tumors are growing. Linda had a reaction to last week's chemotherapy treatment. She will still receive chemo, but it will be cautiously administered. 610 William Street, St. Joseph, TN 38481.

EMMA MOORE, 12-year-old granddaughter of **Barbara Weaver** who attends our Ladies' Bible Class, is continuing to battle pain, lack of appetite, and weight loss. You may send cards to her at 157 Lanning Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

TIM MCANALLY, nephew of **Judy Butler**, was still in Maury Regional, CCU, now in Rm. 254, as of Tuesday, March 17. c/o **Harold McAnally**, 499 Hudson Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ORAL PIGG, father of **Debra Fitzgerald and Teresa Kennedy**, is home and continuing to recover from a procedure last week to clear his carotid artery. 586 Iron City Rd., Iron City, TN 38463.

MACIE ROSE, grandmother of **Megan Shadrack**, is in NHC Scott following a stroke last week; she also has dementia. She cannot have visitors at this time due to the coronavirus restrictions.

Please continue to remember **Mary Louisa Belew, Lorene Chandler, Nell Dixon, Ruth Goff, Donna Marston, Thelma McCloud, Nita Pinckley, Ruby Welch, Betty Marie Bailey, Chad Brown, J.D. Conley, Shannon Cotton, Phillip Gattis, Dustin Haltom, Martha Hampton, Kevin Huckaby, Clifford Doyle Johnson, Linda Kelley, Keith Mattox, Jackie McCord, Jay Thomas**, and all those recently mentioned.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Barbara Demastus** on the death of her sister, **NANCY SPRINGER**. Arrangements are private, family-only.

Condolences may be sent to Barbara at 316 Thomas St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Buddy and Terri Rose and family** on the death of Buddy's grandfather, **WALKER ROSE**. Mr. Rose was the grandfather of **McKenna Rose** and **Callie Rose**. The funeral was held on Saturday, March 14, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to the Rose family at 180 Curry Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.

YOUTH NEWS

March 25th – Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium!
March 26th - In-betweens Activity! This event, which is for the 3rd-6th grades, will take place in the FB from 3:45-4:45 p.m.
April 5th - Combined Devotional! Please plan to come to the fellowship building after the evening worship service for a time of devotional and fellowship! As always, food will be provided.
April 8th - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium!
April 10th-12th - Lads to Leaders! The convention will be held at the Opryland Hotel & Convention Center. Please keep our group in your prayers as we travel and participate in various events! Feel free to make the trip to Nashville to support our young people!
April 19th - Soul Food Sunday! For those in the 7th grade and up.
April 22nd - Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium!

Please understand that all of the above scheduled activities are subject to change/cancellation. We will also not be scheduling any additional activities until there is a better grasp of what our area and nation's health situation will be. I love you all! **Jeremy Gargis**

COMING SOON (subject to change)

Tuesday, March 24: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the FB.
Wednesday, March 25: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.
Sunday, March 29: Coming Home Sunday. Fellowship Meal. 1 p.m. service.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES (subject to change)



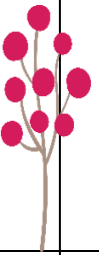




Sunday, March 22–Tuesday, March 24: Gospel Meeting. County Line church of Christ. **Speaker Jacob Evans.** *The Road to Redemption.* Sunday 10 a.m., 11 a.m., and 7:30 p.m. M & T 7 p.m.
Sunday, March 29: Kids Rally. Sandy Hook Church of Christ. **Speaker Malvin Sanders.** Devotional at 1 p.m. Kids Rally begins at 1:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 4: Ladies Day. Leoma church of Christ. **Speaker Debbie Dupuy.** *The Shepherd's Daughter.* Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Session 1, 9 a.m. Brunch, 10 a.m. Session 2, 11 a.m.
Saturday, April 18: Ladies Day. East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. **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.
Saturday, April 25: Ladies Day. Charlotte Heights Church of Christ, Nashville, TN. **Speaker Sandi Rinderer.** *The Kittens in the Hayloft: Seeing the Parables in Daily Life.* Light breakfast and registration 8:30 a.m. Program begins at 9 a.m. Lunch provided.

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the prayers, phone calls, and cards while I was recovering. **Ruby Welch**

More Reminders

1. Don't forget to **order your SENT theme T-shirts.**
2. **Graduates**, e-mail your photos and info to us soon.
3. Let Jeremy know if you want your college student included in the **Care Packages for College Students.** If you'd like to donate gift cards or cash to purchase gift cards and also write encouraging notes, letters, or cards to our college students, please get these items to Jeremy soon!
4. We will be helping provide **food for Ingram Sowell students** while school is out. More info is being sent via e-mail, or call Jacob or Brittany for details.
5. Now is a great time to check on your fellow church members, family, and neighbors, especially the elderly, and see how you can help.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1 style="font-size: 48px; color: #800080;">APRIL</h1> <h1 style="font-size: 48px; color: #800080;">2020</h1> 			1 Becky Holder Elizabeth Land <i>Good Works Wednesday, 5 pm</i>	2 Kyla Adams Shane Hughes	3 Brian Robertson	4 
5 Beth Campbell Isaiah Holcomb <i>Combined Devo</i>	6 Robbie Guthrie T.J. Hughes	7 Carter Hughes Tanner Romsdal <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB</i>	8 Dean Bowling Lincoln Mashburn Griffin Snider <i>Songs Class, 6:15 pm, auditorium</i>	9 Tammie Thomas 	10 Maxine Anderson Paulette Markus L2L	11 L2L
12 Dustin Maggard Stephanie Taylor Judy Vandiver EASTER L2L	13 Naoma Jacobs Pauline Salisbury	14 	15 Amy Case	16 Carol Davenport Jeremy Gargis Kim Tinin Brown	17 Mary Alice Tidwell	18 Austin Serrett
19 J.W. Dotson	20 Jesse Springer <i>Widows Breakfast, 9:30 am, Hardee's</i>	21 Olen Springer	22 Dede Baxter <i>Songs Class, 6:15 pm, auditorium</i>	23 Peggy Barger Jacob Evans Jonathan King	24 	25 Pat Gray Titus Lee LADIES DAY @Pulaski Street
26 <i>4th Sunday, 1 pm service</i>	27 Reese Evans Dawn Hammond Thelma McCloud	28 Jean Harris Pam Holt <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB</i>	29 Charity Brown	30 Ruby Welch 	Services and events could be altered, postponed, or cancelled due to recommendations regarding the current coronavirus situation.	