

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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The “Logic” of God’s Love

Romans 5:6-8 forms a single argument that demonstrates the abundant and absolute nature of God’s love for us. In my estimation, there’s a subtle irony in Paul’s argument. Paul is using logic to explain something that is ultimately incomprehensible (Eph. 3:18-19). We can break Paul’s argument down into three parts.

(1) Human love, at its best, will motivate a person to give his or her life for a truly “good” person (Rom. 5:7). The main point of vs. 7 is clear enough. Paul is using his words here to accentuate the love of God manifested in the cross of Christ by reminding us that the pinnacle of human love is giving of one’s life for a person with whom one is close—a spouse, a child, a sibling, a close friend, or a combat buddy. But Paul’s way of stating this point creates some confusion. What exactly is the difference between a “righteous person” and a “good person”? Some scholars do not make any distinction. On this view, the second could be clarifying the first by “softening” the assertion that a person would “scarcely” die for anyone else. Other scholars, however, do make a distinction. On this view, a “good person” would be one who has a stronger claim on one’s emotions than the “righteous person” of the first clause. While the “righteous person” would be one who is just and upright in his dealings and would therefore have some claim on our respect, the “good person” would be one for whom we have a strong personal attachment and for whom, therefore, we would be more willing to die.

In his book *Written in Blood*, Robert Coleman tells the story of a little boy whose sister needed a blood transfusion. The doctor explained that she had the same disease the boy had recovered from two years earlier. Her only chance for recovery was a transfusion from someone who had previously conquered the disease. Since the two children had the same rare blood type, the boy was the ideal donor.

"Would you give your blood to Mary?" the doctor asked. Johnny hesitated. His lower lip started to tremble. Then he smiled and said, "Sure, for my sister." Soon the two children were wheeled into the hospital room: Mary was pale and thin; Johnny was robust and healthy. Neither spoke, but when their eyes met, Johnny grinned. As the nurse inserted the needle into his arm, Johnny's smile faded. He watched the blood flow through the tube. When the ordeal was almost over, his voice, slightly shaky, broke the silence. "Doctor, when do I die?"

Only then did the doctor realize why Johnny had hesitated and why his lip had trembled when he'd agreed to donate his blood. He thought giving his blood to his sister meant giving up his life. In that brief moment, he'd made his great decision. Human beings will give their life for another, but it is who they will give their lives for that makes God’s love shine all the brighter.

(2) Christ, who was sent by God, did not die for “righteous” people, or even for “good” people, but for rebellious and undeserving people (vs. 6). In contrast to the very best of human love is God’s love. God sent His Son to die for helpless (vs. 6a), ungodly (vs. 6b), and sinful people (vs. 8). He died for His enemies (vs. 10). Who does that? Man doesn’t, but God does. Here’s an axiom to tuck away in your brain: “The less man deserves grace the greater God’s love is shown to be.” We were not worthy of Christ’s death. Not one of us deserved what Christ did for us by dying for us, and in that, we see the greatness of God’s love.

(3) Therefore, God’s love is far greater in its magnitude and dependability than even the greatest human love (vs. 8). With Paul’s argument, we not only get a glimpse at the grandeur of God’s love, but we are also confronted with the reality that we can never doubt God’s love for us.

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 James Weeks

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

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – March 15, 2020

Front Door – Danny and Debbie Cockrell
West Door – Diana Smith and Sadie Smith
East Door – Brian and Cara Robertson

AUDITORIUM CLASS PRAYER.....Tommy Lee

MORNING WORSHIP – March 15, 2020

OPENING PRAYER.....Jim Donnelly

PRESIDE AT TABLE.....Lance Pope and Matthew Smith

SERVE AT TABLE

Matthew Dickey.....Carter Hughes

Jerren Gieske.....Jacob Gallian

Taylor Markus.....Dillon Markus

USHERS

Cayden Hughes, Jayse Hughes,
C.J. Thigpen, Connor Pope

CLOSING PRAYER.....Mark Miller

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

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE – March 15, 2020

Ushers.....Scott Harris and Caleb Shadrick

Front Door Greeters.....Tommy and Amy Case

Scripture Reading, John 4: 46-54.....Caleb Shadrick

Lead Prayer.....T.J. Hughes

Closing Prayer.....Jacob Cothren

Communion & Contribution.....Tom Hestle

*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 – March 18, 2020

Scripture Reading, Genesis 6: 23-27.....Patrick Hughes

Lead Prayer.....Robert Bailey

Closing Prayer.....Brad Nielsen

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

VAN DRIVERS for March 15 and March 18

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

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

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 OPERATORS – March 15 and March 18

SUNDAY MORNING.....Jacob Cothren

SUNDAY EVENING.....Tim Hammond

WEDNESDAY EVENING.....Tom Hestle

SERVING THROUGHOUT MARCH

Baptismal Clothes.....Theresa Brown and Kim Smith
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.....Natalie Haislip and Jami Haislip Dixon

Pick up Cups.....James and Betty Weeks

February 26 and March 1, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....195

Sunday Morning Bible Study.....159

Sunday Morning Worship.....271

Sunday Evening Worship.....unavailable

Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....\$9,491.06

Average (as of 3-2-20).....\$10,543.40

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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 March 9 – March 13 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 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!*

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **PAT PINCKLEY**. Pat was the brother of **Dan Pinckley**/brother-in-law of **Nita Pinckley**. He is also survived by his twin brother, **Phil Pinckley**, of Memphis, TN. He was the brother of the late **David Pinckley**/brother-in-law of the late **Frances Pinckley**. A graveside service was held on Monday, March 2, at Lawrence County Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be sent to **Dan and Nita Pinckley** at 299 Waldon Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Jacob and Sarah Jane Cothren and family** on the death of Jacob's grandfather, **PAUL SHULTS**. Mr. Shults was the great grandfather of **Rosemary, Hazel, and Cedar Cothren**. The funeral was held on Sunday, March 1, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **Jacob, Sarah Jane, and family** at 162 Mint Springs Rd., Ethridge, TN 38456.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **WILL ROBERTS**. Will was a 15-year-old boy who passed away unexpectedly last week. He and his family attended Highland Heights Church of Christ with **Tanner and Katelyn Romsdal** before the Romsdals moved to Lawrenceburg. The funeral was held on Friday, February 28, in Lebanon, TN.

Condolences may be sent to Will's parents, **Cris and Ashley Roberts**, at 7857-B Carthage Highway, Lebanon, TN 37087.

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

Friday, March 6: Area-wide Singing. Waynesboro Church of Christ, Waynesboro, TN. Meal at 5:30 pm. Singing 7-9 p.m.

Friday, March 13: 15th Annual Area-wide Singing. Plainview church of Christ, Hazel Green, AL. 7-9 p.m. Refreshments after singing.

Saturday, March 14: Ladies Day. Riggs Church of Christ, Chapel Hill, TN. Speaker Erin McGee. 2020 Vision. Breakfast and registration 8:30-9:15 a.m. Program 9:15-11:15 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.



T-SHIRT TIME!

It's time to order your 2020 **SENT** theme T-shirts!

Youth Short Sleeve Soft Tee, \$7

Short Sleeve Soft Tee, \$8

Long Sleeve Comfort Colors, \$13

Sizes Youth XS – Adult 4XL

To order: Sign up on the bulletin board in the inner foyer, or go to the church website: www.pulaskistreet.org/shirt/

THANK YOU

Thank you for your many acts of kindness. Thank you for the throw, the delicious meal, the wonderful singing, and Jacob's words at the service. She loved Pulaski Street.

In Christian love, **Greg, Shannon, and Kate Yokley**
(family of Martha Belew)

Words are not adequate to express our appreciation for how you loved and supported us through the recent events of LaVerne's illness and death. We are so grateful you were there offering your support by lifting us through the funeral visitation and funeral service.

Your gift to the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief in memory of LaVerne was a very special gesture, one she loved and supported herself. By remembering us, you helped to bolster us. Thanks for your thoughtfulness. **Tim and Dawn Hammond**

Pulaski Street Church of Christ,

The family of Marlene Swain acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Thank you for sending the beautiful tribute blanket. Thank you also for the donation you made to help pay for funeral expenses. Our family appreciated your kindness and thoughtfulness. **Anita Morrow and Family**

To the ladies of Pulaski Street Church of Christ,

Thank you for organizing the food at the funeral home. The church has been a real blessing to us during this difficult time. We enjoyed the chicken tenders and the side dishes. **Anita Morrow and Family**

MEMORIAL

A donation has been given in memory of **MARTHA BELEW** to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ Pantry by **Greg, Shannon, and Kate Yokley**. This donation is in honor of those who sang at Martha's funeral and those who prepared the meal for the family afterward.

COMING SOON

Friday, March 6, through Sunday, March 8: Family Retreat at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton, AL. Please remember that you will need to turn in your \$20 a person (with a maximum of \$80 per household), and bring some snacks and drinks. Jeremy will be leaving the Pulaski Street parking lot at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 6. **Saturday, March 7:** Before retiring this evening, remember to move your clocks forward one hour!

Sunday, March 8: Daylight Saving Time begins!

Tuesday, March 10: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the FB.

Wednesday, March 11: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Sunday, March 15: We will have guest speaker **Josh Webster** with us for our evening service.

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. Please note this change of date!

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

Saturday, April 25: Pulaski Street's Ladies Day. 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.

YOUTH NEWS

March 6th-8th – Family Retreat! Make your plans to be a part of this fantastic weekend at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton, AL! Yours truly will be speaking Friday night, and Joey Barrier will be speaking on Saturday! If you've been before, you know just how great this weekend is. If you haven't been before, come and experience it for the first time! Please remember that you will need to turn in your \$20 a person (with a maximum of \$80 per household), and bring some snacks and drinks. I will be leaving the Pulaski Street parking lot at 4:00 p.m. Feel free to caravan along!

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

March 11th – Songs Class! Join us at 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium!

March 12th - Tweens Activity! This event, which is for the 2nd grade and younger, will take place in the fellowship building from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

March 15th - U.N.A Christian Student Center Presentation! Josh Webster, director of the Christian Student Center at the University of North Alabama, will be at Pulaski Street for the evening worship service to deliver a message and presentation about what is going on at the CSC. For decades, U.N.A has had an extremely strong program for the students to participate in, and it is still going strong! Please come learn more about opportunities for our students who choose to continue their education just south of the state line!

March 15th - Soul Food Sunday! March's SFS will take place at the Gargises' house (412 Paradise St., L'burg). Those in 7th grade and up, make your plans to head to the Gargises' house after the p.m. service! Josh Webster and some members of the U.N.A CSC will be joining us there!

March 16th-20th – Spring Break! Enjoy your week out of school!

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 fellowship building from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Closing it out...

The 30 of us that headed to Pigeon Forge, TN, this past weekend for Challenge Youth Conference (CYC) had a great time! The lessons were impactful. The singing was beautiful. We were all encouraged tremendously. We grew closer to one another. We had the opportunity with our group to discuss things with which we have been struggling. We prayed for one another. We are better for having been there!

The theme at CYC this year was "POWER," and we heard lessons regarding the power of the cross, the power of the Spirit, the power of the Word, and the all-encompassing power of God. The speakers, as always, challenged and uplifted us. Everything about the weekend was phenomenal! Mark your calendars!!! CYC 2021 will be February 26-28! All of our students in the 7th grade and up should come!

Until next time...

Jeremy Gargis

Graduates: we need your photos & info!

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, March 3:

WILLODEAN CAMPBELL has been having problems with anemia and blood loss. She is scheduled for an appointment with a hematologist in Huntsville, AL, on March 12. She was given two units of blood a few weeks ago, but her levels are gradually declining again. She continues to be very weak and hasn't been able to get out recently. 495 Kent St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

LORENE CHANDLER is home with home health care after spending a few days in St. Thomas Hospital last week. She's having issues with atrial fibrillation, which is being treated with medication. It was determined that the procedure she had last year in which clamps were placed to repair her leaking heart valve was unsuccessful; significant leaking is still occurring. Lorene will have more medical appointments soon. 413 Douglas Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

DONNA MARSTON has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be undergoing four cycles of chemotherapy. Once the chemotherapy is complete, she will have surgery and reconstruction. 5 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

MICHAEL MASHBURN was able to return home on Monday, March 2, from a stay in Vanderbilt UMC. He had surgery to repair another bleed on Saturday, February 29. 250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

JAMES WEEKS is home after an overnight stay at Maury Regional last week. He is recovering from pneumonia and an episode of atrial fibrillation. 297 Napier Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

BETTY MARIE BAILEY, cousin of **Tim Clifton**, was hospitalized last week at Vanderbilt with complications from a recent ostomy procedure. She is dealing with several other health issues as well. Cards may be sent to Betty in care of her daughter. c/o Denise Vermeulen, 500 Lindsley Rd., Lebanon, TN 37090.

CLIFFORD DOYLE JOHNSON, brother of **Hazel Violet**, has been diagnosed with throat cancer. He will be undergoing treatment in Huntsville, AL. 1842 Dunroamin Lane, Fayetteville, TN 37334.

EMMA MOORE, 12-year-old granddaughter of **Barbara Weaver** who attends our Ladies' Bible Class, is having issues with lack of appetite and weight loss. She was recently hospitalized at Vanderbilt related to these issues, and she will be having more tests soon.

TIM MCANALLY, nephew of **Judy Butler**, was still in Maury Regional, CCU, Rm. 563, as of Tuesday, March 3, with heart problems and pneumonia in both lungs. He is beginning to respond some, but he is still very sick. c/o Harold McAnally, 499 Hudson Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

JACKIE MCCORD, father of **Cara Robertson**, is scheduled for a cardiac ablation procedure on Thursday, March 5, at St. Thomas Hospital after continuing episodes of arrhythmia. 308 Ellingson, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Please continue to remember **Nell Dixon, Ruth Goff, Jean Harris, Leonard Kirk, Thelma McCloud, Ruby Welch, J.D. Conley, Shannon Cotton, Phillip Gattis, Dustin Haltom, Kevin Huckaby, Martha Hampton, Anne Crowder Hughes, Linda Kelley, Keith Mattox, Jay Thomas**, and all those recently mentioned.

Prayers are requested for all those affected by the tornado that struck Tennessee on Tuesday, March 3. Two families suffering with injuries and loss caused by this storm are the **Collins family** and the **Mynatt family**, both of Cookeville.