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BEATING BOREDOM

Last week we discussed the burden of boredom. This week we're going to discuss how to beat boredom. I've got three things for you to consider from God's Word.

Remember that all you do matters to God. There are a couple of ways to think about this statement. First, it's a reminder that we should represent Jesus in everything we do. In fact, the NLT renders Colossians 3:17 as "And whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus." That's an interesting thought that can push us past boredom. There are a lot of hopeless people in our world, and we have the hope that this world so desperately needs. As such, the world cannot afford for us to be bored. The world needs us to be faithful, fervent, engaged, passionate, and zealous (Rom. 12:11); otherwise, they will die without hope.

Second, this may help you find the extraordinary in the ordinary, which can ignite a fire in your heart that dissipates the burden of boredom. In Colossians 3:23-24, Paul addresses slaves, a group of people who would have had difficulty seeing their work as meaningful or fulfilling. Paul instructs them to change their attitude, not their circumstances: "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." For so many people, even many Christians, that sense of vague restlessness they feel is tied to their job or career. It could be that you need to make a career change, or it may just be that you just need an attitude change.

Ponder the brevity of life. Ecclesiastes 9:10 reads, "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going." One translation morbidly renders the last phrase, "You'll soon go to the world of the dead." Jesus put it this way, "We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work" (John 9:4). Job likens our lives to the birth and death of a flower (Job 14:2), while James likens our lives to a passing puff of smoke (Jas. 4:14). We only have a brief time to make an impact on those we love and on those who need Jesus. Such should stir our hearts out of boredom.

Shoulder selfless burdens. Nehemiah bore a lot of burdens in his ministry. He had a nice, cushy job with a foreign government, but notice what he decided to do. He decided to ask his boss, the king, for an extended leave of absence. Nehemiah wasn't going to travel around the world and entertain himself. He was going to go back to where his ancestors lived. He was going to go back to a place to do what we would call "foreign missions." He was going to live in what we would consider to be third-world conditions. He was going to trade his easy white-collar existence for a very difficult blue-collar existence. In addition to the work he did, Nehemiah received terror threats from groups in the surrounding areas. In fact, it got so bad at one point that they were working with a tool in one hand and a weapon in the other (Neh. 1-4). Nehemiah had a lot of burdens. He had the burden of leadership, trying to coordinate this massive project with a lot of moveable parts. He had the burden of these external threats. He traded a comfortable life for a difficult life.

Imagine going back in time and asking Nehemiah, "How do you feel? How do you feel about being in this place? How do you feel about all you are having to endure?" I think he would say something like the following: "I feel alive. I feel more alive than I've felt in a long time." Nehemiah bore many burdens, but he didn't bear the burden of boredom. Nehemiah and others like him would say, "I'll trade the internal burden of boredom for those external burdens every time."

Look for opportunities to bear selfless burdens. Turn your concerns outward (Matt. 25:31-46; Gal. 6:2). In other words, if you want to slay boredom, get busy doing the work of the kingdom. It's in that kind of work that you will find genuine fulfillment, satisfaction, and joy. I promise you that there is more work available in the kingdom than all of us combined could accomplish in a lifetime.

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 April, May, and June is **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 Shadrack

MINISTERS: Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325 Jeremy Gargis, 931-231-9557 **Hispanic Ministry:** Rodolfo Espinoza, 615-516-0650 **AGAPE COUNSELOR,** 931-762-8502

THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – April 19, 2020

Front Door – T.J. and Sammie Hughes

West Door – Kim Smith and Matthew Smith

East Door – C.J. Thigpen and DeAnna Thigpen

Please note:

We do not have any definite timetable on when we will be able to resume meeting together in person. However, it seems evident that the present situation will probably last through at least the end of April. We [the elders] will stay abreast of any new information that may allow us to change course.

We will be **live streaming** our worship service via the church's Facebook page again **this Sunday, April 12, at 10:30 a.m.** Just type "Pulaski Street Church of Christ" in the search box on Facebook, and follow the links. The elders, Jeremy, and Jacob will be leading the (abbreviated) worship service. In this way, you'll be able to see some familiar faces and hear some familiar voices.

Recordings of the Sunday morning services will be uploaded to **YouTube**. You may view the videos by going to www.youtube.com. Type "Pulaski Street Church of Christ" in the search box to find our channel.

These Sunday morning services will be aired at 6 p.m. on Sunday evenings **over the radio** at least through the duration of this pandemic. **To listen to the broadcast, tune your radio to 106.1 FM (Lawrenceburg), 93.1 FM (Loretto), or 590 AM (Lawrence County).** You will also be able to access the broadcast through the X Radio App on both Apple and Android. Our main target group for this endeavor are those in our church family and other sister congregations who do not have access to the internet, Facebook, etc. Please share this information with anyone you might know who could benefit from it. We're doing all we can to stay connected to our church family from the youngest to the oldest.

On **Wednesday** evenings, Jacob will be live streaming a devotional message from his Facebook page at **7 p.m.**

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

April 1 and April 5, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....—
Sunday Morning Worship.....—
Sunday Evening Worship.....—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....\$12,525.00
Average (last available).....\$9,920.40

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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 April 13 – April 17 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!

Services, events, and office hours have been and could continue to be altered, postponed, or cancelled due to recommendations regarding the current coronavirus situation.

INFO and REMINDERS

We are not presently assembling at our facilities for services or activities. Obviously, we do not have any definite timetable on when we will be able to resume meeting together in person. However, it seems evident that the present situation will probably last through at least the end of April. The elders will stay abreast of any new information that may allow us to change course.

1. As of Tuesday, April 7, the plan is still to have the elders, Jacob, and Jeremy leading an abbreviated **worship service** on Sunday, April 12, (and following Sundays as necessary) at 10:30 a.m., which will be **live streamed** from our auditorium using **Facebook**.

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2. We have **personal communion kits** (PCKs) on hand at the church office. Drop by anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on weekdays to pick up your portion of PCKs.

3. Your **weekly contribution** can be mailed to the church office at 247 Pulaski Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464, or it can be delivered to the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

4. We are helping provide **food for Ingram Sowell students** while school is out. At this time, donating money is the best way to help with this project. You can drop that by the church office between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. weekdays.

5. **Graduates**, remember to e-mail your photos and info to us soon.

6. Please continue to check on your fellow church members, family, and neighbors, especially the elderly, and see how you can help.

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace.

1 Corinthians 14:33

THANK YOU

To the Elders and others that helped,

Thank you for helping with the meal for the Pinckley families. We appreciate your kindness. Thank you.

The Pinckley family

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Thank you for all the cards sent and prayers lifted on our behalf following the loss of our son. Although we don't know you, we know you are family. Thank you for weeping with us. We look forward to the day we can all rejoice together at His feet.

In Christian love, **Cris, Ashley, and Sophia Roberts**

I am so appreciative of the cards I've received and phone calls from the church family checking on me. It means a lot to me. Thank you all so much. **Mary Louisa Belew**

MEMORIAL

A donation has been given in memory of **MARTHA BELEW** to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ Pantry by **John and Beverly Simmons**. (Martha loved and faithfully supported the Pulaski Street church pantry, which helps provide food to those who are in need in our community.)

HELP WANTED:

North Alabama Christian Children's Home

North Alabama Christian Children's Home is in need at this time for house parents, respite workers, and a man to do maintenance/lawn care for the campus. Please, if you are interested in this Christian work to help take care of these children that God has placed in our care, call North Alabama Christian Children's Home [and speak to] Melinda Jackson, Social Worker, at 256-757-4212 or Don Williams, Executive Director, at 256-366-3327.

Please take care, and may God be with you and your families during this time. Thank you so much for what you do for North Alabama Christian Children's Home.

For the Children,

Don Williams, NACCH Executive Director

CONTACT US

If you have information or a prayer request that should be shared with the church family, you can call or text me (**Melanie**) any time at **931-242-4917**. If I do not answer, please leave a voice mail, and I'll call you back (if necessary). You may also email me at nutthouse175@hotmail.com.



Contact numbers for each of our **elders** and **ministers** are printed on the front of your bulletin each week, as well as being listed in the church directory.

YOUTH NEWS

For a stretch of time when I was growing up, I wanted to be an architect. My dad frequently designed and built things, and while they weren't complex or costly, I was always and still am impressed. I enjoy seeing the way things are built and the plans that are made prior to them being built.

One of the things that I have enjoyed doing recently is driving around and looking at new houses that are being built. Whether big or small, houses that are built the right way bring some sort of satisfaction.

The Roman Empire lasted for over 1,000 years, and by the time that the church was established, the Roman empire's longevity had brought about an era of peace. Sure, there was persecution toward Christians, but the world at large was experiencing peace to a great extent. As a result of this, construction flourished. Many large, beautiful things were built throughout the empire. Several of them, such as the Pantheon and the Colosseum, are still standing today. Certainly, the architects behind them are to be commended for their capabilities!

My personal favorite of the remaining structures is likely the Pont du Gard, which I would love to visit someday. It is an aqueduct standing three stories tall that was built of bricks. It was designed to collect and deliver drinking water to the citizens of Nimes in Southern France. Not only is the structure beautiful, the backdrop is equally appealing.

As we consider architects and buildings, let's look at Hebrews 3:3-6:

For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself.

(For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.)

Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later,

but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

Verse 3 points out that the builder of the house is worthy of more honor than the house itself. Verse 6 continues this thought. The house is God's. Jesus rules it as a faithful son. And we are His house as long as we remain steadfast. This master builder, who builds new lives rather than new buildings, is building us as His house! What honor and glory is due Him!

How great it is to be considered God's house! You probably heard while growing up like I did to "tip-toe" and "whisper in God's house." But that sends the wrong message. While we should take care of the buildings in which we meet, we must understand that God's house is not the building, but us. The condition placed upon us keeping our status as God's house is that we "hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope." Yes, it is a great honor to be part of God's house. Are you keeping your end of the bargain?

Until next time,
Jeremy Gargis

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, April 7:

MARY LOUISA BELEW is continuing to battle dizziness/vertigo and is still having some heart-related issues. Appointments to have further testing and treatment for these issues have been delayed until further notice. *514 West Point Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

LORENE CHANDLER is continuing to battle heart problems and arrhythmia and is being monitored with home health. She had a difficult weekend this past weekend, and she is adjusting her schedule of taking medication to hopefully prevent it from making her sick. *413 Douglas Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DONNA HELTON was able to return home on Tuesday, April 7, after stays in STRHS and Centennial Hospital. She is continuing to recover from injuries she suffered in a fall. *219 Waterloo St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KNOX HOLDER is in NHC Lawrenceburg, Rm. 106. He will be undergoing physical therapy to strengthen his legs. *374 Brink Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

CHAD BROWN, father of **Josie Brown** and **Mary Beth Brown**, is recovering after having surgery last week for a blockage in his right leg. He expects to have surgery for the blockage in his left leg within the next few weeks. *216 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

CAROLE CHILDERS, wife of **Tom Childers**, is in the final stages of her battle with cancer and is receiving hospice care. (Tom and Jacob Evans have worked together for several years on the Southeast Lectureship books.)

Ron and Karen Clayton, who work with India Missions, have requested prayers for their son and daughter-in-law, **GREG and CYNDI CLAYTON**. Greg is battling depression, insomnia, and severe physical problems.

MARY ANN CURTIS, aunt of **Eric Nutt**, has advanced congestive heart failure and is now receiving hospice care at her home. (Mary Ann is the sister of the late **Jeannette Nutt**.) *1007 Whitehall Rd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.*

MIKE and MACIE ECKHART (former members here) are now living at The Summit in Lawrenceburg. They are in C-13. *186 Prosser Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

LINDA JENKINS, sister of **Mike Hughes**, had an arteriogram on Tuesday, April 7. The arteriogram confirmed that Linda's carotid artery was 100% blocked. She was scheduled to have bypass surgery on Wednesday, April 8, at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham, AL. *14173 CO RD 33, Killen, AL 35645.*

JUDY NEWTON, sister of **Margaret Hammond** (who is a former member here), is in kidney failure. Judy's condition was very low as of Tuesday, April 7.

Please continue to remember: **Kym Bilbrey Brown, Willodean Campbell, Nell Dixon, Ruth Goff, Donna Marston, Michael Mashburn, Thelma McCloud, Shannon Cotton, Phillip Gattis, Dustin Haltom, Martha Hampton, Kevin Huckaby, Clifford Doyle Johnson, Linda Kelley, Keith Mattox, Emma Moore, Jay Thomas,** and all those recently mentioned.

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16