

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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Why Gather with God's Family?

Pulaski Street family, as we eye our return to an in-person assembly on Sunday, June 7, 2020, I want to remind us why gathering with God's family is so important. I would like to think that as we crawl out of this pandemic that we will eventually see more addition than attrition. I would like to think that none of us will ever take our assemblies for granted again. I realize that a discussion of assembling at this point in time is rife with caveats, but I believe it is important for us to consider the weight that Scripture places upon gathering with God's family. Below are five reasons why we should cherish the assembly.

It is a sign of faithfulness to God. A consideration of certain passages in Acts (20:6-7; 21:14; 28:14) and 1 Corinthians (11:17-34; 14:23; 16:1-2) yields the conclusion that, at the very least, first-century Christians in various localities assembled every first day of the week. When we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ, such serves as an indication that we are devoted to God, Jesus Christ, and those whom Christ has redeemed. With this statement, however, some clarifications are in order. On the one hand, our faithfulness to God should never be measured *only* by whether we gather with God's family in a certain locality on the first day of the week. Indeed, our lives outside of the gathering should reflect our lives inside of the gathering. On the other hand, assembling with the brethren should never be dismissed as an unnecessary or optional element in our spiritual lives. This viewpoint, which we responded to in last week's article, is becoming more and more popular today. In God's estimation, you cannot have Jesus without the church. The bridegroom comes with the bride, and vice versa (cf. Eph. 5:25-30). We should add here that God understands if we are prevented from assembling in person because of health problems, work demands, or pandemic precautions.

It is vital to one's spiritual fellowship with God and other members of God's family. Something deeply spiritual transpires when we gather as God's family (1 Cor. 10:16-17). Gathering with God's family provides a crucial context not only for offering God worship, praising Him, and communing with Him but also for fellowshiping and communing with our brothers and sisters in Christ (Acts 2:42-47).

It supplies an invaluable context for hearing what the world will never tell you. When we gather as God's family, the communication of certain concepts and ideas takes place in various ways (Eph. 5:19-20; Col. 3:16; 1 Tim. 4:13), and the content of this communication should be saturated with God's Word (2 Tim. 4:1-4). Our world is what we might call a "myth factory." The world has a host of alluring myths and lies that it is constantly communicating to people through various mediums. If all we ever listen to is what the world wants to tell us, then we are in trouble. In an interview I did with William Woodson years ago for one of my classes at FHU, I remember him passing along this word of advice: "It is never good to listen to just one side of the phone conversation." When we gather as God's family, we are afforded an opportunity to listen to the other side of the phone conversation, so to speak, and to learn what God, not the world, regards as important and worthy of our time and efforts.

It is an indispensable means of growth and encouragement. Ephesians 4:11-16 focuses on the growth of the body. A body is not going to grow if it isn't nurtured, and there will be no nurturing if the members of the body fail to assemble. Notice the emphasis in Hebrew 10:24-25, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." This passage is more about assembling to encourage than encouraging to assemble. How could early Christians encourage and strengthen one another, except by being together? Edifying, exhorting, and encouraging are essential purposes of the assembly (1 Cor. 14:1-33, see especially vv. 3-5, 12, 17, 26, 31).

It provides a foretaste of heaven. Among the things that Revelation 4:8-11 and 5:6-14 teach us is that we are going to do some worshiping in heaven. We are not only going to sing words of praise to God, but unlike here, we will "see" (if I may use that word) God. We will be in the unadulterated presence of God (Rev. 21:3), worshiping side-by-side with all our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our gatherings on this side of eternity are but a foreshadowing of something deeper and more glorious than we can even begin to imagine.

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 Shadrick

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THOSE TO SERVE

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS – June 7, 2020

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

The elders have decided that we will **resume meeting in person for Sunday morning worship beginning on Sunday, June 7**. Obviously, there will be guidelines and parameters in place in order to keep us all as safe and healthy as possible. Please see some of the safety measures we'll be using listed inside this bulletin.

In order to access the **worship service** this Sunday, **May 31, at 10:30 a.m.**, you can go to one of two places: (1) Pulaski Street's Facebook Page or (2) Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel.

We've learned that the video stream is better through YouTube than Facebook. If you're having trouble viewing the video on Facebook, then switch to the YouTube stream.

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. (6 p.m. is not an exact time; the broadcast should begin sometime between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) **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.

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May 20 and May 24, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	—
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$6,645.00
Average (last available).....	\$10,246.72

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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 June 1 – June 5 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 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!

Services,
events, and
office hours
could
continue to
be altered,
postponed,
or cancelled
due to
recommend-
ations
regarding
the current
coronavirus
situation.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, May 26:

NELL DIXON is home and recovering after having knee replacement surgery last week. The surgery went well, but Nell is having significant pain. She will be undergoing six to eight more weeks of physical therapy. 1505 Massey Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

RAY BAKER, son-in-law of **Robbie Guthrie**, is home after being hospitalized with heart and kidney problems and multiple other health problems. 200 Bumper Crop Lane, Madison, AL 35757.

BOBBY CURTIS, uncle of **Eric Nutt** and brother-in-law of **Howard Nutt**, is declining. 1007 Whitehall Rd., Murfreesboro, TN 37130.

MARIAN DRYDEN, a member at Leoma, is still in the ICU at Vanderbilt UMC with a brain infection. She is in very serious condition and is battling infections, as well as side effects from the treatments. 20 Shoal Creek Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.

DR. GARI LYNN, former Lawrenceburg Public School principal, has been diagnosed with cancer. He will be meeting with an oncologist for a treatment plan. 240 Haywood Creek Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.

EMILY PERRON, daughter of **Melissa Rochelle**, had a PET scan on Monday, May 18. Thankfully, no cancer was detected. A mass was removed from her bladder, and she is feeling some better. Hopefully, the mass was the cause of Emily's inflammation and pain. 1480 Windorah Way, Apt. D, West Palm Beach, FL 33411.

MAE ROBERSON, longtime member here, has been hospitalized multiple times recently with heart problems. She is back at her home in Murfreesboro and feeling some better. *Stones River Manor, 205 Haynes Drive, Apt. 104, Murfreesboro, TN 37129.*

Please remember: **Mary Louisa Belew, Kym Bilbrey Brown, Willodean Campbell, Lorene Chandler, Ruth Goff, Jeffrey Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Donna Marston, Michael Mashburn, James and Thelma McCloud, Ruby Welch, Chad Brown, Bobby Curtis, Tommy Deloach, Phillip Gattis, Scot Hughes, Clifford Doyle Johnson, Linda Kelley, Keith Mattox, Emma Moore, Jay Thomas,** and all those recently mentioned.

ABOUT SUNDAY, JUNE 7

The elders have decided that we will resume meeting in person for **Sunday morning worship** beginning on **Sunday, June 7, at 10:30 a.m.** For the foreseeable future, the Sunday morning worship service will be the only service at which we will meet together in person.

If you are sick in any way or running a fever, we obviously expect you to continue to worship with us online or on the radio.

If you are especially vulnerable to the more drastic effects of Covid-19 and/or these safety measures will be difficult or impossible for you to follow, then we, not to mention the Lord, fully understand if you choose to stay home and worship with us online or on the radio.

safety measures:

- Enter through the open doors in the foyer.
- Pick up PCK(s) and mask(s) (optional, but encouraged) as you enter.
- Find a seat for your family (every other pew will be taped off).
- Maintain social distancing (e.g., no handshaking or hugging; no sitting next to another family on the same pew).
- Minimize use of nursery and restrooms.
- Refrain from using the water fountains (bottled water will be available).
- Exit your row at the end of the service when your row is called.
- Deposit your contribution in a basket, and throw away your PCK(s) as you leave through the foyer.

YOUTH NEWS

Daniel Ross, our **summer intern**, is here! Daniel grew up in Florence, AL, attended Florence Blvd. Church of Christ, and graduated from Mars Hill Bible School. He is the grandson of Willie Hamblen, who is a former preacher at Leoma Church of Christ. He will be a sophomore at Freed-Hardeman University this fall. While this summer is going to be different for our youth group than any we can remember, let's do our best to be as involved as we can, and let's make Daniel feel welcome!

Until next time, Jeremy Gargis

INFO and REMINDERS



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Via Internet

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We're doing all we can to stay connected to our church family from the youngest to the oldest. Please share this information with anyone you might know who could benefit from it.

During **church office hours (Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.)**, you may pick up personal communion kits and/or drop off your weekly contribution.

You can also mail contributions/donations to 247 Pulaski Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

THANK YOU

I'd like to thank you for the prayers, the phone calls, and the help with my storm damage. Thank you very much.

Reba Porter

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Tim Clifton Jovce Weaver	2 Darlene Dewberry	3 Tinley Lee	4	5 Tommy Lee	6 Diane Springer
7 Barbara Johnston Bertha Shelton <i>Resumption of in-person Worship Service 10:30 a.m. here</i>	8 Tim Hammond Joshua Parrish	9 Charlotte Grooms	10 Vickie Neal 	11 Natalie Haislip	12 Duke Donnelly Melanie Nutt	13
14 	15 Erin Serrett	16 Dorothy Collins Mike Keill Reese Britton <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB</i>	17 Jordan Bass	18 Alana Dickey	19 Buddy Rose Cooper Case	20 Renee Miller Richard Grimes <i>First Day of Summer</i>
21 	22 	23 Hailey Wells Smith Mary Beth Snider	24 Gina Burns	25 	26 	27 Jonathan Niedergeses
28 Esther Gulley	29	30 <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB</i>	<i>Services and events could continue to be altered, postponed, or cancelled due to recommendations/directives regarding the current COVID-19 situation.</i>			
<p>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:10</p>						