

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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The Impending End

Part 3

In last week's article, we discussed two of Peter's admonitions to his readers in light of the impending end: (1) Preserve your prayer life (vs. 7b); (2) Prioritize your love for others (vs. 8). The first focuses on God; the second focuses on our brothers and sisters in Christ. The two end-time exhortations we are about to discuss provide some specificity as to what loving our fellow Christians involves.

Practice hospitality (1 Pet. 4:9). Being hospitable is a much-needed expression of love for our brothers and sisters in Christ that involves receiving fellow Christians into our homes, making them feel welcome, meeting their needs, and providing for them a place of fellowship and acceptance. Hospitality was one of the marks of the Christian community in the first century (cf. Rom. 12:13; 1 Tim. 3:2; Titus 1:8; Heb. 13:2). Because public lodging was often uncommon, unaffordable, or undesirable, Christian missionaries were dependent upon hospitable households. The advancement of the gospel depended on the willingness of believers to provide bed and board for itinerant missionaries (3 John 5-8). Hospitality was also necessary for churches to meet in various homes (cf. Rom. 16:3-5, 23; 1 Cor. 16:19; Col. 4:15; Philem. 2).

Although safe, affordable motels and hotels abound today, and church buildings have largely replaced homes as places for corporate worship, showing hospitality in the context of Christ's church is still needed. By spending time in one another's homes, our relationships can deepen as we mutually serve and encourage one another. Because practicing hospitality requires time, expense, and work, which could prompt complaints, Peter adds that this service should be done "without grumbling." Since good actions can be corrupted by resentful attitudes, we must keep watch over our hearts as we engage in hospitality.

Put your gift(s) to work (1 Pet. 4:10-11). The principle Peter stresses here is not affected by the view one takes as to the nature of the gift. Miraculous gifts in the first century and natural abilities, or talents, of people in every century were intended by God to be used in serving His people and bringing glory to His name. This passage implies that each Christian has received at least one gift that he/she can employ in serving his/her brothers and sisters in Christ. The gifts that God has bestowed on His people are not fundamentally a privilege but a responsibility. Whether we have a gift of speaking for God or serving God's people in some capacity, we must understand that whatever gift we have received is not for our own benefit, but for the benefit of others and to the glory of God.

So, the end of all things is near in the sense that those of us who are Christians should expect the Lord to return at any moment. As we expectantly wait for Jesus' return, we are not to get lazy and shirk our responsibilities, nor are we to get hysterical and lose our heads. Instead, we are to preserve our prayer life, prioritize our love for others, practice hospitality, and put our gift(s) to work. As Thomas Schreiner puts it, "The New Testament never invites believers to withdraw from the world because the end is near and to gaze at the skies, hoping that the Lord will return soon. The imminence of the end should function as a stimulus to action in the world. The knowledge that believers are sojourners and exiles, whose time is short, should galvanize them to make their lives count now" (1, 2 Peter & Jude, 211). Are you making your life count now for the Lord?

Jacob Evans

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

For the time being, "those to serve" assignments will not be listed in the bulletin.

We will be meeting in person for Sunday morning worship on Sunday, June 28, with guidelines and parameters in place in order to keep us all as safe and healthy as possible. (See safety measures listed below.)

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 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 is 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 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.

REMOTE ACCESS

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Via Internet: Go to (1) Jacob's Facebook Page or (2) Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel.

Via Radio: The Sunday morning services will air at about 6 p.m. (6 p.m. is not an exact time; the broadcast should begin sometime between 6 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.) on Sunday evenings at 106.1 FM (Lawrenceburg), 93.1 FM (Loretto), or 590 AM (Lawrence County) and via X Radio App on both Apple and Android.

Sunday Evening Bible Class Livestream: Go to Jacob's Facebook page or Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Devotional Livestream: Go to Jacob's Facebook page or Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel at 5 p.m.

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

June 17 and June 21, 2020

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| Mid-Week Bible Study..... | — |
| Sunday Morning Bible Study..... | — |
| Sunday Morning Worship..... | 150 |
| Sunday Evening Worship..... | — |
| Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48)..... | \$9,051.00 |
| Average (last available)..... | \$9,976.30 |

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SCHEDULE of SERVICES

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| 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 29 – July 3 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!

Some services and events have been altered, postponed, or cancelled due to recommendations regarding the current coronavirus situation.

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**. The elder chairman for July, August, and September will be **Biff Helton**.

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

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, June 23:

KYM BILBREY BROWN would appreciate prayers for healing as she continues to battle long-term wound problems. Kym, who is mostly homebound, also enjoys cheerful, encouraging cards. 105 Graves Dr., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

JEAN HARRIS had a nerve block procedure last week to treat back pain. The procedure went well, and Jean is scheduled for a follow-up appointment on July 2. 236 Beartown Rd., Loretto, TN 38469.

MADDOX HUGHES, son of **Patrick Hughes**, has been experiencing gastric reflux. He has been diagnosed with EOE (eosinophilic esophagitis), a chronic immune condition causing inflammation of the esophagus. Maddox will be treated with medication and dietary changes to help stop the reflux and preserve the esophagus. 295 Cotton Lane, Leoma, TN 38468.

DARRIN MCKAMEY is facing a long recovery following last week's emergency intestinal surgery. He was released from Maury Regional to return home with home health care on Monday evening, June 22. He has a nasogastric feeding tube, and other supportive procedures may be required. NO VISITORS, PLEASE. 614 Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

CHAD BROWN, father of **Josie Brown** and **Mary Beth Brown**, is having complications following his leg stent surgery last week. At print time, he was scheduled to see his surgeon and a urologist. 216 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

EDDY COTHREN, father of **Jacob Cothren**, is recovering at home from injuries he sustained in a recent ATV accident. He suffered lacerations to his head and arms, extensive bruising, seven fractured ribs, and bleeding in the pleura of his lung. 243 Nelson Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

RUSSELL AND PATRICIA JOHNS, who are in-laws of **Kathy Sisk's** sister, are recovering from COVID-19. As of June 23, Patricia was doing better. Russell was still on a ventilator in CCU at MRMC.

TONYA POTTS, sister of **Kimberly Smith**, is doing some better as she continues to recover at home after a hospital stay with cellulitis and sepsis. 1402 Massey Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

JACK SANDERS, 12-year-old son of **Jena Sanders** who is a friend of **Sarah Jane Cothren**, was injured in an ATV accident on Sunday, June 21. He was released on Tuesday, June 23, from Vanderbilt UMC to recover at home from a skull fracture. A complete recovery is expected to take several months. Cards may be sent to him at 842 Waterloo Rd., Westpoint, TN 38486.

KATHLEEN WARREN, grandmother of **Jeff Hughes** and **Patrick Hughes**, had gallbladder surgery on June 12. During the surgery, liver biopsies were taken, and the results were positive for liver cancer. Mrs. Warren will be meeting with an oncologist this week. 112 Thomas Street, Moulton, AL 35650.

Please remember: **Mary Louisa Belew, Willodean Campbell, Lorene Chandler, Nell Dixon, Ruth Goff, Jeffrey Hughes, Donna Marston, Michael Mashburn, James and Thelma McCloud, Phillip Gattis, Scot Hughes, Clifford Doyle Johnson, Vikki Luffman, Linda Kelley, Dr. Gari Lynn, Emma Moore, Jay Thomas**, and all those recently mentioned.

The 2020 "SENT" theme t-shirts have arrived!

If you ordered a shirt or shirts, please go to the **church office between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays with your money** and pick up your order. (Youth Short Sleeve Soft Tee, \$7; Adult Short Sleeve Soft Tee, \$8; Adult Long Sleeve Comfort Colors, \$13).

Jacob will also be available on **Sunday mornings** as soon as he can get there **following the worship service** to fulfill shirt orders.

YOUTH NEWS

Most of you are probably aware of the "something old, something new..." wedding tradition that is meant to bring good luck and prosperity to a wedded couple. The old rhyme goes like this: "Something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue, a sixpence in your shoe." Traditions like these can be fun for some folks, while others ignore them completely or don't even know about them.

The phrase "something borrowed" refers to the tradition of a bride borrowing an item from a happily married friend or relative to carry on her wedding day. The hope is that the success of the happily married couple will be experienced by the newly married couple. I love the idea of borrowing from the success of others in order to promote success in my own life!

All of us have those in the faith that we esteem highly. In various ways, we pattern our lives after them, "borrowing," so to speak, from the good things about their spirituality. This is a biblical concept. Multiple times in 1 Corinthians, Paul encouraged his readers to imitate him. Obviously, as a byproduct of Paul's commitment to following Christ, he was a good pattern for these Christians in Corinth to follow.

I believe this is a good thing for us to continue doing today. Of course, our ultimate example is Jesus, and we shouldn't judge our lives by comparing them to those around us. But, look at your shepherds in the church. Look at the special servants there, the Bible class teachers, the ministers, and notice things about them that you can "borrow" for your own spiritual development! Also, examine your life and ask yourself if you have anything to offer others that would benefit their spiritual growth. Of all the things that we could borrow or loan, none of them could be greater than something that will improve one's relationship with God!

Until next time,
Jeremy Gargis

COMING SOON

Sunday, June 28: Sunday morning worship. 10:30 a.m. in our auditorium. See back page for more information.

Tuesday, June 30: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the FB.

Sunday, July 5: Jim Collins, Enrollment Director at Heritage Christian University, will be our Sunday morning guest speaker on this date. (**Jacob and family** will be on vacation.)







Sunday, July 12: Honoring our Graduates. Abbreviated slideshow immediately following the morning worship. There is a basket in the church office for each one of our six high school graduates. You may drop off cards, gifts, gift cards, etc., that will be placed in the baskets to encourage these young people and help them celebrate this milestone in their lives.

PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE

Each year during VBS, we have a peanut butter drive to help children at local orphanages in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti. Though we are not having VBS this year, we are continuing with our peanut butter drive.

Donating money will allow us to purchase the most peanut butter, because we can buy at a bulk rate. If you prefer, jars of peanut butter that you purchase yourself will be accepted. If you'd like to donate money to purchase peanut butter, you can drop it by or mail it to the church office. If you write a check, please indicate on the check that the money is for peanut butter for Haiti.

Thank you!

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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|  | | | 1 Jay Dewberry Rayna Hughes Hunter Serrett Thomas Turner | 2 | 3 Willa Dean Hamby | 4  INDEPENDENCE DAY |
| 5 Guest speaker Jim Collins | 6 June Bivens Katie Lee | 7 Carolyn Morris Jennette Sockwell | 8 Carolyn Frazier | 9  | 10 Elizabeth Sockwell | 11 Chris Dickey Heather Hammond Megan Shadrick |
| 12 Barbara Demastus Dean Hughes HONORING OUR GRADUATES! | 13 Virginia Cole Bill Grisham Janet Jackson | 14 Kim Cryer Kenneth Kidd Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB | 15 Savana Cook Jon Thomas Evans Darrin McKamey | 16 Aimee Bennett Lindsay Maggard | 17  | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21  | 22 | 23 | 24 Penelope Gargis | 25 Knox Case Sarah Jane Cothren Brad Nielsen Dan Pinckley |
| 26 Faith Foster | 27 Tina Smith | 28 Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB | 29 Alexa Story | 30 Bob Clifton David Frazier Tim Miller | 31 Taylor Wells |  |