

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

PULASKI STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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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, July 19, with guidelines and parameters in place in order to keep us all as safe and healthy as possible.

The elders, deacons, and their wives who are attending will be wearing masks. The elders encourage you to wear a mask when you attend the Sunday morning worship service 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 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 strongly 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) [Pulaski Street'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 [Pulaski Street's Facebook page](#) or [Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel](#) at 6 p.m.

Wednesday Evening Devotional Livestream: Go to [Pulaski Street'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.

July 8 and July 12, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	112
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$8,936.75
Average (last available).....	\$10,003.52

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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 July 20 – July 24 will be hosted
by the LEOMA 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.

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Love the Word

(Part One)

Read **Psalm 119** right now. Seriously, do it, and then pick back up with the next sentence. The psalm you just read is both the longest and the most carefully structured psalm in the Book of Psalms. It is a magnificent acrostic. In its original language, each of the first eight verses begins with the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet (Aleph), each of the next eight with the second letter (Beth), and so on through the 22 letters/consonants of the Hebrew alphabet, making 176 verses in all (22 x 8). In your reading of Psalm 119, you probably noticed that it's all about God's Word. The composer obviously loves the Word of God. He reveres it, abides by it, cherishes it, and refuses to take it for granted. He sees God's Word for what it is; consequently, he responds appropriately to it. He delights in it, and he tells others about it. He loves the Word, and we should love the Word, too. We'll look at two reasons why we should love the Word in this article, and we'll look at two more in next week's article.

The Word's origin is God. The Bible is one of kind in at least three ways. Unlike any other book on earth, it's a compilation of some 40 authors over 1,600 years. Unlike any other book on earth, it has survived countless burnings, bans, and unbelievers to become the #1 bestselling book in all the world. Unlike any other book on earth, it's supernatural. Its origin is God. It was breathed out by the God who created everything and everyone (2 Tim. 3:16-17; cf. 2 Pet. 3:15-16).

Now, to be sure, it's one thing to claim to be something; it's another thing to prove to be that something. Just because I might claim to be Aquaman doesn't make me Aquaman. You would want some proof or evidence that I am who I claim to be. I would have to demonstrate that I can breathe underwater, swim incredibly fast underwater, control water, and communicate with fish. In the same way, just because the Bible claims to be from God doesn't automatically prove it is from God. We need some evidence, and fortunately, we do have some rather convincing internal evidence: (1) *Stunning unity*—How else can we explain that the Bible manifests a remarkable unity in theme, purpose, and doctrine, though it took well over a thousand years to complete? (2) *Supernatural foresight*—How else can we explain the fulfillment of numerous OT prophecies in the life of one person, i.e., Jesus of Nazareth, that were written hundreds of years before He entered the world?

One of the reasons that you and I should love, cherish, study, and embody God's Word is because of its origin. It's from God. It's God's text message to us. Why wouldn't we love it? Why wouldn't we view the Bible as more precious than any other book ever written?

The Word's content is truth. The Bible doesn't contain all that is true in the universe. For instance, it's true that the sun is about 93,000,000 miles from the earth. It's also true that water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit or zero degrees Celsius. Neither of these truths, not to mention an ocean full of other truths, is recorded or stated in the Bible. Nevertheless, the truth of God's Word is the truth that our spirits most need.

Our world presents a bewildering number of options for truth-seekers: Quran, Vedas, Book of Mormon, Tony Robbin's *Awaken the Giant Within*, etc. In 1 Timothy 2:4, Paul describes God as the God "who desires all people to be saved and come to **the knowledge of the truth**" (emphasis added). Christians are convicted that the most important truth ever written is God's Word . . . the Bible.

When Jesus was praying to His Father on the night He was betrayed, He asked His Father to sanctify His disciples in the truth, then He made it explicit what constituted that truth: "[Y]our **word is truth**" (John 17:17, emphasis added). In 2 Timothy 2:15, Paul gives his son in the faith the following admonition: "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the **word of truth**" (emphasis added).

One of the reasons that you and I should love the Word is because its content is truth. Without it, our lives would ultimately be aimless and purposeless. What meaning could we possibly give our lives without God's Word? Where could we go for a moral compass? No wonder David proclaimed long ago: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps. 119:105). God's Word shows us *the* Way because it is *the* Truth.

We live in a society that is drowning in a sea of pluralism and relativism. Many today are channeling their inner Pilate, "What is truth?" Meanwhile, Jesus is saying to them all, "Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice" (John 18:37). I love that with the Word I can listen to Jesus' voice. I love that the Word is absolute, settled, and sure. I don't have to be tossed to and fro in the shifting whims of culture. With the Word, I've got a rock, not sand, on which to stand.

Jacob Evans

ELDERS: Tim Hammond, 931-852-4832 Biff Helton, 931-242-8785 Bob Markus, 931-242-3816 Eric Nutt, 931-242-3566

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 July, August, and September is **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 Shadrack

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

COMING SOON

Tuesday, July 28: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the FB.

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

DONATE TO HELP GET PEANUT BUTTER TO HAITI

This year, instead of using the donated money to purchase jars of peanut butter, we will use the funds that are donated to help offset the freight cost for shipping peanut butter to Haiti. Individuals/groups that in years past have fulfilled this monetary need will not be able to do as much this year, so we are stepping in to help. This will ensure that all of the donated peanut butter will get to Haiti. Money and jars of peanut butter are being collected **through this coming Sunday, July 19.**

DONATE TO HELP THE BRETHERN IN LIMA, PERU

Due to the economic crisis and the mandatory Covid-19 quarantine in Lima, the brethren in Peru are facing great difficulties. The elders of the Pulaski Street Church agree that you can send your voluntary contributions to 247 Pulaski Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464. Any contribution will be well received and used on behalf of our dear brethren, who need us now. Please earmark your check, "Peruvian church relief."

Please, feel free to share this information with others who might like to help. If you have questions or suggestions, please email **Rodolfo Espinoza** at rodesp1@msn.com or text him at 615-516-0650. **Thank you so much!!**

"SENT" theme T-shirts are here!

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.

The prices are as follows:

Youth Short Sleeve Soft Tee, \$7

Adult Short Sleeve Soft Tee, \$8

Adult Long Sleeve Comfort Colors, \$13

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

If you need your shirt(s) delivered to you, you can call **Jeremy Gargis** (931-231-9557) or the office (931-762-5161). Jeremy will be happy to deliver your shirt(s) to you and collect your money.

In my distress I called upon the LORD; to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry to him reached his ears. Psalm 18:6, ESV

And, behold, God himself is with us for our captain... 2 Chronicles 13:12, KJV

YOUTH NEWS

Forgiveness

Why is forgiving someone so difficult? What makes us flinch when we are considering forgiving someone? I never wanted to forgive anyone when I was a child. I still have trouble with it! My reason for not forgiving most of the time was because I felt as if they should go through the same pain I did when they hurt me. Then, if I never forgave them, I could hold whatever they did to me to it over their head. I realize now this is more along the lines of blackmail (I wasn't a perfect kid). But what's the reason for forgiveness, and why is it so important for us to do? If someone hurts us, why does God tell us to forgive instead of hurt them back?

Mark 11:25-26, "And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses." Wait, I know Jesus just told me to forgive someone or else God won't forgive me, but why? Think about this for a second. Which is the greater issue: the sins that someone committed against you, or the sins you committed that put Jesus on the cross? This is difficult for us to compare. But when we are struggling to forgive someone for doing something to us, we need to understand that God could have refused to forgive us, but He didn't. Regardless of our trespasses, He forgives us and loves us.

Matthew 6:9-12, "Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." Many of us know this Scripture by heart. It's also called the model prayer because Jesus tells us to pray like this. If the model prayer includes the forgiveness of others, shouldn't we do the same? I think so. In fact, look at the verses after the Lord's Prayer.

Matthew 6:14-15, "For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." This right here should say enough about us needing to forgive others. Now many of you may be thinking, "So Daniel, you're saying we should forgive others so God will forgive us? That should be our mindset?" No! I'm saying that this is definitely a motive, but it shouldn't be your entire reasoning. Let's look at the Bible for our reasoning. If God is so passionate about forgiving others, you can best believe He includes how we should go about doing so.

Matthew 18:35, "So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." We must forgive from the heart. We must truly forgive. Psalm 103:12, "[A]s far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us." We must also not let others' past actions cloud our view of them. If God's view were clouded by our sin, we would have no chance of getting into heaven. He doesn't forget our sins, but He separates us from them. He does this so that they do not affect how He views us, because He forgives us.

We must forgive others genuinely, i.e., from the heart, and we must also not let others' past actions cloud the way that we view them. God teaches us this because he had the loving strength to forgive us. If God forgave us, then we should also know that whatever anyone does against us here on earth is incomparable to the pain Jesus suffered on the cross. We must forgive others; otherwise, God will not forgive us.

Daniel Ross

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, July 14:

TONY ALLEN has been battling heart problems for several years. He had tests on Monday, July 13, to determine if his overall health will allow him to be added to the heart transplant waiting list. One finding is that Tony will need to have a damaged artery repaired before a transplant can happen. He is scheduled for appointments next Tuesday, July 21, to have more tests, receive more test results, and discuss the artery repair. *77 Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MARY LOUISA BELEW has been diagnosed with a recurrence of melanoma. A recent PET scan indicated cancer on her side, in her spleen, and near her heart. She is scheduled for an immunotherapy infusion treatment on Monday, July 20, in Spring Hill, TN. *514 West Point Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

CAROLYN FRAZIER fell on Wednesday, July 8, and fractured her femur near the hip. She had surgery at Maury Regional to repair the break and is now at NHC Scott, Rm. 115B, for therapy. *416 Douglas Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

BILL GRISHAM was scheduled to have tests on Tuesday, July 14, due to some recent health issues. *199 Waldon Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

ROBBIE GUTHRIE was scheduled to begin a series of 20 radiation treatments for lymphoma on Wednesday, July 15. She will need help with transportation to and from her treatments. If you can help with rides, please call **Shane Hughes** at 931-242-1261. You may send cards to Robbie at *1804 Jean Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DONNA MARSTON was scheduled to have breast cancer surgery on Wednesday, July 15, at Maury Regional. *5 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

PISTOL MARSTON is at home and recovering after being hospitalized at Maury Regional Hospital last week with tick fever. *5 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DARRIN MCKAMEY is home and continuing to recover after having PEG line surgery last week. [A PEG (percutaneous endoscopic gastrostomy) line is a flexible feeding tube that is inserted through the abdominal wall and directly into the stomach.] The surgery went well, and it is hoped that the PEG line will facilitate better nutrition and a better recovery than the nasogastric feeding tube did. **NO VISITORS, PLEASE.** *614 Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

BAY ROBERTSON, five-year-old daughter of **Brian and Cara Robertson**, had dental surgery on Monday, July 13, in Columbia. The procedure went well, and Bay is home and recovering. *164 Freeman Hill Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.*

DEANNA THIGPEN had her six-months CT scan last week, and the oncologist reported that everything is looking good. She has another appointment and CT scan scheduled for three months from now. If that scan is also clear, her chemo port can be removed before the end of the year. (Deanna's treatment began in July 2019.) She is grateful for everyone's prayers and for this good news! *405 Pettus St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED, continued

R. C. TRAMMELL suffered a mild heart attack during the weekend of the 4th of July. He is back at home with home health care after being hospitalized at STRHS for several days last week. *490 Miller Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

ISLA GENTRY, young great niece of **Darrin McKamey**, has been battling acute myeloid leukemia (AML) since July of 2019. She has fought very hard, but no further treatment can be offered. She has been placed on palliative care.

RUSSELL JOHNS, father-in-law of **Kathy Sisk's** sister, was still in Maury Regional Hospital as of Tuesday, July 14, and continuing to improve. Mr. Johns has been battling Covid-19 for the past several weeks. *42 Jordan Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

STEVE MOORE, who has been attending here recently, is home and recovering after having shoulder surgery last week. Steve is the stepfather of **Riley Bosheers** who has also been attending recently with **Anna Fisher**. *4397 Gimlet Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JAY THOMAS, brother of **Brent Thomas**, received results from an MRI last week. Results confirmed cancer on the liver and lower vertebrae, and several spots were also found in the right pelvis. Jay started more radiation treatments last week and will begin another series of chemotherapy after the radiation schedule has been completed. *484 Rabbit Trail Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.*

KATHLEEN WARREN, grandmother of **Jeff Hughes** and **Patrick Hughes**, was recently diagnosed with liver cancer and is now undergoing treatment for blood clots in her legs and lungs. *112 Thomas Street, Moulton, AL 35650.*

LINDSEY WILLIS, granddaughter of **Sandra Egly**, is improving after being diagnosed with Covid-19. *1512 Marable Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

HOLLY WINKLER, daughter of **Billy and Donna Helton**, has been battling pancreatitis and pneumonia. She had returned home last week from a hospital stay, but her condition worsened, and as of Monday, July 13, she was back in Centennial Medical Center with an elevated white count and elevated temperature. *2300 Lucerne Lane, Franklin, TN 37064.*

Please continue to pray for these:

Kym Bilbrey Brown, Willodean Campbell, Lorene Chandler, Nell Dixon, Ruth Goff, Jeffrey Hughes, Michael Mashburn, James and Thelma McCloud, Ray Baker, Greg Donnelly, Phillip Gattis, Scot Hughes, Clifford Doyle Johnson, Linda Kelley, Dr. Gari Lynn, Emma Moore, Tru Sanders, and all those recently mentioned.

