

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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How to Plan Ahead

Part One

Since we don't live outside of time, we view our existence in terms of past, present, and future. We view our existence in terms of yesterday, today, and tomorrow. One of the keys to living life God's way is to develop the right perspective about the past, the present, and the future. It's been said that a lot of people have been crucifying themselves between two thieves: regrets of yesterday and worries of tomorrow. Over the next three weeks, we're going to focus on our relationship to the future. Is there a right and a wrong way to plan ahead? Should we plan ahead? If it's okay to plan ahead, and frankly many of us are quite adept at planning ahead or making future plans, what should that look like? What should we keep in mind? In this article, we're simply going to analyze James' statement in James 4:13. We'll deal with verses 14-17 in the next two articles.

In James 4:13, Jesus' younger half-brother talks about those who are planning ahead and puts the following hypothetical statement in their mouths: "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit." With James's words here, you can almost hear someone saying, "Hey, we are about to leave on a business trip, and we are going to come back after we make our money." How would you respond to this statement if you heard someone make it? James has his own response, but how would you respond? I would probably say something like, "Well, have a good time. I hope things go well. Don't have too much fun while you are away." Or, I might pull them aside and say, "Hey, assuming all goes well, when you get back, we would love for you to teach a class on how to make money and how to be good stewards of money and how to plan ahead. It seems like you've got it together in this area, and I know our church would benefit from it."

If we were forced to critique something about that statement, we might pull them aside and say, "Listen, it's good to have a one-year plan and all, but if you really want to be successful, if you really want to be a visionary, you really need a five-year plan, ten-year plan, fifteen-year plan, and twenty-year plan."

Most of us would probably not bat an eye at a statement like the one in James 4:13. In fact, we make statements like this all the time. "This is what we are going to do when we go on vacation next year." "Once we pay off this debt, we plan to buy a new car." "Next week we are going to start those home improvements projects."

Look again at the statement in James 4:13. What's wrong with it? These people aren't saying, "We are going to go off and engage in all sorts of unethical business deals. We are going to cheat people and swindle people so that we can make some money." They are saying, "We are going to go over there, make an honest living, and come back." *What's wrong with the statement isn't so much what the person says as it is what he/she doesn't say.* In that statement, there is nothing about God or a dependence on God or how one's life can be a blessing to others. There is no thought as to the nature of life and how uncertain it is. It's as if it's certain, and there is a discernible flippancy to the statement.

For James, this statement reveals a lack of trust in God and a misplacement of trust in the future. If Jesus warns us against approaching the future with fear (Matt. 6:25-34), James warns us against approaching the future with pride. Both approaches betray a trust issue. James is essentially going to tell us to trust in God, not the future, and he even goes so far as to give us four reasons why we should do this. We'll look at two of those reasons next week and the other two in two weeks.

Jacob Evans

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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
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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, August 2, 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).
- 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 22 and July 26, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	103
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$9,375.00
Average (last available).....	\$10,074.45

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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 August 3 – August 7 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!

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

NEW GREAT GRAND

Brand new baby girl **LILY JANE BAKER** arrived on Monday, July 27, 2020, in Nashville, TN, to parents **Ray and Sarah Baker**. Lily was born weighing 8 lbs., 13 oz., and measuring 21 ½ inches long. Pulaski Street great grandmother is **Robbie Guthrie**; Ray Baker is Robbie's grandson. Mother and baby are doing well.

THANK YOU

Dear Pulaski Street family,

Thank you all so much for all of the gifts! No matter what life brings, Pulaski Street Church of Christ will always hold a special place in my heart! Love, **Josie Brown**

I would like to thank everyone for the gifts they gave. It was very kind of you. Love, **Taylor Markus**

We want to thank the members at Pulaski Street Church for the cards and prayers, and a special thank you to the eldership for their prayers. Russell is home and doing good. He has tested negative twice but is still quarantined for 14 days for his protection. **Russell and Patricia Johns**

MEMORIALS

A donation by **Dewey and Sharon Lackey** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **BILL GRISHAM**.

A donation by **Sue and Ron Bucina** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **BILL GRISHAM**.

A donation by **Lynn Lassiter Kendrick and A. Scott Kendrick** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **BILL GRISHAM**.

A donation by **Lawson and Nancy Cole** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **BILL GRISHAM**.

Did YOU order a "SENT" theme T-shirt?

Please go to the **church office between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays with your money**, and pick up your T-shirt order.

T-shirt 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 be available on **Sunday mornings** as soon as he can get to the office **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.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Barbara Johnston and family** on the death of her husband, **J. FRED JOHNSTON**. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, July 28, at Pleasant Grove Cemetery in Lawrence County, TN.

Condolences may be sent to Barbara at *217 Glenn Springs Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Kristen Mashburn** on the death of her grandfather, **JAMES PATT**. The funeral was held on Wednesday, July 29, at Sacred Heart in Lawrenceburg, TN.

Condolences may be sent to Kristen at *100 Overlook Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

COMING SOON

Tuesday, August 11: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

<p>Sunday, August 16: SPECIAL EVENT. From 2 until 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship building. Please see your e-mail and the overhead announcements for detailed information.</p>
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Tuesday, August 25: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

HELP NEEDED

Our ongoing need for projector operators existed prior to the Covid-19 situation, and the need is even greater now. Some of those who were operating the projector prior to Covid-19 are now unable to do so. In addition, now that we are streaming our Sunday morning service, we have two stations to fill: the projector and the camera console.

If you are willing to be trained to operate the projector and camera console, please contact **Mark Miller** at **931-242-0692**. Your help is truly needed. Thank you.

Decide to Be Better

Each of us should form a resolution right now.

Husbands, promise yourself that your wife is going to have a more caring husband till death separates you.

Wives, promise yourself that your husband will have a more appreciative wife till death separates you.

Parents, resolve that you are going to love your children and give more of yourselves to them (Ephesians 6:4; Titus 2:3-4).

Children, resolve that you will honor and obey your parents (Ephesians 6:1-3).

Stronger families begin with us.

Determine to do your best for those you love.

-Author Unknown
via *House to House Heart to Heart*, Vol. 25, No. 5

YOUTH NEWS

The Importance

I saw a picture on Facebook the other day that said, "If it is important, you will find a way. If not, you'll find an excuse." I found it very compelling and true in many ways. But as I sat and thought, I realized that the spreading of the Gospel could be the subject of this post. If some of us desperately want to spread God's Word, then we will find a way. Some of us will do so because we find the Bible important. If we don't care about the Bible, don't find it important, or aren't comfortable with sharing it, we will find an excuse not to spread the Gospel.

How could I say something like this? How could I say that those that don't spread the gospel don't believe it's important? How could someone make an assumption that just because others feel uncomfortable about spreading the Word and therefore do not do it, that they do not find it important? Allow me to tell you why, and please read with an open mind.

I believe that my conclusion needs only one point of defense because of how strong it is. Matthew 28:18-20, otherwise known as the Great Commission, tells us exactly why we cannot keep the word of the Lord to ourselves. It is a command, it is meant for us to fulfill, and it cannot be ignored.

Jesus Christ Himself has given us a command to reach out to everyone on the planet and spread the gospel. Do you think that we can ignore it? Do you think we can sit in the comfort of our air-conditioned homes, drinking sweet tea on a 95-degree afternoon, hop into our cars, drive to a location where we can worship without fear of arrest, and just decide not to tell others about it? No. Chances are, if you're reading this, you are one of the most privileged Christians in the world. How can we act like this part of the Bible doesn't exist? We can't.

Does this mean that if I don't have air-conditioning, sweet tea, a car, or cannot worship without fear of arrest that I am exempt from this command? Not at all. The disciples in biblical times died because of their faith. Would you die for your faith right now? If your answer is no, you need to ask yourself why. With the state of the world, the state of our country, and the state of our church, we cannot stand by watching from the sidelines as we allow those with immoral views to take control of how others view Christianity. We have a job, and this job is one that too many have neglected to do.

Many Christians shy away from the uncomfortable and challenging parts of Scripture. As an American, the discomfort I feel while reading about spreading the word shoves my privileges into the light, and I cannot live with that feeling. How many of us feel the same way but try to hide that feeling with statements such as: "Well, God would want me to be happy. God wants me to be comfortable. God wants me to enjoy my life and make the lives of my family enjoyable." How many of us completely disregard this command to spread the Word? It should not happen. It cannot happen.

The number one challenge to the spread of Christianity is not the world's temptations, it is not the lack of interest by newer generations, and it is not the fact that people want to live their own lives. The number one reason Christianity would ever stop growing is that people would refuse to spread the Word. During uncertain times, that cannot be us. "And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'"

Daniel Ross

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, July 28:

PAM ALLEN had gallbladder surgery on Thursday, July 23, at STRHS in Pulaski. The surgery went well, but it was more involved and more infection was present than the doctor expected. Pam has been very sore and in significant pain, but she is getting better. *77 Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

TONY ALLEN received results from his recent blood work, and everything looked very good. On Monday, July 27, Tony was admitted to St. Thomas Hospital in order to begin a medication to reduce the pressure in an artery. After taking the medication for a period of time at home, Tony is to return on August 19 to recheck the pressure in the artery. This is all being done in preparation for adding Tony to the heart transplant waiting list. *77 Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

PISTOL and DONNA MARSTON are both slowly recovering at home. **Donna** is recovering after her recent breast cancer surgery. She can't drive or lift anything yet. **Pistol** is recovering from tick fever, and that is likely to be a very gradual recovery. *5 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

DARRIN MCKAMEY had recent PEG line surgery, and the feeding tube is doing what it should be doing. Darrin is doing pretty well as he continues to recover at home from recent intestinal surgeries and procedures. NO VISITORS, PLEASE. *614 Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

SUSAN HUGHES CARVELL, niece of **Joyce Clark**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will be undergoing treatment at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at TriStar Health in Nashville. *502 Daniel Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

JEFF KERSTIENS, a friend and former coworker of **Shayne Adams**, had tests on Monday, July 27, at Vanderbilt UMC after having what was first thought to be mini strokes. The doctor decided that one of his medications was causing the problem. The medication was adjusted, and Jeff was able to return home. *50 Dry Weakley Rd., Ethridge, TN 38456*.

SANDRA REED, mother of **Vangie Gieske**, is recovering from a fractured humerus. As of Tuesday, July 27, her pain was some better. *175 Reed Road, Pulaski, TN 38478*.

HOLLY WINKLER, daughter of **Billy and Donna Helton**, is gradually improving at home after being very seriously ill and recently hospitalized twice. *2300 Lucerne Lane, Franklin, TN 37064*.

Please continue to pray for these:

Mary Louisa Belew, Kym Bilbrey Brown, Willodean Campbell, Lorene Chandler, Nell Dixon, Carolyn Frazier, Ruth Goff, Robbie Guthrie, Jeffrey Hughes, Michael Mashburn, James and Thelma McCloud, R.C. Trammell, Ray Baker, Greg Donnelly, Phillip Gattis, Isla Gentry and family, Terry Hickman and family, Scot Hughes, Linda Kelley, Dr. Gari Lynn, Emma Moore, Mason Risner, Tru Sanders, Jay Thomas, Kathleen Warren, and all those recently mentioned.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord,
and He shall lift you up. James 4:10