

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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You Are the Light of the World

At dusk, a candle has very little value; it's at midnight when a candle is most effective. It's for this reason that Christians need to quit despairing about the fallenness of our culture. It is now when our society is engulfed in moral darkness that we, as lights to the world, can have our greatest impact for the kingdom of God (Matthew 5:16)!

If we could keep from despairing at the immorality and injustice we see, and instead, see the opportunities surrounding us, we wouldn't be defeated but energized by the possibilities!

May I offer the following suggestions that will shine a bright light in the midst of the darkness of evil?

1. Rally around, defend, speak up for, and show compassion to those who are harassed and mistreated (Matthew 9:26).
2. Champion the worth of all men (2 Peter 3:9).
3. Suffer for the sake of peace (1 Corinthians 9:19-23).
4. Overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21).
5. Reject "selective outrage." Don't just oppose error and crime when those outside of your race or political party commit it, but be just as outraged when committed within your race and political party (Romans 2:1).

And maybe above all, maintain your balance lest you lose your moral voice and influence. I once knew a preacher who couldn't talk ten minutes without bringing up the doctrine of church discipline and how it had been ignored by many congregations. He was right, but he became obsessed with this single issue in private conversation and public preaching. This single doctrine became his "litmus test" of faithfulness, and consequently, he was fired from one church after another, not because he taught error, but because he lacked balance and lost his influence.

There are many moral wrongs in our culture. The church MUST rise up and speak against them, but at the same time, maintain her balance. Whether it be church discipline, racism, homosexuality, abortion, divorce, etc., if we get out of balance, we will lose our moral voice and cease to be lights to the world.

Jesus lived under a terribly unjust and immoral government, but He did not obsess with cursing the darkness; rather, He balanced His condemnation of injustice with being a light to the world, a light that illuminated the path to a heavenly kingdom in which love, peace, and justice always prevail among its citizens.

May God help us to be balanced, and in this time of darkness, be lights unto the world (Philippians 2:15). May we use this present darkness as an opportunity for the church to be the church and to illuminate a path to a heavenly citizenship wherein justice, love, and peace reign!

Steve Higginbotham

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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
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

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 12, with guidelines and parameters in place in order to keep us all as safe and healthy as possible. (See safety measures listed below.) This Sunday, we will also be honoring this year's graduates immediately following the worship service.

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) [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 1 and July 5, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	116
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$9,250.00
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 13 – July 17 will be hosted
by the GANDY 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.

Don't Believe Everything You Think

I admit a curiosity for bumper stickers. On occasion, one succinctly states a great truth or at least provokes reasonable thought.

Once I stopped at a light, and the car in front of mine had the sticker, "Don't believe everything you think!" The more I thought about it, that statement struck me as appropriate.

Often people reason, "If I think it, it must be right." The press and the politicians seem to believe that if one repeats something often enough, even if it is wrong, people will believe it. When people decide that this propaganda is what they believe, then it must be right.

While the mores of society are in transition, morality is not. Society thinks that we have a new morality, but thinking it does not make it so.

In spiritual matters, the dangers and consequences are so much more serious because they affect the eternal.

Naaman made this mistake because things did not turn out as he thought they would. He became furious, saying, "Indeed, I said to myself, 'He will surely come out to me, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and wave his hand over the place, and heal the leprosy'" (2 Kings 5:11).

Because of his thinking, Naaman could have lost the opportunity for healing simply because what God, through Elisha, required was not what Naaman thought it should be. People reject God's plan of salvation because it differs from what they think. Different folks think that God ought to save them by certain means – faith only, sprinkling, good works. Others think God should save them in their sins, not from their sins.

Many become indignant when it is suggested that what they are practicing – whether in worship, works, or manner of life – does not have God's approval according to the Scriptures. The defense offered is that this is what attracts people, what pleases people, and what people think they should do.

A good reminder to all men is, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts" (Isaiah 55:8-9).

Whether it is our judgments about our fellow man, about the world around us, or about our responsibility to God, remember that in every case truth should be the measuring standard. Please, do not believe everything you think! -

Oran Rhodes

House to House Heart to Heart, Vol. 25, No. 5

COMING SOON



This coming Sunday, July 12: Honoring our Graduates. Everyone is invited to remain seated following the closing prayer this Sunday morning for a slideshow featuring our six high school graduates.

There are baskets in the church office designated for each graduate. You may bring cards, gifts, gift cards, etc., to the office during office hours.

This Sunday, July 12, the baskets will be placed in the foyer, so you can put cards, gifts, gift cards, etc., in the baskets on Sunday morning if you wish.

This year's graduates have missed out on many of the usual celebrations. Let's all encourage these young people and help them celebrate this milestone in their lives!

Tuesday, July 14: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. in the FB.

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP

DONATE TO HELP THE BROTHERS 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!!

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 July 19.**

Thank you!

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

THOSE WHO ARE IN FACILITIES

(This information was checked on Tuesday, July 7, 2020.)

Since facilities cannot allow visitors due to Covid-19, this is a great time to mail cards and/or make phone calls.

BRIGHTON GARDENS, 103 Arcaro Place, Brentwood, TN 37027

Susie Davis, Suite 262 (Pulaski Street member)

KEESTONE, 322 Kennedy St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
931-766-4097

Bettye Holt, 306 (Pulaski Street member) *Now on hospice.*
Mary Wilson, 106 (Pulaski Street member)

NHC LAWRENCEBURG, 374 Brink St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
931-762-6548

Jewell Henson, 205A (Pulaski Street member)
Cleo Keaton, 220B (Pulaski Street member)
Willadean King, 304A (mother of Diane Springer)

THE SUMMIT, 186 Prosser Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464
931-762-3524

Louise Bates, C-11 (Pulaski Street member)
Mike and Macie Eckhart, C-13 (Former members here)
Leonard Kirk, C-5 (Pulaski Street member)
Jesse Springer, A-7 (Pulaski Street member)

IN OWN HOMES

Gennie Adams, 931-852-4400, 153 Rabbit Trail Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.

Kym Bilbrey Brown, 105 Graves Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Virginia Cole, 931-565-3331, 1557 Shores Rd., Goodspring, TN 38460.

Robbie Guthrie, 931-201-8058, 1804 Jean Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Kathleen Tice, 931-762-5435, 708 4th St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **MARTHA ANNE MATHIS KENNEDY**. Martha Anne was the sister of the late **Jan Clifton**. She died last week (Tuesday, June 30) at her home in Woodstock, VA. All services were to be private, with a memorial service planned for a future date.

"What sort of man is this,
that even winds and sea
obey him?"

Matthew 8:27, ESV



PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, July 7:

ROBBIE GUTHRIE is scheduled to begin a series of 20 radiation treatments for lymphoma on July 15. She will need help with transportation to and from her treatments. If you can help with rides, please call Robbie at 931-201-8058 (new number). *1804 Jean Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DONNA MARSTON is scheduled for breast cancer surgery on Wednesday, July 15. *5 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

PISTOL MARSTON was admitted to Maury Regional Hospital on Saturday, July 4, and was diagnosed with tick fever. He has been very weak due to this ordeal. He expected to be released on Wednesday, July 8, to go to NHC Maury for short term skill care to regain his strength. Hopefully, he'll be at NHC just for a couple of weeks. *5 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DARRIN MCKAMEY was treated at the ER on Sunday, July 5, for issues with his feeding tube. It was a long, tiring day, but the feeding tube issue was improved. Darrin is continuing to recover from recent intestinal surgery, and getting adequate nutrition is vital to his progress. NO VISITORS, PLEASE. *614 Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

GREG DONNELLY, father of **Jim Donnelly**, is home and recovering after having surgery to repair an esophageal bleed. He still has some health concerns, but he is doing better. *8621 Cherokee Trail, Crossville, TN 38572.*

RUSSELL JOHNS, father-in-law of **Kathy Sisk's** sister, is improving, and his family is hoping that he can transfer to another facility soon for rehab. Mr. Johns has been battling Covid-19 for the past several weeks. *42 Jordan Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DAVID MASSEY, brother of **Sammie Hughes** and **Tammie Thomas**, returned home last week after a hospital stay with sepsis and decreased kidney function caused by severe dehydration. He is doing much better. Cards may be sent to him at *89 Gang Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

TRU SANDERS, five-year-old son of **Jenna Sanders** who is an employee/friend of **Biff Helton**, has been diagnosed with epilepsy and is being treated with medication. *708 8th St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KATHLEEN WARREN, grandmother of **Jeff Hughes** and **Patrick Hughes**, was recently diagnosed with liver cancer. She had a procedure last week to open a blocked bile duct. Options for cancer treatment were to be determined once her condition improved. However, on Monday, July 6, Mrs. Warren was admitted to the hospital in Decatur, AL, with blood clots in her legs and lungs. Obviously, this will delay treatment for the cancer. *112 Thomas Street, Moulton, AL 35650.*

HOLLY WINKLER, daughter of **Billy and Donna Helton**, is home and gradually making progress after a hospital stay with pancreatitis and pneumonia. *2300 Lucerne Lane, Franklin, TN 37064.*

Please continue to pray for these:

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