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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Part Two

Staying near the cross is important to Christians. Though outsiders find it strange, Fanny Crosby's song "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" resonates with God's people. Below are two of the four reasons Christians desire to remain near the cross. We'll look at the other two in next week's article.

At the cross, I am reminded that God keeps His promises. Although the language is veiled, the first allusion to the crucifixion arguably occurs in **Genesis 3:15**: "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; *he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel*" (emphasis added). At the very outset of man's alienation from God, God announces His plan for reconciliation. God promised to defeat Satan and provide a way back to Him. Edwin Jones writes: "When the whole of the Bible story is told concerning the nature of the 'seed' of Genesis 3:15, the following picture develops: There will be a particular seed (Christ), especially from a woman (Virgin Birth), who would deal particularly and finally (Atonement) with the one particular enemy of man (Satan). Because of this all men who would enter into Christ (Gal. 3:26-27) would defeat Satan (Rom. 16:20) and would themselves become the spiritual seed of Abraham (Gal. 3:29), living victoriously over the sons of Satan (John 8:44; Rev. 19:19-20) because of the one victorious seed, Jesus (Rev. 19:21)" (*Studies in Genesis* 33).

Millennia passed after God's pronouncement recorded for us in Genesis 3:15, but God kept His promise. When Jesus shed His blood on the cross, an age-old promise from God was realized. God doesn't make promises that He doesn't intend to keep. He's not just a promise-maker; He's a promise-keeper. Whatever God promises He will bring to pass, because it is impossible for Him to lie (Num. 23:19; Rom. 3:4; Titus 1:1-2; Heb. 6:13-20).

Just as God kept His promise to Israel regarding the Promised Land, and just as God kept His promise to all nations regarding the Promised Seed, God will keep His promises of sending Jesus a second time (Heb. 9:27-28; 2 Pet. 3:3-10), resurrecting and glorifying our bodies (John 5:28-29; Rom. 8:23; 1 Cor. 15; Phil. 3:21), and providing us with an eternal inheritance (John 14:1-4; Heb. 9:15; 2 Pet. 3:13).

At the cross, I am assured that God loves me. Though many folks think they have good reasons for doubting God's love, no good reason exists for not accepting the fact that God loves us. So many people dismiss God's love for them by saying things like the following: "If God loved me, he would have delivered my wife from cancer." "If God loved me, he wouldn't have allowed my child to be involved in a deadly car wreck." "If God loved me, he would have stopped that hurricane from ripping through my home and taking the life of my loved ones." But here's the thing: In view of the cross, not even the so-called "Problem of Suffering" suffices as a good argument against God's love for us, much less His existence.

Because of our belief in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, those of us who are Christians stand in a unique position when it comes to addressing the problem of suffering. The cross of Jesus Christ proves that God did not choose to remain inaccessible to human suffering. It demonstrates God's willingness to enter into the fray of human suffering and to share in humanity's pain and grief. While the injustice, torture, and crucifixion that Jesus experienced doesn't explain *why* there is suffering (Matt. 26—27; Mark 14—15; Luke 22—23; John 18—19), Jesus' suffering does show us what the explanation can't be. It can't be that God doesn't love us. In Romans 5:7-8, Paul writes: "For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us*" (emphasis added). It can't be that God is indifferent or calloused to the human condition. Christians have long found strength to endure the worst of sufferings by reflecting on Jesus' crucifixion and the implications of it.

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, September 13, 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.

CONSOLE and PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sunday, September 13: **Caleb Evans** and **Mark Evans**

Sunday, September 20: **Ethan Hammond** and **Mark Miller**

Sunday, September 27: **Ethan Hammond** and **Mark Miller**

Sunday, October 4: **Russ Gallian** and **Joe Cook**

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.

September 2 and September 6, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	123
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$7,517.00
Average (last available).....	\$9,881.86

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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 September 14 – September 18 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.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Darrin and Allison McKamey and family** on the death of Darrin's mother, **DIANE MCKAMEY**.

Arrangements at Flanner-Buchanan Funeral Center-Washington Park East (Indianapolis, IN) are as follows: The funeral will take place at 2 p.m. on Saturday, September 19, with visitation from 12:30 until 2 p.m. prior to services. Mrs. McKamey will be buried next to her husband at Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the MACC fund for pediatric cancer research (<https://childrenswi.org/medical-care/macc-fund-center>) in memory of **Diane** and her great-granddaughter **Isla Gentry**. (Three-year-old **Isla Gentry**, great niece of **Darrin**, passed away on August 11 after battling acute myeloid leukemia for the past year.)

Condolences may be sent to **Darrin and Allison** at 614 *Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*. Condolences may be sent to **Brent and Emily** at 609 4th St., *Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*. Condolences may be sent to **Abigail** at 603 5th St., *Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of longtime (over 60 years) gospel preacher **ARTIE COLLINS**. The funeral was held on Saturday, September 5, at Springer church of Christ in Hohenwald, TN.

The education of young ministers was very important to Brother Collins. Memorials may be made to the **Preaching Scholarship Fund at Mars Hill Bible School**, 698 Cox Creek Parkway, Florence, Alabama 35630 or to the **general scholarship fund at Heritage Christian University**, P.O. Box HCU, Florence, Alabama 35630.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to **Robbie Guthrie and family** on the death of her son-in-law, **RAY BAKER**.

Arrangements with Legacy Chapel Funeral Home in Madison, AL, are as follows: Visitation will be held at West Huntsville Church of Christ (1519 Old Monrovia Rd. N.W., Huntsville, AL) from 10 until 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 10. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. also at the West Huntsville church.

Condolences may be sent to **Robbie** at 1804 *Jean Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*. Condolences may be sent to **Debbie Baker** at 200 *Bumper Crop Lane, Madison, AL 35757*.

MEMORIAL

A donation from **Dr. Ken and Mrs. Anna Grisham** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **BILL GRISHAM**.

CAME FORWARD

On Sunday, September 6, **ELAINE FOUTCH** came forward. Elaine has been struggling with some unresolved issues with others. She asked for prayers for forgiveness and strength to overcome the hard feelings that have developed and carry on in her Christian life.

You may send cards of encouragement to **Elaine** at 72 *Hagan Rd., Ethridge, TN 38456*.

THANK YOU

To our Pulaski Street family,

We want to thank you all for the prayers, gifts, and everything you have done and are doing for us. I thank God every day for my blessings, and all of you are God-sent to us.

Love you all, **Cathy (Atwell), Michael and April (Mashburn)**

COMING SOON

THIS COMING Saturday, September 12: 7th Annual Lawrence County Walk4Water!

Rotary Park Walking Track
Registration is at 8:00 a.m.
Walk starts at 9 a.m.

The goal is to raise money for drilled wells in Haiti, to repair previously drilled wells, and to support Haitians with various programs such as sustainable agriculture and disaster relief, while teaching them about Jesus, His love for them, and the everlasting, living water He provides. Please support this very worthy and fun event.



Register online for a free t-shirt. Go to <https://www.hhi.org/walk4water/lawrenceburg-tn-2020> to register or donate.

Tuesday, September 22: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building (IF the fellowship building is useable by this date).

We have your "SENT" T-shirt order ready!
Don't forget to come by the church office and get yours!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO HELP

Ingram Sowell Elementary School is looking for volunteers to help with their **book fair** next week. They need 2 or 3 people to help during the week of September 14 through September 18 from 8 until 11:30 a.m. and from noon until 4 p.m. This is a great opportunity to meet and interact with children from our community.

If you'd like to work during any of these shifts, please contact **Brittany Evans**.

Great peace have those who love your law; nothing can make them stumble.

Psalm 119:165, ESV

YOUTH NEWS

Doing "little things" for others can seem to go unnoticed sometimes, unless you are the one receiving the blessing of that "little thing."

To the one sending the "get well soon" card, it may seem like an insignificant task that really doesn't make much of a difference. But when the recipient is dealing with major health issues that have hampered their well-being both physically and mentally, that card means a great deal!

To the person who mows others' yards because they haven't been able to, such acts of service may only appear to be an hour or two of work. But when these recipients are shut-ins who worry that their neighbors have been judging them because of the way the yard looks, it suddenly becomes so much more meaningful than an hour or two of work!

To the Christian who prepares a meal for a family that is dealing with the loss of a loved one or some type of health situation, preparing the food may only feel like spending a few extra dollars at the grocery store and cooking a double portion of what he or she normally would have. But when the recipient is able to have a hot meal without having to worry about where it is going to come from or who is going to pay for it, it has a much greater impact than one would think a few dollars would.

The list of what we might call "little things" could go on and on. However, as noted above, they aren't really little, insignificant things at all! Rather, they are a big deal, and there are big implications because of these good deeds! Scripture backs this up.

In Matthew 10:40-42, we read about rewards being shared by various people. We are told that the one who receives a prophet will receive a prophet's reward. Why? Because the helper also played a part in the prophet's work. Then, we read that the one who receives a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. Why? Because the helper is not only helping the righteous person, but through their actions showing their own righteousness as well.

Then, Jesus, through His teaching, shows that more than just the prophets and righteous people are important. He says that whoever helps "one of these little ones" will receive a reward! Who are these "little ones" that Jesus is referring to? For a long time, I thought Jesus was talking about doing things for young children. While they certainly could fall into this category, it includes many more than just young, small children. It includes anyone that is in need (like the person receiving a get well soon card, the person having their yard mowed, the family having a meal brought, etc.), and especially those who may be frequently overlooked. In other words, when we do things for the people who need to be helped the most, we will receive a reward for it, especially if they are a follower of Christ (Matt. 10:42; Gal. 6:9-10)!

Seeing how much our "little things," or good deeds, can help others and thereby reward us, why not go out today and find something that you can do for someone else? No matter how big or small the task may seem to you, I promise it will be of great importance to the one that you are blessing, and it is clearly of great importance to our Savior who placed such great emphasis on being of service to others.

Until next time, **Jeremy Gargis**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, September 8:

TONY ALLEN is home and recovering after his recent LVAD (left ventricular assist device) surgery. He is in some pain and is not feeling his best, of course, but overall, he is doing well. Please pray that these procedures will allow Tony to have a successful heart transplant. 77 *Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

MARY LOUISA BELEW is in ICU at STRHS-Lawrenceburg as of Tuesday, September 8. She has been diagnosed with Covid-19 and pneumonia. She is also battling a recurrence of melanoma. 514 *West Point Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

SANDI COOK is doing much better from Covid-19, but the fatigue continues. **SAVANA** and **SOPHIE COOK** were tested early last week, and both girls were negative for the virus. 1128 *Austin Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

MICHAEL MASHBURN is now being treated with a different antibiotic for wound infections. Since clear margins were not obtained during his recent cancer surgery, Michael will also be undergoing immunotherapy treatment at Vanderbilt UMC. 250 *Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

LAKIN ROBERTSON is quarantined with her roommates in their suite at Freed-Hardeman University. The roommates have tested positive for Covid-19. Lakin is awaiting her test results, but she is having symptoms so she is presumed to be positive. She also has asthma, so there are additional concerns. Please pray for Lakin and her roommates. Mail cards to her at: *FHU, Lakin Robertson, Box 10081, 158 E. Main St., Henderson, TN 38340*.

SHIRLEY FUTCH, daughter of **June Bivens**, is having problems with diabetes and other health issues. She has been undergoing a number of medical tests. 190 *Brace Road, Summertown, TN 38483*.

TERRY HICKMAN, husband of **Elaine Hickman** who is a longtime friend and business associate of **Mindy Markus and family**, is about ¾ of the way through his radiation treatments for cancer. He is now feeling the negative effects of these treatments. 113 *N. Sam Davis Ave., Pulaski, TN 38478*.

GAIL KINCADE, mother of **Matthew Kincade** who is a good friend of **Josh Bowling**, has received bone marrow biopsy results that confirm a diagnosis of leukemia. She is being treated with chemotherapy at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center in Nashville; she was to complete her first round of treatment on Wednesday, September 9. She is hoping to have stem cell therapy in the future.

CLAIRE MOONEY, niece of **Melanie Nutt**, is hospitalized in Corinth, MS, with severe pain and jaundice. As of Tuesday, September 8, she was expecting to have gallbladder surgery. Cards may be sent to her at 71 *Barnes Rd., Medina, TN 38355*.

Please continue to pray for: **Kym Bilbrey Brown, Willodean Campbell, Lorene Chandler, Nell Dixon, Carolyn Frazier, Ruth Goff, Dean Hughes, Jeffrey Hughes, Rachel Snider Hughes, James and Thelma McCloud, Donna and Pistol Marston, Sandra Reed, Susan Hughes Carvell, Shannon Cotton, Phillip Gattis, Dorothy Glass, Steve Higginbotham, Scot Hughes, Linda Kelley, Rick Lucas, Dr. Gari Lynn, Willie Mae Riggins, Jay Thomas**, and all those recently mentioned.