

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Part Three

While the world despises the cross and desires to remain distant from it, I am comfortable with the thought of being near the cross. At the cross, I am not only reminded that God keeps His promises, but I am also assured that God loves me. Below are two more reasons that I, not to mention fellow Christians, desire to remain near the cross.

At the cross, I am convinced that God can forgive me. What happened at the cross is the reason that my sins or anyone else's sins can be forgiven. If someone were to ask me "Was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ a demonstration of God's wrath and justice, or was the crucifixion of Jesus Christ a demonstration of God's mercy and grace?" my answer would be "Yes." At one and the same time, the crucifixion of Christ satisfied both God's justice and God's mercy, allowing Him to offer you and me the forgiveness of our sins without compromising His righteous nature (Rom. 3:21-26).

The unequivocal testimony of Scripture is that the cross is where Jesus was punished for our sins (Isa. 53:5-6; 1 Pet. 2:24), paid our debt (Mark 10:45; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19), and made peace or reconciliation between God and us possible (2 Cor. 5:18-21; Col. 1:19-20).

At the cross, I am challenged to live a selfless, holy life. When I remain near the cross, I am challenged, even motivated, to live a selfless, sacrificial, holy, and God-honoring life. How can I not be challenged and motivated to live such a life when I am contemplating the One who gave up everything, even his own life, for me?

Interestingly enough, even before Jesus went to the cross, He told some would-be disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and **take up his cross** and follow me" (Matt. 16:24, emphasis added). Taking up one's cross speaks to selflessness and a willingness to endure hardship and persecution for one's allegiance to the Crucified One.

In Romans 12:1-2, Paul essentially says that in light of God's sacrifice of His Son, we should be willing to sacrifice our lives for Him, living selfless and holy lives. A prominent theme in Paul's writings is the concept of being "crucified with Christ" (Rom. 6:6; Gal. 2:20; 5:24). The idea is that when we were baptized, we were not only reenacting but participating in Christ's crucifixion, burial, and resurrection. Our "old man" died at baptism, as it were, to arise to live a new life that is patterned after the One who died for us. Galatians 6:14 sums it up well: "But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world was crucified to me, and I to the world."

"Jesus, keep me near the cross." That petition doesn't sit well with most people, but for Christians, it's central to their faith. The cross is what they glory in, not themselves. Remaining near the cross continually convicts Christians of God's faithfulness, love, and grace, while challenging them to live a cross-shaped life.

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
Billy Helton III Reggie Holt Shane Hughes Andy Lee Mark Miller Brad Nielsen Caleb Shadrack

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

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

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

Sunday, October 11: **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 9 and September 13, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	112
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$11,703.00
Average (last available).....	\$9,962.08

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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 21 – September 25 will be hosted by the **MIDWAY** 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.

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

As of Tuesday, September 15:

SANDI COOK was officially recovered from Covid-19 as of last Tuesday, September 8. Last Thursday, she began to notice shortness of breath. She had a CT scan on Saturday, September 12. Sandi has now been diagnosed with bilateral pneumonia. *1128 Austin Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MICHAEL MASHBURN had an appointment on Monday, September 14, with an immunologist at Vanderbilt UMC. He is now scheduled to have his first immunotherapy treatment on Thursday, September 24, at Vanderbilt UMC. *250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DARRIN MCKAMEY is scheduled for tongue reconstruction surgery on Wednesday, October 7, at Vanderbilt UMC. *614 Austin Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

LAKIN ROBERTSON and her roommates at Freed-Hardeman are improving. As of print time, Lakin had not received her Covid-19 test results, but she is feeling better. Address: *FHU, Lakin Robertson, Box 10081, 158 E. Main St., Henderson, TN 38340.*

CLAIRE MOONEY, niece of **Melanie Nutt**, had gallbladder surgery last week in Corinth, MS. After the surgery, her severe pain continued, so she was transferred to the hospital in Oxford, MS, where bile duct stones were removed via an ERCP procedure. Claire is home and recovering. Cards may be sent to her at *71 Barnes Rd., Medina, TN 38355.*

Please continue to pray for: Tony Allen, 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, Shirley Futch, Phillip Gattis, Dorothy Glass, Terry Hickman, Steve Higginbotham, Scot Hughes, Linda Kelley, Gail Kincade, Rick Lucas, Dr. Gari Lynn, Willie Mae Riggins, Jay Thomas, and all those recently mentioned.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **MARY LOUISA BELEW**. The funeral was held on Wednesday, September 16, at Loretto Memorial Chapel.

MEMORIAL

A donation from **Tim and Lynn Pettus** has been given to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ in memory of **J. FRED JOHNSTON**.

WALK4WATER UPDATE

The updated total amount raised through the 7th **Annual Lawrence County Walk4Water** as of Tuesday, September 15, is \$23,045.00. These funds will benefit the lives of thousands of people who currently have no source of clean water.

If you ordered "SENT" T-shirt(s), we have your order ready! PLEASE come by the church office and get yours!

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE: Pulaski Street is sponsoring a **Chili Pie Booth** for **Ingram Sowell Elementary School** on **September 30**. We need volunteers to make crockpots of chili. We also need Fritos, shredded cheese, and sour cream. If you would like to make chili or donate items or money, please contact **Jacob or Brittany Evans**.

YOUTH NEWS

Romans 12:9-21 has some excellent pithy advice for Christians. Many Bibles will have a heading above these verses that reads something like "Marks of the True Christian." It starts out with what should be the foundation for the rest of the things listed: "Let love be genuine" (v. 9a). Paul mentions love once again in verse 10, stating that we should "[l]ove one another with brotherly affection."

Other admonitions that Paul gives in this list are to focus on good things, to be zealous, to rejoice, to be patient, to be prayerful, to help others, etc.

One of the things that stands out in my mind currently is mentioned in verse 15: "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." For various reasons, it can be hard to do these sometimes. Perhaps it is because we are envious of someone else's success, or perhaps we just don't want to be burdened with someone else's burdens. But the Bible says to do it, and a true Christian should. Praise and uplift people for their successes, and thank God for their good fortune! Conversely, since there are countless people dealing with hardships in today's world, we should have no trouble finding folks with whom we can sympathize. Reach out to them personally, and pray to God for them! After all, doing these things are marks of a true Christian!

Until next time,
Jeremy Gargis

THANK YOU

To our Pulaski Street Church Family,
Your outpouring of love and generosity the past two weeks has not only met a vital need but has immeasurably touched our hearts. Mike loved his church family and looked forward to worshiping with them. You were all his friends, and I'm sure he can't wait to see you again in glory. He's probably saying, "Come on up! Everything's great."
Much love, **Macie, Milton, Michelle, and Mark (Eckhart)**

Thank you for the prayers for our family during the passing of my Granny Warren. Also, thank you for the birthday cards! Love and miss y'all very much. God bless.
Jeffrey Hughes








COMING SOON

RSVP Requested: Please respond to the invitation posted on the bulletin board (to the Special Event being held on October 10) by **Friday, September 18**. *Thank you.*

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).

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY

On **Wednesday, October 7**, we will resume our in-person Wednesday Night Bible Classes at 7 p.m. with some modifications.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
 <h1 style="text-align: center;">OCTOBER</h1> <h1 style="text-align: center;">2020</h1>					1 June Helton Lisa Parrish	2	3 
			4 Kristi Miller	5 Lance Pope Bill Sisk Kimberly Smith	6 Nell Davis Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB 	7 Lily Kate Bowling Chuck Richardson Janice Rigsby WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY, 7pm @ Pulaski Street!	8 Peyton Gambrell Kathleen Tice
FALL BREAK LCSS		FALL BREAK LCSS		FALL BREAK LCSS			
11 Cam Mashburn	12 	13 Debbie Kidd Hazel Violet	14 Denise Bass Velva Carroll Tyson Dowlen Amelia Gargis	15	16	17 Debbie Hermsdorfer Taylor Markus	
18 Jerri Harris McKenna Rose SPECIAL EVENT <i>(Be watching for details.)</i>	19	20 Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB 	21 Hannah Gallian	22 Billy Helton III	23 Abi Evans Caleb Shadrick 	24 Josie Brown Joe Wells	
25 Gary Wells	26 Eliana Espinoza Denise Hughes	27 Mike Hughes Luke Rochelle	28 Will Baxter Jeff Dowlen Melissa Haislip Jackie Keaton	29 Pam Allen Matti Grey Donnelly	30 Cindy Gobbell Maddox Hughes Parker Hughes C.J. Thigpen	31 Gracie Evans HALLOWEEN 	

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