

# PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

## PULASKI STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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### Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Part One

Most of us are familiar with the song entitled “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross,” written in 1869 by a blind woman named Fanny Crosby. The song is addressed to Jesus, and it’s a petition. It’s a petition for Jesus to keep His people near the cross. It’s a petition that makes sense to Christians, but it’s a petition that many folks who witnessed Jesus’ crucifixion would have considered to be very strange.

Imagine if Jesus had come to redeem the world in more recent times, not 2,000 years ago when crucifixion was a means of execution. Imagine if Jesus came when the use of the electric chair was in vogue. Imagine if He had died for the sins of the world by being strapped to a specially crafted wooden chair and then subjected to about 2,450 volts at three intervals of twenty-two seconds. Imagine if we sang in our worship: “Jesus, keep me near the electric chair.”

I know that sounds so strange. I know hearing that makes you feel weird. We don’t generally associate anything good with electric chairs, and we usually don’t have a very high opinion of the one who sits in an electric chair. After all, isn’t the electric chair for hardened criminals and extremely violent offenders?

Many of the onlookers at Jesus’ crucifixion no doubt concluded that Jesus of Nazareth was getting what He deserved. In their estimation, the only people who end up hanging on a Roman cross are bad guys whom society has determined should no longer live among them. According to Paul, the Jews viewed the cross as a “stumbling block,” while the Gentiles viewed the cross as nothing but “foolishness” (1 Cor. 1:23).

While asking Jesus to keep us near the cross makes sense to those of us who are Christians, there are a lot of people who have lived and who now live that would find this petition to be rather peculiar: “Why would you want to be near something like that?” Though the cross was an abhorrent and cruel instrument of torture and death, there are reasons why those of us who are Christians desire to stay near it, and it’s those reasons that we are going to explore in subsequent articles.

*Jacob Evans*

### 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 6, 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 6: **Caleb Evans** and **Mark Evans**

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

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

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

#### 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.

#### August 26 and August 30, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	111
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$7,861.60
Average (last available).....	\$9,949.43

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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 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 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 7 – September 11 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 ¾ 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.

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

## BAPTIZED

We rejoice to announce that **JOSIE BROWN** was baptized into Christ on Sunday, August 30, 2020. **Josie** is the daughter of **Chad Brown** and **Kim Brown** and the sister of **Mary Beth Brown**. She is presently attending UNA in Florence, AL, where she plans to major in nursing.

You may send cards of encouragement to **Josie** at 473 *Annie Rooney Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

## SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Macie Eckhart and family** on the death of Macie's husband, **MIKE ECKHART**. Mike's health had been declining, and he passed away on Sunday, August 30, after being hospitalized for several days.

**Mike and Macie** were longtime members here, and Mike served as a deacon for several years. They've been attending here recently (until Covid-19) and living at The Summit.

Arrangements with Neal Funeral Home are as follows: Visitation will be held on Friday, September 4, from 5 until 8 p.m. The funeral is scheduled for Saturday, September 5, at 1 p.m. Burial will follow at John Lay Cemetery (Ethridge, TN).

Condolences may be sent to **Macie** at 248 *Durham Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.*

## COMING SOON

**Tuesday, September 8: Dorcas Sewing.** 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building (IF the fellowship building is useable by this date).

**Saturday, September 12: 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

**My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.**

Psalm 73:26, ESV

## The Privilege of Knowing God

Paul confided, "For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Timothy 1:12). He said, "I know whom [not merely what] I have believed."

The Christian's assurance is linked to God the Father's character. God the Father has some astonishing metaphysical attributes:

- Self-existent (Psalm 90:2; John 5:26);
- Eternal (Psalm 90:1-2);
- Omniscient (Hebrews 4:13);
- Omnipotent (Daniel 4:35);
- Holy (1 Peter 1:15-16; Revelation 4);
- Faithful and just (John 7:24);
- Merciful (Titus 3:4-7).

He has an even more amazing moral characteristic: God is a being of absolute love (1 John 4:8, 11). This is one of the great themes of the New Testament (John 3:16; 10:28-29; Romans 8:31-39; Ephesians 2:5, 8-9; 1 Peter 1:3-5; 1 John 4:7-21). God's love shows that He gave His Son to die in our place (John 3:16), while we were yet sinners (Romans 5:8). It also shows that He does not want a single person to be lost (2 Peter 3:9; 1 Timothy 2:4).

God's faithfulness also leads us to confidence in our salvation. He promised (1 Peter 1:5-7; 2 Peter 1:1-2). A faithful Christian's "I don't feel saved" equals a lack of faith in the promises of God.

—Anonymous

via *House to House Heart to Heart*, Vol. 25, No. 7



## THE RULE OF "THREE"

- Three things to govern: Temper, tongue, conduct
- Three things to cultivate: Courage, affection, gentleness
- Three things to commend: Thrift, industry, promptness
- Three things to despise: Cruelty, arrogance, ingratitude
- Three things to wish for: Health, contentment, friends
- Three things to admire: Dignity, intellect, gracefulness

"I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not allow your foot to be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber" (Psalm 121:1-3).

via *House to House Heart to Heart*, online

## YOUTH NEWS

One of the things that stands out from my childhood is going to the Mars Hill Bible Bookstore in Florence, AL, with my parents and grandparents. Katie and I took our kids in there several weeks ago to pick up some Bibles that we had purchased, and it brought back memories of being there as a child.

I can remember climbing on the racks in the back where all of the Bible class curriculum was kept, while my grandmother sifted through the materials and chose what she would use in her Bible class next quarter. (No, I wasn't supposed to be climbing on them!) I can remember getting bored and asking to go to the bathroom so that I could play with the water in the sink. I can remember checking out all of the little trinkets that they had for sale to help people take notes and mark scriptures in their Bibles.

One of the things that I remember the most is a bookmark that I got on a trip there with my mom and sister. I must've been about seven or eight at the time. It was blue with yellow accents and had an image of a Bible superhero on it. I thought it was the coolest bookmark I had ever seen! If I remember correctly, its price was \$0.35, and I couldn't believe that it wasn't more like \$35. I got it, was infatuated with it for a while, then simply forgot about it, like so many other things I got while growing up.

What are bookmarks for? Well, the kind that I've been talking about is a somewhat forgotten tool in today's digital world. It's used to keep track of your progress or mark a spot in a book. Really, it was a novel idea! (See what I did there?) Many are familiar with digital bookmarks that allow you to return to a previously viewed webpage with one click of the mouse. Traditional bookmarks, like digital bookmarks, allow you to quickly return to a place in your book where you were previously reading. They really are helpful little pieces of equipment!

Maybe we should start trying to employ "life bookmarks" to help us keep track of where we've been so that we can stay more focused on where we want to get. We actually bookmark our lives, perhaps unwittingly, with pictures, notes, memories, etc. It could be a picture of you with a loved one who has passed away that takes you back to a time when you were with them in their house. It could be a note that you received from your spouse dating back to your dating days that brings to mind a time of infatuation and excitement that was building into a lifetime together. These "life bookmarks" are important to us because they, in one way or another, play a part in telling the story of who we are.

There are a couple of other life bookmarks that I would like for you to consider. One is a time where you were trapped in sin, feeling the weight of it on your life as it prevented you from having a close relationship with God. The other is a time when through obedience and repentance you experienced the freedom of having sin's burden removed. The former is the epitome of a low point in life where you were hopeless and lost. The latter is a watershed moment where you were given hope, salvation, and joy! It's important to keep these two moments bookmarked in our minds because they remind us of where we have been AND where we plan to end up through the blood of Jesus.

What life bookmarks do you currently have in your life? If the total despair of being alienated from God and the beautiful moment of being reconciled to God are not among them, I suggest you change that. These two life bookmarks will keep us grounded, help us keep track of our progress, and allow us to hold onto an unshakable hope!

Until next time, **Jeremy Gargis**

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

*As of Tuesday, September 1:*

**TONY ALLEN** is doing well after having LVAD (left ventricular assist device) surgery last week. He is hoping to return home sometime this week. After three months with this device, he will return to have the pressure checked in the damaged artery. *77 Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**SANDI COOK** has been diagnosed with Covid-19. **SAVANA** and **SOPHIE COOK** were tested on Monday, August 31, and expected results later this week. At last report, **JOE COOK** was doing fine and keeping his distance. *1128 Austin Circle, L'burg, TN 38464.*

**BIFF HELTON** had a bit of a setback this weekend as he recovers from Covid-19. He was feeling better as of Tuesday, September 1. *P.O. Box 601, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**DEAN HUGHES** is home after having neck surgery last week. The surgery went well, and Dean is recovering well. She will be staying in for the next few weeks to heal and keep her neck stable. *532 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**RACHEL SNIDER HUGHES** had an appointment last week with her surgeon. The staples and stitches were removed, and her right leg was placed in a boot. She is restricted from putting any weight on her leg for at least another week. The doctor said everything is healing well. *295 Cotton Lane, Leoma, TN 38468.*

**MICHAEL MASHBURN** is home and continuing to recover from last week's cancer surgery. Michael's wounds, both old and new, are healing well. *250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**ARTIE COLLINS**, longtime gospel preacher, suffered a brain bleed early last week. He is also battling pneumonia. He is still hospitalized in Florence, AL, but has been moved to a step-down room. He is slowly making progress.

**DOROTHY GLASS**, mother of **Ricky Glass** and close friend of **Penny Helton**, had a heart-related procedure last week at St. Thomas. The procedure went well, and her heart only needed to be shocked once. *2795 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**GAIL KINCADE**, mother of **Matthew Kincaide** who is a good friend of **Josh Bowling**, is a patient at the Sarah Cannon Cancer Center in Nashville. She is awaiting results from a bone marrow biopsy; leukemia is suspected. She cannot have any visitors (due to Covid-19), and it will be a few days before results are available. Prayers are requested for Gail and her family at this difficult time.

**RICK LUCAS**, longtime friend of **Jenifer Hughes and family**, is still in Centennial Medical Center. He has been battling Covid-19 for several weeks. He is improving in many areas. He had a tracheotomy on Thursday, August 27. His wife has requested prayers that his lungs and kidney function continue to improve. *169 Chippendale Drive, Hendersonville, TN 37075.*

**WILLIE MAE RIGGINS**, mother of **Tammy Foster**, is now in Rm. 226A at NHC Pulaski. She is continuing to improve after recently suffering multiple strokes and hip and ankle fractures.

*Please continue to pray for:*

**Mary Louisa Belew, Kym Bilbrey Brown, Willodean Campbell, Lorene Chandler, Nell Dixon, Carolyn Frazier, Ruth Goff, Jeffrey Hughes, Rachel Snider Hughes, James and Thelma McCloud, Donna and Pistol Marston, Sandra Reed, Susan Hughes Carvell, Shannon Cotton, Phillip Gattis, Terry Hickman, Steve Higginbotham, Scot Hughes, Linda Kelley, Franklin and Reva Lee and family, Dr. Gari Lynn, Jay Thomas,** and all those recently mentioned.