

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

We will be meeting **in person** for **Sunday morning worship** on **Sunday, October 18**, at 10:30 a.m. 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, October 18: **Caleb Evans and Mark Evans**
- Sunday, October 25: **Caleb Evans and Mark Evans**
- Sunday, November 1: **Ethan Hammond and Mark Miller**
- Sunday, November 8: **Ethan Hammond and Mark Miller**

We have also resumed meeting **in person** for **Wednesday evening Bible classes**. Jacob is teaching the adult class in the auditorium. Everyone (adults and children), please remember to assemble in the auditorium **FIRST** to hear announcements and further information.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO:

- Enter through the open doors in the foyer.
- On Sunday mornings, 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).
- On Sunday mornings, 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** at **10:30 a.m.**

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 Adult Bible Class Livestream: Go to **Pulaski Street's Facebook page** or **Pulaski Street Church of Christ's YouTube Channel** at **7 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.

October 7 and October 11, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	102
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	116
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$8,273.00
Average (last available).....	\$9,840.22

Pulaski Street Church of Christ
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Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

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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 October 19 – October 23 will be hosted by the **SALEM** 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.

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

PULASKI STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Social Media, Fake News, and Discernment

Much disinformation (intentionally misleading) and misinformation (unintentionally misleading) have been spreading like wildfire via social media. Conspiracy theories, hoaxes, fabricated reports, half-truth articles, and click-bait headlines fill the feeds of social media users. The sheer volume of fake news on social media is bewildering, frustrating, and unnerving. Such has fueled, perhaps more than anything else, the suspicions and schisms surrounding the pandemic, not to mention the political processes in America. If it is true that our nation has never been more polarized than it is right now, then the propagation of fake news on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc., is a major contributing factor.

Christians have been called by God to be truth-tellers, not talebearers or liars. Of the seven things that God considers to be an abomination, three of them are especially relevant in this discussion: “a lying tongue,” “a false witness who breathes out lies,” and “one who sows discord among brothers” (Prov. 6:16-19). When Christians post or share false reports on social media, they are endangering their Christian influence, contributing to the destabilization of society, and disappointing their Lord. The latter is especially true if they fail to make any effort at verifying the content of what they are posting or sharing.

Christians should maintain a healthy level of curiosity for the things they read on their feed. After all, not all news outlets, journalists, reporters, and bloggers uphold the highest ethical standards in their sourcing and reporting, and this reality is compounded by the fact that social media sites are largely unregulated. When it comes to discerning between the bogus and the bona fide, a quick search on Google or some other search engine about the content of a given news story will usually yield clarifying results. It would also be wise to research the company or individual who originated the news story. If doubt remains as to the truthfulness of the story, don't post or share it. It's better to be safe than sorry. Christians, of all people, should be associated with facts, not fiction.

“Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another.”
Ephesians 4:25

Jacob Evans

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 *October, November, and December* is **Bob Markus**.

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

COMING SOON

This coming Sunday, October 18: SPECIAL EVENT from 2 until 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship building. Please watch for details in the e-mail updates, the projector slides, and on the foyer bulletin board.

Tuesday, October 20: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

Sunday, October 25: Trunk or Treat! This outdoor event will begin at about 6 p.m. in the parking lot EAST of the church building. (We are avoiding the south parking lot due to the construction/trench, etc.) Feel free to arrive as early as you like to set up; several plan to start setting up/decorating their vehicles at about 5:45 p.m.

Be sure to bring your little ones dressed in their costumes to collect their treats!

FOOD DRIVE FOR LCSS STUDENTS

The First Annual Food Drive to benefit students at Lawrence County schools is now underway and will continue through November 13. This food drive is to ensure that, during extended school breaks (Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks), students who need extra help will have access to food in their homes. This food drive was started by Katie Brazier, district school social worker.

If you'd like to help, you can bring food items to church and place them in boxes located in the main foyer, or you can bring items to the church office during office hours. Please indicate that the items are for the food drive for LCSS students.

Nonperishable items needed are:

- BOXED FOOD
- CANNED FRUITS/VEGETABLES
- RAMEN NOODLES
- CANNED SAUCE
- RICE
- PASTA
- JUICE
- SNACKS
- PEANUT BUTTER

GET YOUR T-SHIRTS!

When our "SENT" theme T-shirts arrived, we sorted them and arranged them into stacks. Each stack is designated with the name of the person(s) who ordered them.

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

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.

Philippians 2:4

Too Many to Count

One day Abraham Lincoln summoned to the White House a surgeon in the Army of the Cumberland from the state of Ohio. The major assumed that he was to be commended for some exceptional work.

During the conversation, Mr. Lincoln asked the major about his widowed mother. "She is doing fine," he responded.

"How do you know?" asked Lincoln. "You haven't written her. But she has written me. She thinks that you are dead, and she is asking that a special effort be made to return your body."

At that point, the Commander and Chief placed a pen in the young doctor's hand and ordered him to write a letter letting his mother know that he was alive and well.



Oh, the blessings that we take for granted. Oh, the wretchedness of ingratitude. It was Shakespeare who worded it more appropriately than ever we could. He wrote:

"Blow, blow, thou winter wind,
Thou art not so unkind
As man's ingratitude. . . ."

Thank God for His marvelous providence in granting manifold blessings to the ungrateful many! Try this simple math project: start counting your blessings one by one for just two days. You will be surprised what God is doing in your life. Are you ready to receive? Are you ready to count? If so, then be ready to rejoice.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things" (Psalm 103:1-5).

*Glad Tidings of Good Things
via House to House Heart to Heart (online)*

DID YOU THINK TO PRAY?

The greatest thing that anybody can do for the growth of the church is to pray.

"Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may run swiftly and be glorified, just as it is with you" (2 Thessalonians 3:1; cf. 1 Thessalonians 5:25).

Somebody might say, "I want to do more than pray." And I would say to you, "I want you to do more than pray." But you can never do more than pray until first you have prayed.

"If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14).

—Paul Rogers
via House to House Heart to Heart (online)

YOUTH NEWS

The Bible has much to say about children. The young child Samuel is one who comes to my mind first. We are introduced to him in 1 Samuel after his mother, Hannah, is praying desperately for a child. Eli, the priest, assumed that she was drunk and encouraged her to stop drinking. Of course, we know that this was not the case, and after pleading her case to Eli, Hannah is blessed with a child. Hannah dedicated Samuel to the Lord, and Samuel became a great leader of God's people.

Another Old Testament account of children that comes to my mind is the birth of the twins, Jacob and Esau. Esau, who would become a hairy, red man, was born first. Jacob wasn't far behind and even came out of the womb holding onto the heel of Esau. Jacob would, with the help of his mother, swindle Esau out of both his rightful blessing and birthright. Despite these shenanigans, Jacob also plays a vital role in the story of God's people and leads them well.

Moving to the New Testament, a story involving a child that stands out to me is John's account of the feeding of the 5,000. In John 6:9, during a discussion of how much money it would take to buy enough bread for all of the people to have just a little, Andrew brings a report that there was a boy present who had five barley loaves and two fish. You know the rest of the story. This boy's lunch, through the miraculous work of Jesus, feeds a multitude of people.

What I believe actually comes to most of our minds when thinking of children and the Bible, though, is the teachings of Jesus related to children and His interaction with them. For example, in Mark 10:13-16, when Jesus' disciples tried to prevent people from bringing their children to Jesus, He rebuked them. Jesus insisted that the children be able to come to Him because the kingdom of heaven belongs to such individuals.

Additionally, in Matthew 18:1-6 we find Jesus exalting children to the place of "greatest in the kingdom of heaven." The disciples asked who was the greatest, but they were baffled when Jesus set a child before them. Jesus states that we must humble ourselves like children and receive such children, not causing them to sin (v.5-6, 10).

Yes, it is clear that we must become like little children. They are generally humble. They have a trustful disposition. They seem to have an innate desire to help with tasks, jobs of any kind, and chores. They have joy. They have pure hearts. They love God.

As I end this article, I feel compelled to tell you that the reason that I decided to write about this is my oldest, Penelope. I love all of our children deeply, and they are all good examples of why the kingdom of heaven belongs to those that become like children, but Nelly has started kind of putting it all together. As she is starting to get a little older, she still has that beautiful innocence of youth, but she is also developing a love for God and a desire to please Him. If you see her during worship, you will see her singing with all of her heart. During Jacob's lessons, you will find her taking notes and trying to help with her little brother at the same time. During Bible classes, regardless of whether they are for her age group or the teens, you will find her engaged, ready to read verses, and answer questions, soaking it all up. I am humbled by who she is. I can see clearly why Jesus gave us these teachings. I want to be like my daughter.

"...unless you become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
Matthew 18:3b

Until next time,
Jeremy Gargis

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

This information was current as of Tuesday, October 13.

LOUISE BATES was scheduled to have a procedure on Wednesday, October 14, at Vanderbilt UMC to correct a heart rhythm problem. *c/o The Summit, 186 Prosser Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JOE COOK and **SAVANA COOK** have both tested positive for Covid-19. They are recovering at home. As of Monday, October 12, Joe was doing okay, but Savana was feeling very bad. *1128 Austin Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MICHAEL MASHBURN was airlifted to Vanderbilt UMC on Thursday, October 8, with another bleed. He is home and recovering, and it is thought that no damage was done to previously healed areas. *250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DARRIN MCKAMEY had tongue reconstruction surgery on Wednesday, October 7, at Vanderbilt UMC. The complicated surgery lasted several hours. The doctors indicated that the surgery went according to plan, and they are hopeful and optimistic for good results. During the weekend, due to the high number of Covid-19 cases in the hospital, the doctors decided it would be safer for Darrin to recover at home. He was released on Sunday, October 11, and is home resting, recovering, and moving slowly. He is in considerable pain and has more procedures and therapies ahead. Please pray that no infections or illnesses occur to impede Darrin's progress. *614 Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KATHLEEN TICE is still in STRHS-Lawrenceburg; she is continuing to recover from injuries she suffered in a recent fall. She was still in ICU on Tuesday, October 13, due to low oxygen levels and an increased heart rate. Cards may be sent to Kathleen at *708 4th Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

WANDA GIST, longtime dear friend of **Joyce Clark**, is battling a very serious lung infection. She is home with medication to help fight the infection. **No calls or visitors please.** Cards and prayers are appreciated. *704 7th Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

CLIFFORD DOYLE JOHNSON, brother of **Hazel Violet** and uncle of **Kristi Miller**, has been diagnosed with a mass on his pancreas. The mass appeared to be malignant during biopsy. Mr. Johnson expected to receive test results this week. He battled throat cancer earlier this year. *1842 Dunroamin Lane, Fayetteville, TN 37334.*

CHRIS MORRIS, cousin of **Vangie Gieske**, is home after spending eight days in ICU at STRHS-Pulaski/Hillside Hospital with Covid-19. He is still extremely weak but is doing better. *6692 Minor Hill Hwy., Goodspring, TN 38460.*

LINDA MORRIS, aunt of **Vangie Gieske**, is continuing to recover at home after battling double pneumonia. She is feeling better. *6692 Minor Hill Hwy., Goodspring, TN 38460.*

SANDRA REED, mother of **Vangie Gieske**, is continuing with outpatient therapy after her recent arm fracture. She is also battling lymphedema in both arms. *175 Reed Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.*

JOHN RENFRO, nephew of **Sally Hestle**, has been hospitalized with Covid-19 and not doing well. As of Monday, October 12, he was feeling much better after experimental treatment. *3270 Johnson Lake Dr., Valdosta, GA 31606.*

KEN WILES, father of **Emily Nielsen**, is home and recovering after a recent heart attack and three stent surgeries. He is taking it easy as ordered by his doctor. *914 West 6th St., Columbia, TN 38401.*

Please continue to pray for Tony Allen, Kym Bilbrey Brown, Lorene Chandler, Carolyn Frazier, Ruth Goff, Donna Helton, Jeffrey Hughes, Rachel Snider Hughes, Pistol and Donna Marston, Michael Mashburn, James and Thelma McCloud, Rachel Benson, Susan Hughes Carvell, Shannon Cotton, Shirley Futch, Phillip Gattis, Terry Hickman, Steve Higginbotham, Scot Hughes, Linda Kelly, Gail Kincade, Rick Lucas, Jay Thomas, and all those recently mentioned.