

## 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, October 4, 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 4: Russ Gallian and Joe Cook

Sunday, October 11: Russ Gallian and Joe Cook

Sunday, October 18: Caleb Evans and Mark Evans

Sunday, October 25: Caleb Evans and Mark Evans

### 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 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.

### September 23 and September 27, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	134
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$7,526.00
Average (last available).....	\$9,842.15

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247 Pulaski Street  
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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 October 5 – October 9 will be hosted by the DEERFIELD 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 % 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!

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# PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

## PULASKI STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 1, 2020

### Deep Roots

#### Part Two

When it comes to developing spiritual roots, all Christians should desire to be oak trees, not tumbleweeds. In last week's article, we discussed a few reasons some Christians never take root, and we also highlighted how Christians can cultivate deep roots. In this article, we will consider why Christians should desire to cultivate deep roots in the first place.

**Deep roots keep us grounded in love and truth.** With deep roots, we find the nourishment we need. Paul prayed that the Ephesians would be "rooted and grounded in love" (Eph. 3:17). Jesus affirmed that God's commandments are summed up by love (Matt. 22:36-40), and love was to be the identifying mark of Jesus' disciples (John 13:35). Without question, Christians should demonstrate love for God and others, but in paying attention to the context of Ephesians 3:17, it seems that the "love of Christ (i.e., Christ's love for us) is in view. Being assured and convinced of Christ's love for us is essential to our spiritual vitality, and the deeper our roots go the more we can comprehend Jesus' love (Eph. 3:18).

In Ephesians 4:14, Paul shares a reason why we need to reach for maturity, i.e., have deep roots: "... so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes." To be sure, Paul uses the image of an anchorless ship here that just goes wherever the wind blows, but you can just as easily picture a rootless tree that does the same. Too many people want a "Pop Gospel" today; a jingle, not a hymn; a joke, not a homily. The problem is that a shallow or superficial understanding of God's Word is dangerous. If we don't know what to stand for, we will fall for anything. Deep roots keep us grounded in the truth.

**Deep roots prevent us from being burned up or blown away when disaster strikes.** With deep roots, we gain the stability we need. Proverbs 10:25 reads, "When the tempest passes, the wicked is no more, but the righteous is established forever." In commenting on one of the soils in His famous parable, Jesus says, "As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately received it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away" (Matt. 13:20-21). If you've lived long enough, you know that disaster is a matter of *when*, not *if*. And by "disaster," I am referring to all sorts of difficult and painful things: a cancer diagnosis, chronic pain, the loss of a young or old loved one, disappointment with circumstances or other people, financial stress or devastation, ostracism, a dark depression, or a paralyzing anxiety. If you don't have deep roots, then when the searing heat from these sorts of difficulties bears down on you, you will wither. If you don't have deep roots, then when the gale-force winds from these sorts of trials whip around you, you will be blown away. We all need deep roots; otherwise, when disaster strikes in one form or another, we will be burned up or blown away.

**Deep roots allow us to bear fruit no matter the circumstances.** With deep roots, we produce the fruitfulness that God desires. One undeniable expectation that God has for His people is that they become fruit-bearers. The "good soil" is a heart that not only hears and understands the word but also bears fruit (Matt. 13:8, 23). In John 15:1-8, using the imagery of Jesus as the vine and His disciples as the branches, we learn the sobering truth that those branches (i.e. disciples) that don't bear fruit will fall from the vine (i.e. Jesus) and be thrown into the fire.

We might wonder what the "fruit" is that God and Jesus have in mind. It is only natural to think of Galatians 5:22-23, which lists the "fruit of the Spirit": "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Such fruit is not only personally beneficial, but it can impact others, so that we "bear fruit" in the sense of making disciples who love and follow Jesus. After all, disciples are called to reproduce.

Moreover, a deep-rooted Christian can "bear fruit" even when the circumstances do not seem conducive for bearing fruit. The story is told of an orange grove where an irrigation pump had broken down. The season was unusually dry, and some of the trees were beginning to die for lack of water. The man giving a tour of the orchard took a visitor to his own orchard where irrigation was used sparingly. "These trees could go without rain for another two weeks," he said. "You see, when they were young, I frequently kept water from them. This hardship caused them to send their roots deeper into the soil in search of moisture. Now mine are the deepest-rooted trees in the area. While others are being scorched by the sun, these are finding moisture at a greater depth and continue to bear fruit."

Without deep roots, Christians will spiritually lack nourishment, stability, and fruitfulness. As such, it's no wonder why Paul wanted the Colossian Christians to be "rooted and built up in [Christ Jesus] and established in the faith" (Col. 2:7).

**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

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the throw. We appreciate all the prayers and visits during this time. Also, thank you for the food offer. We appreciate it.

**The Taylor family**  
(relatives of Mary Louisa Belew)

Thank you for all the acts of kindness extended to us during the past weeks – the prayers of the Elders, food, visits, and the donation to Wisconsin Christian Youth Camp.

Next to the church, Mike loved WCYC and spent many long hours serving on the board, being a “go-fer” during camping season, and building and repairing the facilities with three feet of snow.

But thank you most of all for being our friends. He touched too many lives to ever be forgotten.

**Macie, Milton, Michelle, and Mark**  
(The Eckhart family)

I want to thank the church and all involved in celebrating the class of 2020 through all of this! It meant so much to me! I sure do love my Pulaski Street family!

**Callie Rose**

When one is isolated and going through medical problems, what a blessing cards, flowers, calls, food, texts, and other acts of kindness are. Often feeling down, I was lifted up by my brothers and sisters. I am blessed to be called your sister in Christ, and I love you.

Thank you,  
**Dean Hughes**

## MEMORIAL

A donation from **Billy and Donna Helton** has been given to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ Youth Group in memory of **J. FRED JOHNSTON** and **BILL GRISHAM**.

## COMING SOON

**Tuesday, October 6:** Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

**Wednesday, October 7:** We will resume our **in-person Wednesday Night Bible Classes** at 7 p.m. All adults and children need to meet in the auditorium FIRST to receive information about the schedule for the evening. Efforts will be made to limit crowding among those going to classrooms.

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

**Sunday, October 25:** Trunk or Treat! Watch for details to come!

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

## SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Becky Holder** on the death of her sister, **BEVERLY WOODARD**. Arrangements were incomplete at print time, but burial will take place in Lynnville, TN. Condolences may be sent to **Becky** at 1110 East Gaines St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **JULIAN SCHMIDT**. Julian was an exchange student who lived with the **Jeff and Jenifer Hughes family** and attended services here during the 2013/2014 school year. He was killed in a motorcycle accident in southern Germany on Sunday, September 27. Condolences may be sent to **the Hughes family** at 402 West Point Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Lorene Chandler** on the death of her sister-in-law, **JEANETTE POWELL**. Mrs. Powell was the sister of the late **Paul Chandler** (Lorene's husband). The funeral was held on Wednesday, September 23, at Neal Funeral Home. Condolences may be sent to **Lorene** at 413 Douglas Dr., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **DR. GARI LYNN**. Dr. Lynn was a longtime educator in the Lawrence County School System and was a former principal of Lawrenceburg Public School. The funeral was held on Thursday, September 10, in Pulaski, TN.

## Daddy, Can I Come Home?

Several years ago, I met a lifelong friend walking down the road. We stopped for a couple of moments and exchanged greetings. I asked her how she and her husband were doing (they had married three months earlier).

Her response startled me. She said, “Steve, we’re not together anymore. I wasn’t happy, so I called my dad and asked him if I could come home. That’s where I’m living now.”

Compare this account with the following account of a young woman who had only been married for a few short months. Sobbing, this newlywed phoned her father and said, “Daddy, I’m not happy. Can I come home?” to which her wise father responded, “Honey, you know I love you, but you are home.”

The father in the second scenario wisely understood what many people do not understand today: In marriage, there is a “leaving” of father and mother and a “cleaving” to one’s own spouse (Matthew 19:5).

True love does not aid and abet people in escaping responsibility, but rather stands beside them and supports them in facing and overcoming difficulties.

Lord, give us more fathers with such wisdom, and may the rest of us heed their wise counsel!

—Steve Higginbotham  
via House to House Heart to Heart (online)

As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time forth and forevermore.

Psalm 125:2, ESV



## YOUTH NEWS

Deer season is upon us in Tennessee. I really like hunting. While turkey hunting is my favorite, I really do find pleasure in deer hunting. Opportunities to see the sun rise over the woods and fields and to see it set in the west as daylight fades brings me peace. I also enjoy being surrounded by the sounds of the wind, critters, and bugs. My children enjoy going hunting with me now, which has made it even more enjoyable than before. Hands down, without any question at all, hunting is my favorite of the many hobbies that I dabble in from time to time. (If you were to ask Katie, she may tell you that I have too many hobbies, but I’m confident that she would concur that hunting is the one I enjoy the most.)

One of my favorite things about hunting, and deer hunting especially, is traversing through rugged terrain and trying to figure out the features of a particular piece of land that will cause deer to move through certain areas. I have loved exploring the woods since I was a child, and now being able to look at various topographical features is really fun to me!

Many would look at a steep hill, ridge, or mountain and think twice before trying to climb up it. And while it may make my legs burn, my heart beat fast, and my breath escape me, I enjoy the ascent. Even more than the ascent, I enjoy looking up at the top before I start hiking up to it. I also enjoy the sights to be seen from looking out over the landscape after having climbed to the highest spot in an area. But there’s just something about looking up at hills, ridges, and mountains that calms me and brings me joy.

When thinking about this, I am reminded of Psalm 121. This Psalm, one of several called a “Song of Ascents,” seems to be referencing the Israelites journeying to Jerusalem to worship and having confidence in doing so.

As the Psalm begins, the writer states, “I will lift my eyes to the hills.” Jerusalem is in the midst of a mountain range, and many sojourners on their way to worship there would surely find courage and confidence when coming close to the city and being able to look up at it. But what is even more encouraging than that is the rest of verse one and verse two. “From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.”

Where does our help come from today? While ultimately the answer is the same today for us as it was for the Israelites in Psalm 121:2, there are many other entities that offer us help today. Our parents and our children help us. Our teachers help us. Public servants and first responders help us. There are so many different sources of help for us. However, none of these compares with the help and support that we receive from God Almighty!

As we “look up,” we can be reminded of His faithful help in the past and promised support for the future. Verse three tells us that He will keep our feet secure. Verses three and four tell us that He will stay awake, or wait up, for us. According to verse five, He is our keeper, and He will provide shade for us. (Who hasn’t felt the comfort of shade on a sweltering day? What a translatable imagery for us to understand how God helps and comforts us!) In verse seven we see that He will keep our lives. And, finally in verse eight, we are reminded once again that this help from the Lord will take place “from this time forth and forevermore.” What an encouraging Psalm! My help comes from the Lord!

The next time that you are looking up at a ridge or mountain of any kind, remember this: My help comes from God above. The God who created the beauty that we can see all around us, and especially through the diverse features of the earth, is the same God who will provide for our needs, keep us, comfort us, and help us.

Until next time,  
**Jeremy Gargin**

## PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

This information was updated as of Wednesday, September 30.

**KYM BILBREY BROWN** is continuing to battle multiple health problems. She had transferred from STRHS to Maury Regional as of Wednesday, September 30, and was expecting to be admitted to a skilled nursing facility in Pulaski or Lawrenceburg sometime this week. Kym is not doing very well. 105 Graves Dr., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**LORENE CHANDLER** has been told by her doctor that she needs to have hip replacement surgery. She will have to consult with her heart doctor prior to the hip surgery being scheduled. Lorene requests your prayers for her health and the decisions she has to make regarding this surgery. 413 Douglas Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**SANDI COOK** is recovering well from bilateral pneumonia. **SOPHIE COOK** has recovered from Covid-19 and was able to return to school on Friday, September 25. 1128 Austin Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**REGGIE AND PAM HOLT** are continuing to recover at home from Covid-19. They are doing better. 111 Pond Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**MICHAEL MASHBURN** has begun immunotherapy treatment for the squamous cell cancer remaining following his recent surgery. 250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**DARRIN MCKAMEY** is scheduled for tongue reconstruction surgery next Wednesday, October 7. 614 Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**CHRIS SOCKWELL** is improving at home from Covid-19 after spending a few days in the hospital receiving oxygen therapy. A complete recovery is expected. 94 Beuerlein Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**KATHLEEN TICE** suffered a hard fall at her home on Monday, September 28. She has fractures of the coccyx, L1 and L2 vertebrae, and a rib. She is very uncomfortable. She is in STRHS at this time. Please, NO visitors. Cards may be sent to Kathleen at 708 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

**LINDA MORRIS**, aunt of **Vangie Gieske**, has been very sick for over a week. She has tested negative for Covid-19. Prayers are requested. 6692 Minor Hill Hwy., Goodspring, TN 38460.

**SANDRA REED**, mother of **Vangie Gieske**, had an ultrasound done of her heart; thankfully, she received a good report. Please pray that Mrs. Reed continues to recover from her recent arm fracture and other health problems. 175 Reed Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.

**JAY THOMAS**, brother of **Brent Thomas**, is tolerating chemotherapy well and is managing fine at this time. 484 Rabbit Trail Road, Leoma, TN 38468.

Please continue to pray for **Tony Allen**, **Nell Dixon**, **Carolyn Frazier**, **Ruth Goff**, **Jeffrey Hughes**, **Rachel Snider Hughes**, **Pistol and Donna Marston**, **James and Thelma McCloud**, **Darrin McKamey**, **Susan Hughes Carvell**, **Shannon Cotton**, **Shirley Futch**, **Phillip Gattis**, **Terry Hickman**, **Steve Higginbotham**, **Scot Hughes**, **Linda Kelly**, **Gail Kincade**, **Rick Lucas**, **Willie Mae Riggins**, and all those recently mentioned.