

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

We will be meeting **in person** for **Sunday morning worship** on **Sunday, October 11**, 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 11: **Russ Gallian** and **Joe Cook**
- Sunday, October 18: **Caleb Evans** and **Mark Evans**
- Sunday, October 25: **Caleb Evans** and **Mark Evans**
- Sunday, November 1: **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.

September 30 and October 4, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
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Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$10,348.00
Average (last available).....	\$9,842.15

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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 12 – October 16 will be hosted by the **CREWSTOWN** 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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Watch Your Words

Our presidential elections have a way of bringing the worst out of people, even Christians. During the past several months, countless people have taken to social media to vie for their chosen candidate. The rhetoric is frequently caustic, offensive, and condescending. We should not be shocked when non-Christians resort to such tactics, but we should be shocked, even saddened, when professing Christians do the same.

According to James, our religion or devotion to Christ is worthless if we fail to watch our words. James writes, "If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless" (1:26). Some might be shocked to learn that the authenticity or value of one's religion can be gauged on the basis of one's speech, but that's precisely what James affirms here.

Two chapters later, James again addresses the use of our tongues. In 3:9-10, he writes, "With [the tongue] we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so." Christians wouldn't think of cursing God, but many do so by cursing men. Man is made in the image of God or after His likeness (cf. Gen. 1:27); therefore, if a person despises or curses man, he/she despises or curses God Himself (cf. Matt. 25:45; 1 John 4:20-21).

When Christians refuse or fail to tame their tongues or typing when addressing or responding to others, they are undermining not only their religious devotion to Christ but also their primary mission in this world, i.e., to bring the lost to Jesus (Matt. 28:18-20). During this highly volatile and polarizing time in our country, let's make sure we are watching our words. It's one thing to alienate someone from the "donkey" or the "elephant," but it's something else entirely to alienate someone from the Lamb.

"Walk in wisdom toward outsiders, making the best use of the time. Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person."

Colossians 4:5-6

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 Shadrick

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 to all who drove me to the radiation therapy clinic for my treatments. Thanks to Shane Hughes for all his help. I really appreciate all the church has done for me. I am so blessed to have a church like Pulaski Street. Thank you all, and God bless.

All my love,
Robbie Guthrie

COMING SOON

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!

SYMPATHY

Again, we extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **JULIAN SCHMIDT**, the foreign exchange student who lived with the **Jeff and Jenifer Hughes family** and attended services here during the 2013/2014 school year.

Condolences may be sent to the Schmidt family addressed as follows:

Familie Schmidt-Gaidzinski
Zu den Fischteichen 39
22941 Bargteheide
Germany

Please be aware that there will be an increased postage cost (starting at \$1.20) to mail a card to this address. The post office will weigh your mail and determine the cost based on the designated price group of the destination country.

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!

"In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song."

-Getty and Townsend

When David Really Messed Up

David is one of the most popular characters in the Bible. He triumphed over a lion, a bear, and a giant. He maintained integrity while hunted like a wild animal by King Saul. He even led God's people to spiritual dedication while he was king.

However, even a man after God's own heart (Acts 13:22) can mess up his life. David sinned and messed up his. He acted irresponsibly (2 Samuel 11:1), irreverently (11:2-5) and irrationally (11:6-27). David broke 50% of the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20):

- #7: Adultery (2 Samuel 11:4)
- #10: Coveted neighbor's wife (2 Samuel 11:3)
- #8: Stole another man's wife (2 Samuel 12:9)
- #9: Lied (2 Samuel 11:7-8, 12-13)
- #6: Murdered (2 Samuel 11:17; 12:9)

David's sin was great.

What help did David need?

- David needed someone to be totally honest about the sin in his life. He didn't need someone to soothe his conscience or pacify his soul; he needed truth and honesty. Nathan was the man (2 Samuel 12:1-4).
- David needed a heart that could be broken. He needed a contrite heart (Psalm 51:17), a heart that was tender and receptive.
- David needed assurance of forgiveness. Our number one problem is sin; thus, our number one need is the forgiveness of sin (Psalm 32:1).
- David needed continued strength to carry on after his sin had been forgiven. There is great need for encouragement and exhortation in the world and in the church. Paul said, "Iest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow" (2 Corinthians 2:7).

David learned some valuable lessons:

- He learned the certainty of exposure (Numbers 32:23).
- He learned the certainty of harvest time (Galatians 6:7).
- He learned the certainty of separation (Isaiah 59:1-2).

What did David do when confronted with his sin?

- David admitted/acknowledged his sin (2 Samuel 12:13). He showed personal responsibility for his sin, though he was not the only sinner.
- David turned to God (Psalm 51:4). There are no small sins against the great God.
- David asked God for forgiveness (Psalm 51:1). He didn't use elaborate or soft vocabulary. He said, "I have sinned."

God forgave him.

Conclusion: In the original Hebrew, David's statement "I have sinned against the Lord" amounts to only two words: hata al-Yahweh. These two words, and the heart they reflect, show the fundamental difference between David and Saul.

Confession doesn't need to be long to be real and sincere. David's confession is an example for each of us. He placed the blame squarely on his own shoulders. He did not minimize his offense. David realized that his sin was against God.

"Have mercy upon me, O God." – Psalm 51:1

—Mark N. Posey, Decatur, Alabama
via *House to House Heart to Heart* (online)

YOUTH NEWS

If you know me very well, you know that I love to sing. I can't remember a time in my life that I didn't love to sing! Whether it is singing along with songs that I am fond of on the radio, leading singing or harmonizing along with others during worship, or making up songs to fit whatever is going on around me, you will often find me singing.

Singing does many positive things for me, as I am sure it does for many of you. It lifts my spirit, cheers me up, and changes my perspective, among other things. God understands these kinds of things and discusses them in His Word. While there are several passages of Scripture that address singing, I am going to look at just four of them.

First, singing isn't an optional thing when it comes to worship. Ephesians 5:18-19 teaches that we are to "...be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart." This should rightly be perceived as a command, not a suggestion. As part of our worship to God, we are to sing.

Second, in Colossians 3:16 we learn several more details related to our singing. It is to be a form of teaching the Word of God. It should show our gratitude for God and all that He has done for us. Additionally, we find that singing is not only something that we do to praise God, but it's also something that is vital to encouraging those assembled as we praise God together! While giving praise to the Creator should be the primary concern of His followers in singing, we certainly shouldn't minimize the admonition that we receive when, filled with the Spirit, we lift our voices to God alongside other believers.

The third thing I would like to consider is that the Bible reveals to us is that singing is an appropriate response to feeling happy, or cheerful! James 5:13-14 presents three separate circumstances of life, along with three separate responses. According to the half-brother of Jesus, what should you do if you are suffering? Pray! What about if you are sick? Notify the elders of your congregation so that they can pray for you! And what should one do when they are cheerful? Sing! That sure seems right to me!

Finally, 1 Corinthians 14:15 shows us that when we sing it is to be a blend of both our spirits and our knowledge. In the context, Paul is explaining to the church in Corinth how the gift of speaking in tongues, which has now passed, was something that could lead to confusion and not bring forth any fruit. According to Paul, when we sing and pray, it should be done with our spirits and our minds! In other words, there should be a full understanding of what we are singing! It's important to comprehend the meaning of the words that we are singing, while also fully perceiving the gravity of what we are doing as we give praise to God. In light of other passages, one could argue that we should learn more about the process of singing so that we can praise God and admonish one another most effectively!

There are so many visuals that hymns, psalms, and spiritual songs can bring to our minds. They may paint a picture of events from Scripture, or they may represent various emotions and circumstances that we find ourselves in from time to time. The songs that we sing in worship play a pivotal role in giving praise to God and renewing our own spirits. Let's be sure that we give our best when we sing!

Until next time,
Jeremy Gargis

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

This information was updated as of Tuesday, October 6.

TONY ALLEN had a good check-up recently after LVAD surgery. He is scheduled for an appointment on Wednesday, October 28, to have the pressure re-checked in the damaged artery. If the pressure is good, Tony can be added to the heart transplant list. *77 Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KYM BILBREY BROWN is in NHC Lawrenceburg, Rm. 202B. She continues to battle problems with eating, weight loss, and other health issues. Kym appreciates encouraging and colorful cards. Please send cards to her at *NHC Lawrenceburg, 374 Brink St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*, or to her home address at *105 Graves Dr., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

LORENE CHANDLER is scheduled for four medical appointments this month. After test results, a decision will be made about hip replacement surgery. Lorene is short of breath, and her hip problems are making it difficult for her to get around. *413 Douglas Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

PAM HOLT is now considered to be recovered from Covid-19. Because **REGGIE HOLT** tested negative, he will remain quarantined until next week. *111 Pond Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

TITUS LEE, son of **Andy and Katie Lee**, had an appendectomy on Sunday, October 4, at STRHS. He was released Sunday evening to return home. The surgery went well, and Titus is doing well. *400 Cherokee Hills Dr., Loretto, TN 38469.*

DARRIN MCKAMEY was scheduled to have tongue reconstruction surgery on Wednesday, October 7, at Vanderbilt UMC. *614 Aspen Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

CHRIS SOCKWELL is back at work and doing much better after recently being sick with Covid-19. *94 Beuerlein Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KATHLEEN TICE is still in STRHS-Lawrenceburg, Rm. 106, recovering from injuries she recently suffered in a fall. She is continuing with therapy and needs to regain her strength. Cards may be sent to Kathleen at *708 4th Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

RACHEL BENSON, daughter of **Eric and Melanie Nutt**, is scheduled for oral surgery on Monday, October 19. (This will be a repeat of the process she had last year after a diagnosis of unexplained bone loss in her lower jaw. The process in 2019 was unsuccessful.) *2435 Plymouth Court, Murfreesboro, TN 37127.*

CHRIS MORRIS, cousin of **Vangie Gieske**, is in STRHS-Pulaski/Hillside Hospital with Covid-19. He has had pneumonia and breathing problems. (Chris is the son of Vangie's aunt, Linda.) *6692 Minor Hill Hwy., Goodspring, TN 38460.*

LINDA MORRIS, aunt of **Vangie Gieske**, is continuing to recover at home after being hospitalized with double pneumonia. She has twice tested negative for Covid-19. *6692 Minor Hill Hwy., Goodspring, TN 38460.*

KEN WILES, father of **Emily Nielsen**, had stent surgery at Maury Regional Hospital on Friday, October 2, after suffering a heart attack sometime during the previous night. He had another stent surgery on Monday, October 5. During that procedure, they saw that the first stent was already 50% blocked, so he was scheduled to have another stent procedure on Wednesday, October 7. *914 West 6th St., Columbia, TN 38401.*

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