

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

We will be meeting **in person** for **Sunday morning worship** on **November 1**, 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, November 1: **Ethan Hammond and Mark Miller**

Sunday, November 8: **Ethan Hammond and Mark Miller**

Sunday, November 15: **Russ Gallian and Joe Cook**

Sunday, November 22: **Russ Gallian and Joe Cook**

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 21 and October 25, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	82
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	133
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	\$10,945.00
Average (last available).....	\$9,847.65

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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 th and 5 th 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 November 2 – November 6 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 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

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The Idol of Politics

In ancient times, citizens of many nations regarded their respective rulers as deity. One of the most well-known passages in the book of Daniel gives us the account of King Darius enacting a law that would have required Daniel to make an idol out of King Darius by making him the recipient of his prayers (Daniel 6:7). Daniel responded to this command by going to his room as soon as the document was signed. Upon arriving, he "prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously" (Dan. 6:10). Daniel decided that no king, no law, and no threat of punishment would convince him to forsake his allegiance to the one, true God.

In America, we have never been required to worship a national leader. Political idolatry is much more subtle and insidious these days. We may not literally bow the knee before some political leader, ideology, or cause, but not a few people have placed their ultimate hope, trust, or security in some political leader, ideology, or cause. Whenever someone or something replaces God on the throne of our hearts, an idol is born, and anyone or anything, including politics, can become an idol.

Is it possible that you have made an idol out of politics? Has some political leader, ideology, or cause gone from a good thing to an ultimate thing in your life? Below are three diagnostic questions that will help you determine whether you have turned politics into an idol.

Do you become extremely fearful when the people who share your political ideals are not elected to office? One of the signs that something is functioning as an idol is that dread or fear becomes one of the chief characteristics of life. When we center our lives on the idol, we become dependent on it. If our counterfeit god is threatened in any way, our response is complete panic. We do not say, "What a shame. How unfortunate." Instead, we say, "This is the end! There's no hope! All is lost! Run for your lives!"

In his book *Counterfeit Gods*, Timothy Keller observes: "This may be a reason why so many people now respond to U.S. political trends in such an extreme way. When either party wins an election, a certain percentage of the losing side talks openly about leaving the country. They become agitated and fearful for the future. They have put the kind of hope in their political leaders and policies that once was reserved for God and the work of the gospel. When their political leaders are out of power, they experience a death. They believe that if *their* policies and people are not in power, everything will fall apart" (99). Is that what you think when your people and policies are not in power? Do you think that everything will fall apart?

Do you generally consider those of another political persuasion to be evil? Another sign of idolatry in our politics is that political opponents are not considered to be simply mistaken or misguided, but to be inherently evil. Each party's presidential candidate, for instance, is literally demonized, and after each election, there is now a significant number of people who see the incoming president as lacking moral legitimacy. Some might (mistakenly) refer to him as the Antichrist. The increasing political polarization and bitterness we see in America today is a sign that many have turned political activism into a form of religion.

Are you more passionate about the elephant or the donkey than you are the Lamb? This is a question that could be expressed in several different ways. Are you more vocal about your politics than you are your Christianity? Are you more willing to promote your political candidate to your neighbors than you are Jesus Christ to the lost? Are you more dedicated to defending your political party's platform than you are the doctrine of Christ?

Those of us who are Christians must be wary of making an idol out of politics. God wants us to trust Him above any earthly ruler or regime (1 Tim. 2:1-6), and we must be ultimately loyal to King Jesus (1 Tim. 6:15-16; Rev. 17:14), who is coming back one day to take us home (Phil. 3:20-21; 1 Pet. 2:11).

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

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SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Paulette Markus** on the death of her sister, **MOLLIE CLEM**. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Thursday, October 29, at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home in Athens, AL.

Condolences may be sent to **Paulette** at *6 Pine Grove Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **WILLADEAN KING**. Willadean was the mother of **Diane Springer**, the grandmother of **Alana Dickey** and **Jennifer Springer**, and the great grandmother of **Matthew Dickey** and **Erik Dickey**. A private graveside service was held on Sunday, October 25, at Pleasant Grove Cemetery.

Condolences may be sent to **Diane and Olen** at *314 Prosser Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

Condolences may be sent to **Alana, Chris, and family** at *71 Taylor Circle, Ethridge, TN 38456*.

Condolences may be sent to **Jennifer** at *200 Fleet Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **KENNETH WHITLEY**. Kenneth and his late wife, **Caryleen**, were members of the church and had many friends here. A private graveside service was held on Sunday, October 25, at Lawrence County Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be sent to **Kenneth Whitley II** at *116 Mountain View Lane, Madison, AL 35758*.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **DONNIE RUSSELL**. Donnie was the father of **Jean McAnally**; Jean is the sister-in-law of **Linda McAnally** who is the sister of **Judy Butler**. A private graveside service was held at Lawrence County Memorial Gardens.

Condolences may be sent to **Jean** at *481 Hudson Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

THANK YOU

Dear Pulaski Street Family,

We want to express our sincere gratitude for all of the cards, calls, and expressions of love during the past few months. Your prayers for our comfort and healing have made a difference to our family. We look forward to the days where we all can enjoy our fellowship together.

Love,
The McKamey Family

FOOD DRIVE FOR LCSS STUDENTS

The First Annual Food Drive will continue through November 13. 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, and PEANUT BUTTER.

REMINDERS

Saturday, October 31: Fall back! Remember, before going to bed this evening, move your clocks back one hour.

Sunday, November 1: Daylight Saving Time ends.

Saturday, November 21: Special Event from 10 until 11:30 p.m. in the fellowship building. Please watch for details in the e-mail updates, the projector slides, and on the foyer bulletin board.



No Neutrality

Pilate could wash his hands, but he could not wash Jesus' blood off his conscience.

We cannot be neutral about Christ. We are either for or against Him. There is no middle ground. Jesus said: "He who is not with Me is against Me" (Matthew 12:30).

Jesus is God's spokesman to man today; God has "in these last days spoken to us by His Son" (Hebrews 1:1-2).

He is the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).

He is our perfect example. Christ left "us an example, that you should follow His steps: 'Who committed no sin, nor was deceit found in His mouth'" (1 Peter 2:21-22).

He is man's only Savior (Matthew 1:21).

When a man like that stands before you, you do not just pass Him off with a shrug of the shoulders. You have to make a decision—a decision that affects your soul, judgment, and eternity. Jesus said: "He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words, has that which judges him—the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

Someday this will be reversed. Jesus now stands before us, and we have the right to decide what we will do with Him. The day will come when we will stand before Him, and He will decide what to do with us: "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Do unto Christ today as you would have Him do unto you in the last great day.

—Anonymous
via *House to House Heart to Heart* (online)

"... choose this day whom you will serve. . ."

Joshua 24:15

YOUTH NEWS

Here are some upcoming dates that you will want to keep in mind!

November 7th – Virtual RUSH! This is for the teens, and we will meet in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be provided.

November 8th – Indoor Bible Class for teens and their families! We will meet at 6:00 p.m., and Rodolfo Espinoza will be speaking! Supper will be provided.

November 21st – Maud Youth Rally for the teens! We will meet in the parking lot at 10:00 a.m. and should return by 11:00 p.m. The only money needed would be for a potential pit stop at a gas station.

December 12th – Virtual Erupt! This is for the teens, and we will meet in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be provided.

December 13th – Indoor Bible Class for teens and families! We will meet in the fellowship building at 5:00 p.m., and Daniel Ross will be speaking! Supper will be provided. We will also play Dirty Santa this evening, so teens need to bring a \$15 gift that they wouldn't mind taking home with them.

December 20th – Christmas crafts and movie for 6th grade and down (and anyone else who wants to come, I suppose)! We will meet in the fellowship building at 4:30 p.m. Supper will be provided.

It was nice to be able to do a couple of things with some of the children from church this past weekend! While we are still having to do things a little differently, it was nice to see kids together and having fun playing!

A few of us went to a pumpkin patch on Saturday morning, and we had such a good time! We went down a big slide (and got the back of our pants wet!!!), played in the corn, rode a cow train, played with farm animals, drank some cider, jumped on hay bales, took a wagon ride, and got a pumpkin! Thanks to those who went!

Then, on Sunday, we had Trunk or Treat, and it was a great success! Thanks to all of the kids and adults who dressed up and made this such a great time! I didn't count how many vehicles/folks were there handing out candy, but there were a lot! I know my girls came home with their bags full! My favorite thing about the evening was seeing so many kids playing on the Parkes lawn after they had made the rounds getting candy! It was so good to see them running, hollering, playing together, and having a good time!

We have several more things coming up over the next several weeks (as you can see listed above), and I am excited about these opportunities to be together doing things. A few years ago, our theme was "Better Together," and this past weekend reminded me of how true that is. When God's people get together, they stay stronger, and when God's people are stronger, they are more effective! So, take advantage of all of these opportunities to be together, and I'm confident that we will all be benefitted by it!

Until next time...
Jeremy Gargis

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

Addresses are included in case you'd like to send cards.

TONY ALLEN was scheduled for an appointment on Wednesday, October 28, to have the pressure rechecked in an artery. This is part of the process that is being done to add Tony to the heart transplant list. *77 Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

CATHY ATWELL, APRIL MASHBURN, and MICHAEL MASHBURN are all battling Covid-19. **Cathy** returned home from a stay in STRHS on Sunday, October 25. She is better, but extremely weak. **April** is improving at home. **Michael** was airlifted to Vanderbilt UMC last week on Wednesday, October 21, with a temperature of 105. As of Tuesday, October 27, he was improving. *250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

LOUISE BATES had an echocardiogram on Tuesday, October 27. A report will be sent to her cardiologist and her regular physician later this week. FYI, Louise will celebrate her **92nd birthday on Sunday, November 1**. Please send cards to Louise *c/o The Summit, 186 Prosser Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

ANDY LEE was scheduled for an appointment with a kidney specialist on Wednesday, October 28, to discuss options regarding the mass on his kidney. *400 Cherokee Hills Dr., Loretto, TN 38469*.

BRENDA OWENS is battling severe respiratory problems. *433 First St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

RICKY BIVENS, father of Cody Bivens who is a good friend of **Taela Keaton Jeffries**, has been battling Covid-19. He is improving at home after a stay in Maury Regional. *100 Waterloo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

FAYE COOK, mother of **Joe Cook**, was in North Alabama Medical Center as of Monday, October 26, with complications from Covid-19. *5 Ingram Rd., Leoma, TN 38468*.

WANDA GIST, dear friend of **Joyce Clark**, has been battling a very serious lung infection. Her condition has worsened, and she was admitted to Maury Regional on Tuesday, October 27. *704 7th St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

JEAN and LARRY MCANALLY (Jean is the sister-in-law of Linda McAnally who is the sister of Judy Butler) have both been battling Covid-19. Jean has been sick at home, and Larry is home with oxygen after being hospitalized at Maury Regional. *481 Hudson Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

JOHN RENFRO, nephew of **Sally Hestle**, is home and continuing to suffer from the lingering effects of Covid-19. *3270 Johnson Lake Dr., Valdosta, GA 31606*.

DUAINE and MARY ROSE, parents-in-law of **Terri Rose** (parents of Terri's husband, **Buddy Rose**), are both battling Covid-19. Duaine has had the virus for a longer time than his wife, Mary. While Duaine is still very weak and not well yet, he has been taking care of Mary, who has had a very hard time with the virus. On Tuesday, October 27, Mary got worse, and Duaine took her to Centennial Hospital in Nashville. *683 Ethridge Red Hill Rd., Ethridge TN 38456*.

ASHLEY RUTLEDGE, daughter of **Biff and Penny Helton**, still has a headache and fatigue with COVID-19 but, otherwise, is feeling better. *500 County Rd. 396, Killen, AL 35645*.

JAMES WEEKS (former member here) has been diagnosed with Covid-19. As of Monday, October 26, he was beginning to feel better. *297 Napier Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

Please pray for all those recently mentioned.

The Lord is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18