

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

We will be meeting **in person** for **Sunday morning worship** at 10:30 a.m. on **December 13** 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, December 13: **Ethan Hammond** and **Mark Miller**
- Sunday, December 20: **Ethan Hammond** and **Mark Miller**
- Sunday, December 27: **Russ Gallian** and **Joe Cook**
- Sunday, January 3: **Russ Gallian** and **Joe Cook**

We are 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.**

December 2 and December 6, 2020

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	57
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	—
Sunday Morning Worship.....	111
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2020 Budget \$10,635.48).....	not available
Average (last available).....	\$9,806.94

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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 December 14 – December 18 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

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Unanswered Prayer

Part Two

When a petition isn't met with the answer we desired, we must consider not only God's respect for the free will of human beings but also the chaos that would ensue if God answered everyone's petitions with a "Yes." We discussed these two considerations in last week's article. Perhaps most importantly, however, we must consider the reality that we have an opportunity to trust God in an incredibly significant way—to place our confidence in the ultimate wisdom of a Father who has our best interests in mind.

In Matthew 7:9-11, Jesus says, "Or which of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is heaven give good things to those who ask him!" There's an interesting, yet valuable, perspective for us to consider in light of this passage. A lot of times the reason God says "No" is because unbeknownst to us we are asking for a rock, and God is choosing to give us a piece of bread instead. We can't see the future. We don't share a platform with God in eternity. The things we are asking for on certain occasions may not be best for us, however much we might disagree with that assessment from our limited viewpoint.

Thankfully, we can turn to our Father in heaven, place it in His hands, place it in the safety of His wisdom, and allow Him to respond accordingly. Whenever we petition God, it is wise to remember that God might just have a better idea in mind. When we get a "No," we can choose to do one of two things: (1) We can shake our fist at God, or (2) we can bend our knees to our heavenly Father and admit that maybe we didn't know what was truly best for us or what was truly best in this or that situation. *Prayer sends our desires through the filter of God's love, wisdom, and perspective, a filter that thankfully prevents us from experiencing the lesser reality with which many of our requests would leave us.*

In my more objective moments, I'm glad that that filter is in place. I'm glad I have a Father who knows when to say "Yes," who knows when to say "No," and who knows when to say, "Wait, not right now!" I'm glad I have access to a Father who knows more, who sees more, and who, in reality, is giving me more—more than I even know how to ask for in the moment. Paul put it this way: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" (Eph. 3:20-21).

So, when we are faced with what seems like an unanswered prayer, we've got to ask ourselves: "Is it possible that God, in His wisdom, is doing something better, or something different, than what I would have done were I in His position?" And are we willing, even if that doesn't seem to be the case and we can't understand how this or that would not be a part of His plan, to defer to His judgment, to defer to His wisdom, and to defer to His position as Almighty God? And are we willing to bow our knees in humility and submission rather than shake our fists at God? That's the opportunity we have when God does not respond to our petitions in the way that we expect or desire Him to respond.

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 Rodolfo Espinoza, 615-516-0650 (**Hispanic Ministry**) **AGAPE COUNSELOR**, 931-762-8502

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

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

TONY ALLEN has now been added to the heart transplant list. Please continue to pray for Tony, Pam, and family. 77 Crawfish Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ROBBIE GUTHRIE has received results from her recent PET scan. We are thankful to report that no cancer was detected. Robbie was diagnosed with a mild case of pneumonia in both lungs, and she is taking medication at home to treat it. 1804 Jean St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ANDY LEE's kidney surgery on Friday, December 4, went extremely well! The surgeon was able to remove the tumor from Andy's kidney without damaging or removing the kidney. At print time, Andy and Katie were still awaiting the pathology report. 400 Cherokee Hills Dr., Loretto, TN 38469.

HOWARD NUTT has had recent scans and other tests. Results indicate cancer. He will be having more tests in the coming days. **NO CALLS OR VISITS** at this time, please. 618 Hwy. 64 W., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ADAM LEE, nephew of **Tommy and Patsy Lee** and cousin of **Sandi Cook** and **Andy Lee**, had a seizure at work on Friday, December 4. He fell and hit his head, suffering a small brain bleed and several facial fractures. Adam was able to return home on Sunday from Vanderbilt UMC. 52 White Oak Dr., Leoma, TN 38468.

LESLIE SHADRICK, father of **Caleb Shadrick**, was still hospitalized but improving after several days of treatment at STRHS-Lawrenceburg with Covid-19 and pneumonia. 109 Dunn Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.

DOROTHY THOMAS, sister of **Martha Britton** and aunt of **Denise Hughes**, has been hospitalized for several days at Centennial Medical Center. She is improving from Covid-19 and pneumonia in both lungs. 1723 Fall River Rd., Goodspring, TN 38460.
Please continue to pray for all those recently mentioned.

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Olen and Diane Springer and family** on the death of Olen's father, **JESSE SPRINGER**. Jesse was the grandfather of **Alana Dickey** and **Jennifer Springer**. He was the great grandfather of **Matthew Dickey** and **Erik Dickey**. A graveside service was held on Saturday, December 5, at Lawrence County Memorial Gardens.

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

Condolences may be sent to **Alana and 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 **PEDRO SORIANO**. Pedro was the brother-in-law of **Rodolfo Espinoza**. He lived in Peru.

Condolences may be sent to **Rodolfo and Eliana** at 1265 East Gaines St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Valerie and Tim Shoulders and family** on the death of Valerie's father, **BOB HARRIS**. A memorial service will be held later.

Condolences may be sent to **Valerie, Tim, and family** at 2008 Eckles Drive, Maryville, TN 37804.

Condolences may be sent to **Evelyn Harris** (Valerie's mother) at 111 Leeward Point, Hendersonville, TN 37075.

YOUTH NEWS

December 12th – Virtual Erupt! This is for the teens. We will meet in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m., and supper will be provided. Make sure to be there, as this is going to be a fantastic event!

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 on "His Indescribable Gift!" 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. Make your plans to be with us, and hang out for a while after supper and the lesson.

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.

Much of what we try to do as adults in order to help younger folks grow in their relationship with God could be called mentoring. In a similar way, we desire our teenagers to mentor our younger, smaller children, since the little ones look up to them so much. But in order to mentor effectively, we MUST be certain that we are modeling Christ with our own lives! In order to mentor those around us, it is necessary for us to model Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). Are we the mentors that we need to be?

Until next time, **Jeremy**

BAPTISMS

We rejoice to announce that **RICARDO DIAZ** and **DEBBIE PHANN** were baptized into Christ on Sunday, December 6. Ricardo and Debbie have been studying with **Rodolfo Espinoza** for some time. Cards of encouragement may be sent to them at 510 2nd Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

THANK YOU


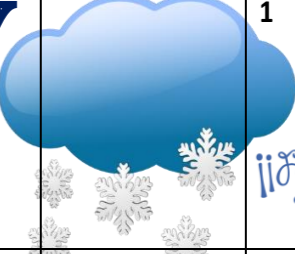


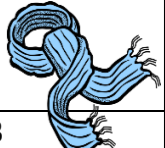


To you all:

Words can't express the appreciation and love that I feel in my heart for you all. Michael said he doesn't worry about me because he knows you all are there for us and that we're part of a large Christian family. If we need anything, you all are always there, and I pray that I'll be able to help you all soon. When we all had Covid-19, I didn't think we'd make it, but with all the porch drop-offs and help you all gave us, it was a blessing. I now appreciate what a porch drop-off is. So as Michael says, it's just another bump in the road. I know you all are there to lift us up, and being a single parent you all take a big load off my mind and heart. And God has us all. Love,

Cathy Atwell, Michael and April Mashburn

MEMORIAL

A donation from **Mary Ellen Thornton, Dwight and Susan Hamner**, and **Lynn and Diane Hamner** (the children of the late **Bessie Hamner**) has been given to the Pulaski Street Church of Christ in memory of **JESSE SPRINGER**.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	JANUARY 2021				1 <i>Happy New Year!</i> <i>¡¡Feliz año nuevo!!</i>	2
3	4 Charlie Holt	5 Sara Gallian Weston Gambrell R.C. Trammell <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3 in the FB</i>	6 Thomas Bowling Penny Helton 	7 Jeff Bass	8 Howard Nutt Emily Wells	9
10	11 Castin Smith	12 	13 Ruth Goff	14 Nell Dixon	15	16 
17 Kaye Hill Smith	18 MLK DAY/ NO SCHOOL	19 <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3 in the FB</i>	20 	21	22 Robert Chapman	23 Pam Arrowood Melissa Rochelle
24	25 Joe Gambrell Callie Rose	26 Truett Lee	27	28 Joyce Clark	29 Madelynne Markus	30 Randy Britton
31	<p>Remember not the former things, nor consider the days of old. </p> <p>Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?</p> <p>I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. Isaiah 43:18-19</p>					

CLASSES AT HERITAGE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

Heritage Christian University is offering unique, no-cost online courses this spring! These classes are directed to the church and designed for her service and advancement. There is no admission process other than completing this simple information application by selecting "audit." [Apply here.](#) These courses are on an audit basis (students will not be submitting assignments for a grade or earning college credit).

The link to learn more or apply is <https://www.hcu.edu/resources/community-resources/spring-special-classes-2021/>. You will find a summary of the course and a short video describing the course. This is a great opportunity to further your knowledge in Biblical Interpretation or New Testament Letters & Apocalypse.