

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

We will be meeting in person in the auditorium for worship at **10:30 a.m.** on **September 19**.

Please watch for **possible schedule changes** via Facebook, e-mail, etc.

Masks are available for your use as you arrive. Hand sanitizer is available. On Sunday mornings, we are continuing to use individual/personal communion kits (PCKs). Please place your empty PCK back into the plastic bag and discard it as you exit. You can deposit your contribution in a basket in the foyer.

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, September 19: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**

Sunday, September 26: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**

Sunday, October 3: **Tommy McClaren and Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, October 10: **Tommy McClaren and Ethan Cooper**

The elders have decided that we will continue with the Sunday-morning-worship-only schedule through September. Any further changes will be announced via e-mail and Facebook.

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 8 and September 12, 2021

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	—
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Contribution (2021 Budget \$10,975.00).....	\$11,766.00
Average (last available).....	\$10,873.86

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247 Pulaski Street
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

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SCHEDULE of SERVICES

Please see schedule in previous column.



SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

◆ On WDXE AM 1370/FM 102.5 ◆ 12:45 p.m. ◆ Monday – Friday ◆
The upcoming week of September 20 – September 24 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 ¾ 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!

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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Four Fables of Forgiveness

Fables, or myths, abound in discussions about forgiving others. Below are four of the more common fables involving forgiveness.

To forgive is to forget. There is a sense in which this is false, and there is a sense in which this is true, and the difference lies in one's definition of "forget." If we define "forget" as the act of putting the offense completely out of our minds and erasing it from our memory, then we've got a problem. It is a psychological impossibility. As soon as we make up our minds to forget something, it is the one thing that will linger at the forefront of our minds. We all forget things, but we do it unintentionally over the course of time. Life and experience and old age work to erase certain things from our memory, but that is rarely, if ever, the case with sins committed against us and the wounds we have suffered.

However, as to the truth of this statement, consider the words of Henry Ward Beecher, "I can forgive, but I cannot forget, is only another way of saying, I will not forgive. Forgiveness ought to be like a cancelled note—torn in two, and burned up, so that it never can be shown against one." Forgiveness does involve the release of resentment and the resolve not to use the offense against the offender or bring it back up before him/her (1 Cor. 13:5; Eph. 5:26, 31-32). It is in that sense that we can speak of forgiveness as forgetting.

To forgive is to deny the pain. In most cases, the only way we can stop hurting is to stop feeling, and the only way we can stop feeling is to die emotionally. But, as humans, we are not passionless robots. This may be one of the primary reasons people are reluctant to forgive. They know they are struggling to stop feeling the sting of the sin against them, and they don't want to be insincere by saying they forgive when deep down inside they don't feel as if they have. The pain caused by another's sin or wrongdoing may linger for some time, but forgiveness is possible without denying the pain or acting like what the offender did had no effect on us. Indeed, forgiving another often involves letting the offender know the pain that his/her offense caused.

To forgive is to refuse justice. On March 22, 2006, Mary Winkler murdered her husband, Matthew Winkler. In the aftermath, Dan and Diane Winkler, Matthew's parents, forgave Mary. However, in forgiving her, that did not mean that they were refusing justice for her action. They attended her trial in view of seeing justice done for Matthew's death. Sin has its consequences, and some sins meet with rather severe consequences in this life. God undoubtedly forgave David for his adultery and murder, but even God's forgiveness in this situation did not nullify the punishment that David received (cf. 1 Sam. 12). Despite what some folks have concluded in view of interpersonal relationships, forgiveness and justice are not mutually exclusive. When somebody, for instance, commits a crime against us, to seek justice, even as we work to forgive him/her, is entirely acceptable, but in our pursuit of justice, we must refuse to become vigilantes (Rom. 12:19—13:5).

To forgive is to trust. Forgiveness is a gift, but trust is earned. Forgiveness and trust are not the same thing. An offender may hurt us again. That is his/her decision. In those instances when trust is lost, it is perfectly legitimate to set boundaries on our relationship with him/her. The fact that we establish rules to govern how and to what extent we interact with this person in the future does not mean we have failed to truly forgive this individual. The offender may get upset when we set certain parameters on the relationship to prevent him/her from doing further harm. They may even say, "How dare you? This just proves that you didn't mean it when you said you forgave me." Let's refuse to be manipulated in this way. Forgiving an offender doesn't mean that our trust in the offender is automatically restored. In fact, a loss of trust is a consequence of the offender's sin or wrongdoing that the offender must face.

Jacob Evans

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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 July, August, and September is **Biff Helton**.

DEACONS: Shayne Adams Joe Cook Jim Donnelly Mark Evans Scott Harris Billy Helton III
Reggie Holt Shane Hughes Andy Lee Mark Miller Brad Nielsen Caleb Shadrack

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coming soon

This Saturday, September 18: Lawrence County Walk4Water. The goal is to raise money for drilled wells in Haiti, to repair previously drilled wells, and to support Haitians with various programs such as sustainable agriculture and disaster relief, while teaching them about Jesus, His love for them, and the everlasting, living water He provides. Please support this very worthy and fun event.

Go to <https://www.hhi.org/walk4water/lawrenceburg-tn-2021> for more information, sign up, or donate.

Check-in begins at 8 a.m., and the walk begins at 9 a.m. at Rotary Park in Lawrenceburg.

Tuesday, September 21: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

Saturday, September 25: Please see the invitation posted on the bulletin board.

October 2021
Family Resource Center
of Lawrence Co Schools

FOOD DRIVE

Pulaski Street
Church of Christ

Bring items to church
during the month of
October!

Designated item:
Snack items (any
types and brands)

All proceeds go to
students and
families of LCSS

Questions? Email Katie Brazier
Katie.brazier@lcss.us

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area opportunities

Wednesday nights through September: Summer Series. Lone Cedar Church of Christ. Florence, AL. 7 p.m. The theme is "You are the Words and the Music." Variety of speakers.

This Saturday, September 18: Ladies Day. Leoma Church of Christ. Guest speaker Becky Blackmon. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program begins at 9 a.m. A boxed lunch will be provided.

September 25: Ladies Day. Flatrock Church of Christ, Hohenwald, TN. Guest speaker Melanie Erwin of Fayetteville, TN. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Program begins at 9:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

youth news

October 22nd-24th - Erupt Youth Rally! This youth rally is held in a cave! Everything takes place in The Volcano Room at Cumberland Caverns. What a cool setting to join with others and worship God, learn more about Him, and be motivated to more appropriately live for Him! It will cost \$50 to go, which will cover a portion of your registration and hotel costs. You will also need money for meals. If you plan to go, you must sign up by September 29th, and see me to do so.

Most of you have probably heard the illustration before where a tube of toothpaste is used to teach us to be careful with our words. It goes like this: you take a tube of toothpaste, squeeze it out onto a plate, and then attempt to put the toothpaste back into the tube. Try as you might, it simply can't be done! It just creates even more of a mess! At least the mess smells ok, but it is a mess, nonetheless.

The moral of this illustration is that we must be careful with the words we use because once we say them, we can't take them back. This is so true. The Bible is clear about the dangers of the tongue, and in no place is that clearer than in James 3:2-12. There we find the half-brother of Jesus going into detail about how dangerous the tongue is. It can sway our entire being. It can stain our whole body. It can set fires. It cannot be tamed. Try as we might, we will never be able to completely tame our tongues! This certainly doesn't mean that we shouldn't try our best, but we will never be perfect in our speech.

So, what do we do when we've said something that we shouldn't have? Obviously, as the aforementioned illustration points out, we can't take the words back. Once the toothpaste is on the plate, the only thing there is to do is deal with the mess.

When you make a mess with your words, the first thing to do is to acknowledge it. Be specific. Go to the person/people that you have offended and tell them what you said (even though they already know). Acknowledge that it was wrong and that you regret it. Being specific in our apologies when it comes to sins of the tongue makes it easier for us to keep from saying the same things again. Additionally, it helps those that we have offended to know that we are serious about wanting forgiveness.

Additionally, we should assume that our words have hurt the other party. Rather than offering up an "apology" laced with something like "if it offended you, I'm sorry," just say you're sorry. A conditional apology is really no apology at all.

We are going to say things that we shouldn't say. James didn't give us a way around that. So, when we do mess up with our tongues, owning up to it will help us keep from doing the same thing again.

Until next time...**Jeremy**

prayers are requested

Addresses are included (when possible) in case you'd like to send cards.

SANDRA EGLY is at home with Covid-19. As of Tuesday, September 14, she was feeling some better. 641 Good Hope Rd., Leoma, TN 38464.

KATIE, PENELOPE, and BENTLEY GARGIS have all tested positive for Covid-19. **JEREMY** and **AMELIA** have tested negative for the virus, but they both have symptoms. 412 Paradise Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

SUE GIBBS, widow of the late **John Gibbs**, has Covid-19. **Sue's** daughter, **NINA GIBBS BUSBY**, and **Nina's** husband, **KEVIN BUSBY**, have Covid-19. Of the three, **Kevin's** symptoms have been the most severe. This family has been attending services here recently. 26 Gang Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

LISA PARRISH had a medical appointment on Monday, September 13, in Columbia. Following the appointment, she fell on the sidewalk and hit her head and neck. After tests and treatment at Maury Regional's ER, she was able to return home. She is bruised and sore, but test results were normal. 230 Jackson Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

BARBARA SISK is scheduled for right knee replacement surgery on Friday, September 24, at Maury Regional Hospital. Due to the Covid-19 situation, she will be released to return home that same day. She'll be undergoing outpatient physical therapy at home. 247 Debus Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ARTURO BALBARO, childhood friend of **Rodolfo Espinoza**, is home after nearly four months in ICU in Peru with Covid-19. Rodolfo is very thankful for the prayers for **Arturo**.

DEBBIE DELOACH, sister-in-law of **Shirley Evans**, had open heart double-bypass surgery last week. She is recovering well, and she expects to be released from the hospital later this week. 926 Bass Ave., Port Isabel, TX 78578.

TERRY EVANS, father of **Mark Evans**, will be having surgery for two leaking heart valves as soon as possible, but due to the Covid-19 situation, the surgery has not yet been scheduled. 1533 Voss Rd., Columbia, TN 38401.

BILLIE HAGAN, father of **DeAnna Thigpen**, recently suffered a stroke. After a week in St. Thomas Hospital, he was able to return home on Friday, September 10, with a heart monitor and blood thinners. He will be undergoing occupational, speech, and physical therapy. 68 Pine Tree Lane, Leoma, TN 38468.

AMBER HALL, a longtime employee of the former Liberty Drug Store, was still in Maury Regional Hospital with Covid-19 and blood pressure and heart rates issues as of Tuesday, September 14, but was hoping to return home that day. She is improving. 110 Michael Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

DEBBIE JOHNSON, niece of **Hazel Violet** and cousin of **Kristi Miller**, is still in Huntsville Hospital with Covid-19, pneumonia, and complications. Treatment continues, and some improvements have been made, but her overall condition is still critical. 80 Simmons Circle, Fayetteville, TN 37334.

CARSON JONES, grandson of **Joseph and Rebecca Miele**, continues to have lingering health issues since his Covid diagnosis four weeks ago. He is still weak and has low-grade fever which prevents him from returning to school. They are hopeful that he'll be able to return to school on Monday, September 20. All test results have been normal. P.O. Box 370, Rogersville, AL 35652.

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NADINE PARDUE, mother of **Diane Braswell** whom many of you know, was taken to Maury Regional Hospital on Tuesday, September 14, with Covid-19.

JENNA KELLY SANDERS, employee at Lawrenceburg Federal Bank, was scheduled for surgery on Tuesday, September 14, for ovarian tumors. Jenna is in her second trimester of pregnancy. 627 Red Bird Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

JAMES SHAFFER, brother of **Robbie Guthrie**, was still in St. Thomas Hospital, Rm. 780, as of Tuesday, September 14. He has been battling Covid-19, pneumonia, and a collapsed lung.

HANNAH CAMPBELL WISEMAN, employee at Lawrenceburg Federal Bank, was scheduled to have labor induced on Tuesday, September 14, due to problems with high blood pressure. 2633 Hwy. 43 S., Leoma, TN 38468.

Please continue to pray for **Dean Bowling, Kym B. Brown, Nell Davis, Ricardo Diaz, Robbie Guthrie, James McCloud, Charles Neal, Tony Parrish, Debbie Phann, Terri Rose, Debbie Baker, Don Cheatwood, Jeff Clifton, David Daniel, Rosie Daniel, Bernadette Gray, Kala Murrell, Dorothy Pope, Dwain Shaw, Pamela Solo**, and all those who have been mentioned recently.

sympathy



We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **CLEO KEATON**. She was the mother of **Jackie Keaton**, the mother-in-law of **Beth Keaton**, and the grandmother of **Taela Jeffries**. The funeral was held on Monday, September 13, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **Jackie and Beth** at 230 Campus Circle, Leoma, TN 38468, to **Taela and Josh Jeffries** at 174 Michael Drive, Leoma, TN 38468, and to **Joe Keaton** at 3097 Vicwood Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37128.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **CODY INMAN**. Cody was the cousin of **Cam Mashburn**. He was the cousin of **Denise Bass**. He was the son of **Chris and Jonna Inman** of Inman Excavating. He was twenty-six years old. The funeral was held on Wednesday, September 15, in Lawrenceburg.

Condolences may be sent to **Cam and Kristen** at 100 Overlook Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464, to **Denise and Jeff** at 69 Revilo Rd., Leoma, TN 38468, and to **Chris and Jonna Inman** at 500 Overlook Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **IDA SMOTHERS**. Mrs. Smothers was the aunt of **Dawn Hammond**. She was laid to rest on Monday, September 13, at Woodlawn Cemetery in Nashville.

Condolences may be sent to **Dawn, Tim, and family** at 197 Old Jackson Hwy., Loretto, TN 38469.