

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

If you need to ride the church van to our services, please contact **Scott Harris** at 931-629-5994.

We will be meeting in person for Sunday school classes at **9:30 a.m.**, and we will be meeting in person in the auditorium for worship at **10:30 a.m.** on **Sunday, October 30, 2022**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

DOOR GREETERS (front foyer) for **Sunday, October 30:**
Reggie and Pam Holt

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 the slot boxes 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, October 30: **Russ Gallian** and **Jeremy Snider**
Sunday, November 6: **Russ Gallian** and **Jeremy Snider**
Sunday, November 13: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**
Sunday, November 20: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

We are **meeting in person** for Wednesday evening Bible classes at **7 p.m.** 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.

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.

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 19 and October 23, 2022

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	n/a
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	173
Sunday Morning Worship.....	265
Sunday Evening Worship.....	est. 92
Contribution (2022 Budget \$11,036.00).....	\$8,492.00
Average (last available).....	\$10,528.51

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SCHEDULE of SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....	5:30 p.m.*
Wednesday Evening.....	7:00 p.m.
*4 th Sundays, 1 p.m. song service. 5 th Sundays, no p.m. service.	

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

♦ On WDXE AM 1370/FM 102.5 ♦ 12:45 p.m. ♦ Monday – Friday ♦
The upcoming week of October 31 – November 4 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. jars

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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Excuses People Make for Not Going to Church

Part Two

"Going to church" is a popular, modern phrase that we frequently use to refer to the practice of attending worship services on a regular basis at a particular congregation. Admittedly, the phrase can leave people with the impression that "church" is simply an event to attend each Sunday rather than the people of God who are called to live for Him each day. Nevertheless, we should acknowledge that assembling with other Christians for worship—especially on Sundays—is an important aspect of being a Christian (cf. Heb. 10:24-35). Despite its importance, however, many people, including professing Christians, make excuses for not regularly attending worship services. Below are three more excuses to consider.

"All the songs they sing are old." To be honest, the message in some songs resonates with me more than the message in others. Sometimes the tune or melody of a given song is distracting or irritating to me. Some songs do evoke a level of emotion from me, while others do not. Some songs use archaic language, while others employ more modern lyrics. But saying songs are "old" is not really a valid complaint. Christians, of all people, ought to recognize that truth is timeless. The Scriptures are thousands of years old, but they are still as relevant as the day they were written (2 Tim. 3:16). Considering that we are practicing a 2,000-year-old religion, songs that are a few decades old or even a couple of centuries old shouldn't really bother us too much. If you stop and consider the words of the songs, you might find that some of the older hymns eclipse some of the newer ones in terms of content. Nevertheless, worship isn't about me as an individual or you as individual. *Not everything that transpires in a worship service must conform to my preferences or your preferences.* What I don't prefer may be what another prefers and vice versa. Singing "psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19) has absolutely nothing to do with being entertained. It is about praising God and teaching and admonishing one another.

"I don't get anything out of the lessons." There have been times when I've gone to a worship service and heard what I perceived to be a less-than-stellar Bible class lesson or sermon. [I've even preached those lessons myself.] But in my experience, such lessons are not the norm. Most preachers work hard to preach informative, convicting, and/or challenging lessons from Scripture. Those times when you dismiss what's being said as boring, irrelevant, or elementary, the problem may not be the speaker but your own heart. Perhaps you're not getting anything out of the lessons because you don't want to get anything out of the lessons. Perhaps your heart has hardened to the point that God's Word can no longer pierce it (Heb. 4:12). Perhaps you're just grasping for any excuse you can to remain disconnected from God's family. And don't overlook the selfishness in this excuse. Again, just because you're not getting anything out of the lessons doesn't mean that others aren't getting anything out of them.

"People judge me." I'm sure there are times when people are unfairly judged. Jesus doesn't like it any more than you do when such occurs (Matt. 7:1-7). But this excuse often boils down to the following: "This woman was staring at me, and I could tell she was judging me." What's the difference between you judging her for her gaze and the judging you *feel like* she's doing? Aren't you judging her? Aren't you making assumptions about what she's thinking? At other times, those who make this excuse want their sin excused. They want to be able to keep on sinning without regret or having to confront the fact that what they are doing does not please or honor God. So, in some cases, the one who's doing the "judging" when he/she comes to a worship service is himself/herself, because their conscience is being stirred. To be sure, some people are truly and sinfully judgmental. They are absolutely wrong when they do that; however, is a person really free from being judged by avoiding worship services? Aren't there plenty of judgmental people out in the world as well? In any case, those who make this excuse should not allow someone else's sin against them to become their sin against God.

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 *October, November, and December* is **Bob Markus**.

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

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placed membership

On Sunday, October 23, 2022, it was announced that **JERRY and REGINA HEPLER** have placed their membership here at Pulaski Street. The Heplers recently moved from Columbia, TN, and now live at 717 8th Street in Lawrenceburg. **Jerry** works at Essex Furukawa in Franklin, TN, and **Regina** is a homemaker.

We welcome the Heplers and look forward to working and worshipping with them.

thank you

We send our most sincere gratitude for your kind expressions of sympathy during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered.

Words cannot express our appreciation for the wonderful meal your church provided for our family! Also, thank you so much for the visits, cards, prayers, and most of all the acts of kindness you have shown our mother during her illness. She truly loved her church family very much! May God bless you all!

The family of Carolyn Kilburn

Hello All,

Thank you for your prayers and support during this time. My family and I appreciate it.

Best, *Katie Holman & family*

Many thanks to the elders for having special prayers for us and our family. Your prayers have been felt. We have been blessed in so many ways. The entire Land family appreciates the gift made to St. Jude Children's Hospital in memory of Jim's brother, Jack Land. Many thanks to our wonderful church family.

Jim and Elizabeth Land

Dear Pulaski Street Church of Christ family,

I really appreciate you all for blessing me with your visits, calls, many thoughtful cards, gifts, flowers, and your prayers. I sure miss being at worship with you. I do hear it on Sunday evening, and I'm so thankful I can. I appreciate when visitors bring children with them. I'm so thankful for all our little ones and big ones, also. Thanks to our elders and our deacons for the good they do. I want to thank the Dorcas ladies for my lap throw they made me. It is so pretty. Please keep me in your prayers. In Christian love, *Hazel Violet*

area opportunities

Saturday, November 5: Ladies Day. Fairview Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. Speaker Ira Booker. Breakfast at 8 a.m. Registration at 8:30 a.m. Program from 9 a.m. until noon. Pre-register on the Fairview church's Facebook page.

Saturday, November 19: Young Ladies Day. Leoma Church of Christ. Speakers Wisenie Jadis, Anna Benavides, Anniston Butler. 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Lunch is provided.

God is calling the prodigal: come without delay;

Hear, O hear Him calling, calling now for thee.

-C. H. Gabriel, 1889

sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Willa Dean Hamby and family** on the death of her daughter, **SHEILA DIANE HAMBY**. The funeral was held on Monday, October 24, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **Willa Dean** at 333 *Fleeman Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **CATHERINE BLASINGIM**. Catherine was the sister-in-law of **Judy and Jack Butler**; she was the wife of Judy's brother, **Terry Gwyn Blasingim**. The funeral was held on Tuesday, October 25, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **Judy and Jack** at 1000 *Pine Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

Condolences may be sent to **Terry Gwyn Blasingim** at 1146 *Kent St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

coming soon

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 30: Soup & Chili Supper, 5:30 p.m. in the FB, followed by **Trunk or Treat** in the east parking lot. Bring a pot of your favorite soup or chili and/or accompaniments such as shredded cheese, sour cream, crackers, chips, finger foods, sides, desserts, and/or drinks. Trunk or Treat will follow at approximately 6:30 p.m. Don't forget to decorate your trunks, and bring treats for the little ones.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 5: Ladies Holiday Party.

This event begins at 6 p.m. in the fellowship building. We will have a catered meal and exchange gifts. If you'd like to participate in the gift exchange, please bring three identical unwrapped gifts. We will also be collecting toys to donate to Spirit of Santa. If you have any questions, please see **Brittany Evans**.



Saturday, November 5: Before retiring, **move your clocks back** one hour.

Sunday, November 6: Daylight Saving Time ends.

Sunday, November 6: Special Event. 1 p.m. in the main foyer. See bulletin board, e-mails, and overhead announcements for details.

Sunday, November 6: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Wednesday, November 9: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Saturday, November 12: Golden Age Banquet. 4:30 p.m. in the FB.

Sunday, November 13: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Sunday, November 20: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Thursday, November 24: THANKSGIVING DAY.

Sunday, November 27: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. song service.

youth news

Saturday, October 29th - Lions Activity! This will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Thigpen farm, 400 Land Rd., Leoma, TN. Make your plans to be there!

Sunday, October 30th - Soup and Chili Supper and Trunk or Treat! The Soup and Chili Supper will begin in the fellowship building at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a pot of soup/chili, fixings, drinks, and desserts! Trunk or Treat will follow in the east parking lot. Please purchase candy/treats, decorate your trunks, and help make this a fun event for all of our children!

Wednesday, November 9th – Songs Class! 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the auditorium. Please join us!

Friday, November 11th - Lambs Activity! This activity will take place in the church foyer at noon. Make plans to be there!

Saturday, November 12th – Golden Age Banquet! Come and help serve our golden agers for this event which is always enjoyable for all!

Sunday, November 13th – Maury County Area-wide! Meet in the south parking lot at 4:25 p.m. to head to Cathey's Creek Church of Christ.

Sunday, November 20th – Youth Planning Session! This will take place in the fellowship building right after FEAST.

Sunday, November 27th - Shoals Area Youth Series! We will meet in the parking lot at 4:00 p.m. to go to Heritage Christian University for this event. Supper will be provided.

Closing it out:

Generally speaking, replacements aren't the same as the real thing. Sure, there are times that a replacement is actually an upgrade, like when you get a new phone, a new pair of shoes, or any other number of "new" things. But when you have to replace something that has worn out or been damaged and needs repairs, it typically isn't the same and often is not as good as the original.

Consider a knee, hip, or shoulder replacement. Did you know that 85% to 90% of total knee replacements will last 15-20 years? Sure, it's better than the current state of the knee of someone who needs the replacement, but it won't last as long or provide as much range of motion as the original did. It's a necessary thing to do sometimes, but a joint replacement is not as durable as the original joint.

Maybe you've been in a car accident, and the car needs to be repaired. I was involved in a traffic accident recently. I have full confidence that my truck will return to me looking just as good as, if not better than, it did before I was hit (thanks, Mashburn's), but the replacement vehicle that I am driving until it gets fixed certainly isn't the same as my truck. It can't comfortably carry as many people. It can't carry much of anything in the back. Sure, it will get me by for now, but it just isn't as good as what I am used to driving.

Though you've perhaps never had to replace a worn-out knee or drive a replacement car, I would imagine that just about all of us at some point in time have willingly or unwittingly allowed ourselves to replace God with something. But when it comes to God, Jesus, and the blessings found within the body of Christ, there simply is no acceptable replacement. Furthermore, it's dangerous to play around with the idea of a "temporary replacement" for God, because statistics show that you may never return to Him! The abundant life that Jesus promised is both now and for eternity. Stay connected to Christ. Don't accept less than the best. There is no adequate replacement for a relationship with God and a local community of Christians!

Until next time...*Jeremy Gargis*

prayers are requested

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

HOWELL BIGHAM, former preacher at Shiloh Church of Christ who has spoken here several times, had open-heart surgery on Tuesday, October 25, for a thoracic ascending aortic aneurysm at St. Thomas West. The surgery went well. Howell expects to remain in ICU for a couple of days and then go to a step-down unit. 451 *Ridgecrest Lane, Killen, AL 35645.*

DEBBIE BROWN, sister-in-law of **Theresa Brown** and **Pam and Reggie Holt**, had major colon surgery on Tuesday, October 25, at Vanderbilt. The doctor was able to do the surgery laparoscopically. The surgery lasted several hours, and it went well. 230 *Gibbs Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DOYLE COOPER, father of **Ethan Cooper**, was scheduled to have a PET scan on Tuesday, October 25. He expects to begin radiation treatment for prostate cancer soon. 309 *Pond Field Rd., Westpoint, TN 38486.*

MARGARET DAVIS, sister-in-law of **June Bivens** and friend of the **Markus family**, is in St. Thomas West. She has continuing lung problems, and she is battling pneumonia for the second time recently. 413 *Beuerlein St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KATIE HOLMAN, daughter-in-law of **Leah Holman** who is a niece of **Bob and Linda Markus/cousin of Mindy Markus**, is continuing with chemotherapy for breast cancer. She is trying to keep her spirits up, but she is very tired from the treatments. She is thankful not to have been sick from the chemotherapy. 57 *Stingy Ridge, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

OLIVER MORROW, one-year-old great grandson of a **neighbor of Jean Parrish**, is undergoing chemotherapy treatment for leukemia. He will be having a bone marrow test soon.

CHARLEY STAGGS, grandson of **Randall and Cathy Staggs** (who are also on our prayer list), is in ICU at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital. He was admitted with breathing problems, and pneumonia was suspected, but there had been no definite diagnosis by print time. At last report, Charley was battling respiratory symptoms, low oxygen, and fluid around his heart.

Please also continue to pray for: **Ginny Chapman, Ricardo Diaz, Jackie Keaton, Elizabeth Land, Michael Mashburn, Tony and Lisa Parrish, Debbie Phann, Diana Smith, Stephanie Taylor, James Brown, Jamie Casteel, Pattie Clevenger, George Clifton, Keith Faulkner, Susan Fisher, Brent and Cindy Gobbell, Marissa Grigsby, Cierra Haffner, Steve Kelley, Tim and Renee Miller, Robert Osborn, Dennis Smith, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Darlene Surratt, Don Sweeton, Van Vansandt, James Weeks**, and all those mentioned recently.

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

Romans 8:18