

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

We will be meeting **in person** for **Sunday morning worship** at 10:30 a.m. on **February 14** 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, February 14: **Russ Gallian and Joe Cook**

Sunday, February 21: **Caleb Evans and Mark Evans**

Sunday, February 28: **Caleb Evans and Mark Evans**

Sunday, March 7: **Ethan Hammond and Shayne Adams**

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.

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.**

February 3, 2021, and February 7, 2021

Mid-Week Bible Study.....unavailable
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....—
Sunday Morning Worship.....138
Sunday Evening Worship.....—
Contribution (2021 Budget \$10,975.00).....\$11,366.30
Average (last available).....\$13,471.38

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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 February 15 – February 19 will be hosted by the **COUNTY LINE** 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!

PULASKI STREET BULLETIN

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Making Marriage Last

God's intention for every marriage is that they will last until death (Rom. 7:2-3). I believe that most couples enter marriage with the idea that they want their marriage to last. Below are five principles that are essential to making a marriage last.

Understand what real love is and practice it. In his book *The Meaning of Marriage*, Timothy Keller quotes Stanley Hauerwas: "We never know whom we marry; we just think we do. Or even if we first marry the right person, just give it a while and he or she will change. For marriage, being [the enormous thing it is] means we are not the same person after we have entered it. The primary problem is . . . learning how to love and care for the stranger to whom you find yourself married." In commenting on this quote, Keller says, "Hauerwas's realism rings true to people who have been married for a long time. Marriage changes us. Having children changes us. A career switch changes us. Age changes us. On top of everything else, marriage brings out and reveals traits in you that were there all along but were hidden from everyone including you, but now they are all seen by your spouse" (134). Real love is an act of the will. Marriage involves deciding to commit oneself to another, despite what changes may occur or what flaws may manifest themselves in the other person. Take a moment to read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. Though Paul is not referring to the marriage relationship in this passage, these verses are certainly applicable to marriage. Love is so much more than a warm, fuzzy feeling.

Treat your spouse as you want to be treated. Obviously, the thought here is to apply the so-called golden rule to your marriage relationship (Matt. 7:12). If this basic principle of all human relationships is ignored in your marriage, your marriage is going to suffer greatly.

Work out your anger in a timely fashion. Has your spouse ever done something that made you angry? Perhaps he didn't make it home when he said he would. Perhaps she spent more money than expected. Perhaps he snuck a sugar-loaded snack into your children's hands near their bedtime. Perhaps she volunteered you to do something without asking you first. Conflict is inevitable in any relationship, especially marriage. It's a matter of when, not if. In Ephesians 4:26, Paul writes, "Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger." Paul's principle here is that anger must not be harbored; it must be dealt with constructively and in a timely fashion. Married couples that have learned to deal with anger in a positive way have a much better chance at having a lasting marriage.

Do not use responsibilities or privileges as leverage. In 1 Corinthians 7:3, Paul states that "[t]he husband should give his wife her conjugal rights, and likewise the wife to her husband." Imagine if a husband says to his wife, "If you don't 'hug' me, then I'm not going to give you money." The wife could turn around and say, "I'm not going to 'hug' you, if you don't give me any money." What we have here is an old-fashioned stalemate. No progress is made, and it cultivates bitterness and division. Furthermore, what if the wife or husband were to acquiesce, what does that say about their motivation in meeting their responsibilities?

Accept from the beginning that divorce is not an option. As we noted above, God expects marriages to last. That's God's original intention. That's the ideal. God expects and desires a high level of commitment among those who marry. Each spouse must share the conviction that divorce is not an option. Marriage is not a consumer relationship; it is a covenant relationship. God brings a man and a woman together in marriage, and what He has brought together, He does not want to see torn apart (Matt. 19:6; cf. Mal. 2:16). It is imperative that a couple's commitment to their marriage matches God's intention for their marriage; otherwise, the marriage is in jeopardy from the beginning.

These five principles are guaranteed principles, because they come from God, not man. If they fail, it is not because of the principles themselves; it is because of a failure to apply these principles.

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 *January, February, and March* is **Eric Nutt**.

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 the family of **CAROL WISEMAN**. Carol was the longtime friend of and caregiver for **Duane Davis**. A private family service was held on Wednesday, February 10, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **Duane** at *1214 Poplar Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

Condolences may be sent to **Frances Russ**, mother of Carol, at *62 Tingle Trapp Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **TINA KELSO**. Tina was the wife of **Greg Kelso**. She was a good friend of **Kathy Sisk**. The funeral was held on Monday, February 8, in Lawrenceburg.

Condolences may be sent to **Kathy** at *118 Bonee Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

Condolences may be sent to Tina's husband, **Greg Kelso**, at *1049 Alex Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

MEMORIALS

A donation from **Rogers Group Inc. (corporate office)** has been given to Pulaski Street Church of Christ in memory of **HOWARD NUTT**.

A donation from the **Children's Home** (Lawrenceburg) has been given to Pulaski Street Church of Christ in memory of **HOWARD NUTT**.

AREA OPPORTUNITY

Saturday, February 27: 12th Annual Christian Servants Day. East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. Beginning at 9 a.m. The 2021 theme is "Back to Service." Speakers Glenn Colley and Keith Mosher.

SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

On Tuesday, February 23, 2021, **SUSIE DAVIS** will celebrate her **101st birthday!** You may send cards to her *c/o Brighton Gardens, 103 Arcaro Place, Suite 262, Brentwood, TN 37027*.

The Shredder

A young engineer who graduated with distinction was leaving the office at 3:45 p.m. when he found the acting CEO standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand.

"Listen," said the CEO, "this is a very sensitive and important document, and my secretary is not here. Can you make this thing work?"

"Certainly," said the young engineer. He turned the machine on, inserted the paper, and pressed the start button.

"Excellent, excellent!" said the CEO as his paper disappeared inside the machine, "I just need one copy."

Lesson: Never, ever assume that your boss knows what he's doing.

"A merry heart doeth good" —Proverbs 17:22

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

"GOD and SCIENCE" SEMINAR for Hispanic families

On Saturday, April 24, **Dr. Mike Houts**, the Nuclear Research Manager at NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, will be conducting a **seminar entitled "God and Science"** at Ingram Sowell Elementary School for Hispanic families. There will be a total of four lessons: two sessions before lunch (10:00; 11:00) and two sessions after lunch (1:00; 2:00). Lunch will be provided at noon. Rodolfo has obviously been instrumental in planning and organizing this event.

In order to allow parents to listen to these lessons without distraction, their children will need to be supervised in the gym. If you would like to hang with these kids either before lunch or after lunch, **sign-up sheets will be available** on both sides of the foyer. For those who plan to get involved, a discussion about Covid-19 protocols and other matters will take place prior to the event.

Suggestions for Bible Reading

To best interpret the Bible, read sections instead of randomly-selected verses. A chapter (26 verses on average) is a good rule of thumb, but remember that chapter and verse divisions are not inspired and therefore are not always reliable boundary guides. For instance, Matthew 24-25 records a single sermon Jesus preached (the Olivet Discourse) and should be read together.

Find the flow of thought. Look for key facts. Who wrote, when, under what conditions, regarding what theme, for what purpose? Use Rudyard Kipling's six basic questions to analyze a passage. He wrote in *The Elephant's Child*,

I keep six honest serving men
(They taught me all I knew);

Their names are What and Why and When
And How and Where and Who.

Look for key terms. For example, Matthew 6:25-34 repeats the idea of "taking thought" six times (KJV). The section thus relates to worry or anxiety. "Believe" is used 79 times in the 879 verses of the gospel according to John, or about once every eleven verses. If we are going to understand John, we must focus on faith (John 20:31).

Identify the speaker and the audience. The Bible contains many untrue statements from false prophets, pagan kings, Job's friends, Roman authorities, Jewish leaders, and even Satan. They are correctly recorded but are not to be followed. If we fail to see who is addressed, we may apply things not intended for us.

-Allen Webster

via *House to House Heart to Heart* (Vol. 25, #9)

"How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O God!

How great is the sum of them!"

Psalm 139:17

YOUTH NEWS

Some people come into your life and make an impact that can't be measured. One of those people for me was David Pinckley. When I came to Pulaski Street, I wasn't even out of college yet. Every weekend when I was here while still in school, David would sit around the office with me on Saturdays and just talk. After graduating from FHU and beginning here full-time, I got to experience that almost every day. We would talk about the Bible, our pets, and our families, but mostly about the church. He helped me understand various connections in the county and within the Pulaski Street family that proved to be invaluable to my ministry. Above all, he was a good friend who encouraged me daily. As is the case with many of you, I miss David.

Of course, we can't forget Mrs. Frances! She, like David, was a constant in my life after beginning my work here. I have such fond memories of sitting in the office in the Parkes House working on the bulletin and laughing hysterically as David and Frances poked fun at one another! I enjoyed singing with both of them. There are so many memories that bring such joy.

After they both had passed, the family very graciously offered to let me look through some of their books to see if I wanted any. I kept a few of them, but one is more special than the rest. It's a Bible that belonged to David. It was given to him by Red and Velma Mitchell, Frances's parents, on July 20, 1969, for his 28th birthday. This Bible stays on my desk at all times, and I look things up in it just about every day.

The pages are rife with notes, underlined passages of Scripture, and some of David's thoughts. Some of his notes are less connected to Scripture. For instance, he noted that in 1975 77% of crime was committed by people with criminal records.

Other notes are connected to Scripture. For example, he notes at Numbers 21:8 a connection between the fiery serpent set upon a pole and the way of escape from our temptations that Paul described in 1 Corinthians 10:13. He also highlighted the section of Proverbs 31 that talks about the virtuous woman, and I can only imagine his thoughts of Frances when he read it. In addition, there is what appears to be a sermon outline embedded throughout the pages of the book of Isaiah that I would have liked to hear David preach.

One note sticks out. David had a Ready Reference tract glued inside the back cover of the Bible, and there are several things that he wrote in that tract. The one that stands out more than any other is a question contained within quotation marks that I can only assume he was asking of himself: "What will be said of me when I'm gone?"

Well, David, so many of us still miss you. We still remember the impact that you had on us. We still remember your booming laugh, your commitment to the church, your generosity, and your love. You were a giant of a man, literally and figuratively. You were larger than life because you loved God more than anything else. I'm thankful that you are still talking to me through the notes in your Bible.

What a question for us all to ponder! "What will be said of me when I'm gone?" Our actions every day play into the answer to this question. It is my hope that we can all be remembered as fondly and lovingly as David and Frances Pinckley are. That, of course, is up to each one of us.

Until next time, **Jeremy**

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

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

TONY ALLEN was admitted to St. Thomas Hospital last Tuesday, February 2, and his heart transplant surgery began at 11 p.m. that evening. The surgery lasted all night and was completed before 9 a.m. on Wednesday, February 3. The surgery went well, and Tony has been doing amazingly well since the transplant was accomplished. He was able to move from ICU on Saturday, February 6, to a regular room. At last report, the doctor was hoping that Tony would be able to go home by the end of this week! Please continue to pray for Tony, Pam, and family. *77 Crawfish Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

DAN HAISLIP is continuing to recover and improve at home after his recent toe amputation surgery. *702 9th St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

DEAN HUGHES is continuing to recover at home after having rotator cuff surgery (right shoulder) last week. Although the recovery process is very painful, Dean is improving each day. *532 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

MACK and DEBBIE BROWN are at home recovering from Covid-19. (Mack is the brother of **Theresa Brown** and **Pam Holt**, and Debbie works at Lawrenceburg Federal with **Biff Helton** and **Billy Helton**.) As of Tuesday, February 9, they were some better and continuing to improve each day. *230 Gibbs Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

NOAH GINEZ-HERNANDEZ, 15-year-old son of **Tonya Ginez-Hernandez** who is a friend and former coworker of **Debra Fitzgerald**, has been undergoing treatment for the past few months at St. Jude for widespread cancer. We are thankful to report that test results last week indicate Noah is now cancer-free. *1009 Smith St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

JOEY and BARBARA KILLEN, neighbors of **Biff and Penny Helton** (and Barbara works at Lawrenceburg Federal), are both sick with Covid-19.

BRYAN and JENNA SANDERS both have COVID-19 and the flu. (Jenna works at Lawrenceburg Federal with **Biff Helton** and **Billy Helton**, and Bryan is her husband.) As of Tuesday, February 9, Jenna was home with supplemental oxygen after a hospital stay, and Bryan was still having breathing issues at home. *627 Red Bird Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464*.

NOVIE SCOTT, baby daughter of **Jake and Autumn Scott**, is now back at home after a hospital stay. She is doing well. (Autumn is a friend and former coworker of **Debra Fitzgerald**.)

DAN WINKLER, longtime Gospel preacher, is recovering after having colon cancer surgery last week. Of the twenty lymph nodes sent for testing, all were negative for malignancy. Dan has upcoming appointments to discuss further treatment. *1000 Revere Pl., Apt. 32-310, Spring Hill, TN 37174*.