

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

We will be meeting in person for **Sunday morning Bible classes at 9:30 a.m.** and for **worship at 10:30 a.m.** on **May 2**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

Masks are available for your use as you arrive. Hand sanitizer is available. Bottled water 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, May 2: **Russ Gallian and Joe Cook**

Sunday, May 9: **Russ Gallian and Joe Cook**

Sunday, May 16: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**

Sunday, May 23: **Mark Evans 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.

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**.

April 21 and April 25, 2021

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	NA
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	141
Sunday Morning Worship.....	215
Sunday Evening Worship.....	—
Contribution (2021 Budget \$10,975.00).....	\$9,744.30
Average (last available).....	\$11,604.02

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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 May 3 – May 7 will be hosted
by the **MIDWAY** 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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Apotheosis

I realize that the title to this article is intimidating, but here's the skinny: Atheists and skeptics have used theories of *apotheosis* (from the Greek, meaning "to deify" or "to make divine") to argue that Christ's deity and resurrection are not unique beliefs to Christianity. Both Otto Pflieger in *The Early Christian Conception of Christ* (1905) and W. Bousset in *Kurios Christos* (1913) used various stories of men who were allegedly divinized to cast doubt on the New Testament accounts. These divine-man hypotheses have since been debunked by various theologians, such as Oscar Cullmann, Ronald Nash, and Gary Habermas.

Claims of apotheosis are found in ancient mythology, various mystery religions, reports concerning certain Roman Emperors (see Suetonius's *The Twelve Caesars*), and accounts of the lives of Apollonius of Tyana and Alexander the Great. Again, these claims have been used to undercut the uniqueness of Christianity and cast suspicion on the New Testament documents.

But using these stories to undermine the claims of Christianity is riddled with problems. First, the sources of these stories are all far later (100-150 years) than the events described. In contrast, Christ's incarnation, divinity, resurrection, and ascension were not only attested by eyewitnesses on the heels of His death, but written accounts of these occurrences appeared within a few decades of His death. Secondly, unlike the story of Jesus (cf. 1 Cor. 15:3-9), these claims of apotheosis are not historically verifiable. Third, the concept of a mere human being undergoing deification at the end of his life is not the same as a Christian's conception of Jesus. Jesus was no mere human being; He was God in the flesh (John 1:1, 14; Col. 1:19; 2:9). He returned to the glory He had before coming to earth (John 17:5; Phil. 2:6-11). In light of these radical differences, Norman Geisler rightly observes that "[a]ttempts to reduce Jesus to a Greek divine-man legend are ill-fated" (*Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics*, pg. 45).

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 *April, May, and June* is **Tim Hammond**.

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

THANK YOU

The family of Carolyn Frazier gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy. I cannot thank all of the good people for the contributions to St. Jude in her name, for all the food the church sent to the house, and most especially for the cards and words of sympathy and comfort. Carolyn always thought of you all as family, and so do I, more and more. Thank you all!

David Frazier

Pulaski Street family,

Dad and Jen sent many hellos with them at visitation today (4/17). Just wanted to say thank you to each of you. I miss you all dearly and look forward to the day I can return to my Pulaski Street family! Hope everyone is staying safe and healthy.

Much love, *Jeffrey Hughes*

AREA OPPORTUNITIES

April 30 – May 1: 12th Annual Coats Farm Benefit Trail Ride and Auction. All proceeds go to the North Alabama Christian Children's Home. Events include a Yard Sale, Trail Ride, Auction, etc. Please see flyer on bulletin board for details.

May 12 – 16: Bible Lectureship. "Never Leave the Lord." East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. 17 lessons in 5 days.

THERE, LET ME HELP YOU WITH THAT

The wind was blowing fiercely as a man was struggling to get to Grand Central Station in New York. As he lugged his two heavy suitcases, he would occasionally have to stop to regain his strength. At one point he was ready to collapse, when another man took the suitcases and said, "We're going the same way. You look as though you could use some help."

When they reached the shelter of the station, the weary traveler (who just happened to be the renowned educator Booker T. Washington) asked the gentleman who had helped him, "Please, sir, what is your name?"

The man replied, "The name, my friend, is Roosevelt. Teddy Roosevelt." (J. Allen Blair, Living Faithfully).

To think that a man as important as Teddy Roosevelt would stop to assist another man he did not know, a man culturally different, one who could probably do little in return, is striking. Yet all of us find ourselves either as the person struggling against the winds of life or the person with the opportunity to help another soul who is struggling. It is amazing whom one meets along life's journey and amazing what opportunities the happenstance meetings bring.

Instead of fearing and shunning others who may be different, why not simply take advantage of the opportunity to correct stereotypes by just "doing good." Remember, it is our God and not us that gives the increase. Thanks be to God for giving us the opportunity to set aside politics and material interests to learn from and with others.

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

COMING SOON

Sunday, May 2: TEEN DEVO. 6 p.m. in the fellowship building.

Sunday, May 9: Mother's Day!

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

– Proverbs 31:30

CLARITY IN A CHAOTIC WORLD

Virtual Gospel Meeting

Our preacher, **Jacob Evans**, has been invited to participate in a virtual Gospel meeting that will be conducted on **May 9-12, 2021**, entitled "Clarity in a Chaotic World." **Jacob** will be **speaking** on **Sunday, May 9, 2021**, at 5:00 p.m. CST on the topic "Submission in a Rebellious World." The plan is to **livestream** the lesson from our auditorium through the Facebook event page called "Clarity in a Chaotic World." Of course, **you are welcome to attend in person that evening.** In fact, **Jacob** would be thrilled to have some folks seated in the auditorium.

The other lessons/speakers for this online Gospel meeting are listed below:

- **Monday, May 10, 2021 @ 6:30 CST**—"Unity in a Divided World" by Justin Morton
- **Tuesday, May 11, 2021 @ 6:30 CST**—"Purpose in a Meaningless World" by Edward Benesh
- **Wednesday, May 12, 2021 @ 6:30 CST**—"Hope in a Pain-Filled World" by Aarek Farmer

Tuesday, May 11: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

Sunday, May 16: Senior Night! We will honor our high school and college graduates.

Tuesday, May 25: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

Monday, May 31: Memorial Day.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

scheduled for **June 6 through June 10.**

YOUTH NEWS

Sunday, May 2nd – Teens Devo! Meet in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m. Supper will be provided.

Thursday, May 13th – Girls Devo! Location will be determined later, but the devotional will be at 6:00 p.m. this night. Make your plans to attend!

Sunday, May 16th – Set up for Senior Night! Underclassmen, please come to the fellowship building at 4:00 p.m. to help set things up for Senior Night festivities!

Sunday, May 16th - Honor our Seniors! We will meet in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m. for a potluck meal, followed by a devotional and slideshow honoring our graduates. Please make your plans to be there and bring food! You are also encouraged to bring a gift for our seniors if you would like to! We love you, Addisten, Emily, Cayden, and Kinley!

We finally finished our study of the prison epistles with the teens a couple of weeks ago. We had several things that delayed us and other things that we did for a period of time during the series, but we finished! Calling it "Stuck at Home," it seemed to fit current events. Those four letters from Paul (Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians, and Philemon) are great books to study anytime!

One of the things that we focused on toward the end of our studies is the fact that everything we do and find ourselves involved in gives us opportunities to please God. In Ephesians 6:5-9 and Colossians 3:22-25, we see Paul encouraging the churches in Ephesus and Colossae, respectively, to give themselves entirely to whatever they were doing as though they were doing it for the Lord.

We pointed out that if we were to genuinely do this, we would find more success in whatever it is we are doing. We would also lead more people to Christ because of the way we would be conducting ourselves.

The verses from these passages that stand out to me are Ephesians 6:6 and Colossians 3:22. They point out that what we do when we aren't being watched is extremely important! They cause me to ask myself, "Am I giving the same effort and energy to things I do when I am alone as I do when others are watching?" Because if I am, everything that I do will be done more effectively. And, as Paul points out, it pleases the Lord!

You have likely heard the same wise saying that I have that goes something like this: "Character is what you do when no one is watching." The thought is attributed to various people that may have put their own spin on it by changing a word or two, but the idea originally came from Paul, as far as I can tell. We all have time in every day that we aren't being watched by anyone other than the Lord. Who are we during those times? It is vital that we are consistently doing things with the kind of effort and emphasis that would please the Lord.

Until next time, *Jeremy*

PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED

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

JIM DONNELLY is feeling much better and hopes to be out of quarantine sometime this week after having Covid-19. **Kaley, Matti Grey, and Duke** are all doing fine. 29 S. Park Grove Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ROBBIE GUTHRIE had an appointment with her pulmonologist on Monday, April 26. The infection in her lungs is still present, so she'll be taking another round of antibiotics. Robbie is also scheduled for outpatient eye surgery on Wednesday, May 5, at STRHS-Lawrenceburg. She already has limited vision due to macular degeneration, and she has requested prayers that her vision will be improved by this procedure. 1804 Jean Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

RAY HAROLD is recovering after having carpal tunnel surgery last week (Wednesday, April 21). P.O. Box 625, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Please keep praying for **CLEO KEATON and her family** as she continues with hospice care at NHC Lawrenceburg. 374 Brink St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

MICHAEL MASHBURN's feeding tube came out this past Saturday, April 24, and he was taken to Maury Regional Hospital to have another one inserted. He was able to return home following the procedure. 250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

RUBY WELCH is continuing to recover at home from rib fractures. The pain is much better, but a complete recovery will take time. Ruby was scheduled for another X-ray on Friday, April 30, to check the progress of healing. 411 Morris St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

DOT ALLEY, grandmother of **Brittany Evans**, suffered a massive stroke on Tuesday, April 27; she was hospitalized in Mississippi and placed on a ventilator. 21B Seago St., Belmont, MS 38827.

RONNIE DAVIS, who has been attending services here, was hospitalized at Maury Regional on Friday, April 23, to remove fluid from his abdomen. Ronnie is battling cirrhosis of the liver. 339 Robins Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

DAVID HUCKABY, father of **Lindsay Helton**, was hospitalized in Alabama last week with double pneumonia. As of Tuesday, April 27, he was doing better and was to be transferred to Rehab Select at Barfield Health Care. 216 14th Place SE, Arab, AL 35016.

O.V. MARTIN, cousin of **Thelma McCloud** and **Dorothy Collins**, continues in Select Specialty Hospital in Nashville with below-the-waist paralysis as a result of a March vehicle accident. c/o Select Specialty Hospital, 2000 Hayes Street, Suite 1502, Nashville, TN 37203 or home address: 2135 Elkton Pike, Pulaski, TN 38478.

DAVID MASSEY, brother of **Sammie Hughes**, was able to transfer from Maury Regional Hospital to Crockett Rehab on Friday, April 23, where he'll be having inpatient rehab following a stroke. Sammie is very appreciative of the prayers and concern on her brother's behalf. 89 Gang Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.