

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 **August 1**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

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, August 1: **Russ Gallian and Joe Cook**
Sunday, August 8: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**
Sunday, August 15: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**
Sunday, August 22: **Ethan Hammond and Mark Miller**

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**.

July 21 and July 25, 2021

Mid-Week Bible Study.....not available
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....120
Sunday Morning Worship.....223
Sunday Evening Worship.....—
Contribution (2021 Budget \$10,975.00).....\$11,748.25
Average (last available).....\$11,359.27

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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 August 2 – August 6 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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Suicide

Part One

There are a couple of extreme views among religious folks regarding those who commit suicide. To the far left are those who believe that **no one who commits suicide is accountable for the act**. Those in this camp argue that suicide is *never* a rational act. Therefore, any person who takes his/her own life, from the very nature of the case, is not responsible for that action. Others of a more humanistic slant are unconcerned about the morality of such an action. In fact, some in this camp will argue that there are a variety of cases where not to end one's life would be a mistake, if not a crime. To the far right are those who believe that **everyone who commits suicide is accountable for the act**. These folks will not admit any exceptions.

I don't believe either of these positions is defensible. The question is *not* whether suicide should be classified as a sin. That's easy to establish. Suicide goes against several well-established principles in the Bible. Life is a gift from God (Acts 17:25), and no person has the intrinsic right to destroy what God has given. Suicide violates the divine law prohibiting murder, and suicide is self-murder. Jesus taught, "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:29). To kill oneself is not loving oneself (cf. Eph. 5:28-29).

The question is whether a given person who commits suicide is accountable or culpable for the act. On this point, I think we can safely speak in generalities. On the one hand, people who are perfectly rational sometimes do impulsive, drastic things that they later regret very much. The Bible does not view Judas's suicide in a favorable light, leaving us with the impression that he was accountable for the act. On the other hand, mental illness is real, and it's hard for me to imagine that those who genuinely suffer from some crippling, disorienting mental disease would be accountable for suicide in God's eyes. In some cases, the mental illness may be a life-long struggle; for others, it may be acute, being triggered by some occurrence or trauma in their life. Because we are not heart-knowers like God, and because God is the ultimate judge (and we are not), I think it's best if we leave the judgment up to God.

Rather than passing judgment on one's eternity in the case of suicide, I believe we would do better to affirm the value of life and help people to better understand the preciousness of the gift God has given them. I'm convinced that God and God's people have much to offer a world that is otherwise downcast and hopeless. We have vital things to communicate through our words (verbally) and actions (non-verbally) that can prevent suicide and equip folks to deal with life's struggles. In next week's article, we consider some truths that those of us who are Christians need to be communicating.

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 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 Shadrick

MINISTERS: Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325 Jeremy Gargis, 931-231-9557 Rodolfo Espinoza, 615-516-0650 (Hispanic Ministry) AGAPE COUNSELOR, 931-762-8502

coming soon

AUGUST



This Sunday, August 1: Ice Cream Supper. This year, we'll be meeting at 6 p.m. at Shelter 1 at **Rotary Park**. Please bring a freezer of your favorite ice cream, and/or bring sandwiches, chips, desserts, etc. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fellowship and fun.

Wednesday, August 4: Ladies Bible Class will resume meeting at 10 a.m. in the fellowship building.

Sunday, August 8: Ladies Lunch and Planning. After the worship service, we will go eat at a local restaurant and enjoy each other's company. After lunch, we will come back and plan some activities and events for the ladies. All Pulaski Street women are invited to participate and help plan out the rest of our year.

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

Saturday, August 14: Men's Breakfast. 8:30 a.m. in the fellowship building. The speaker for the devotional will be **Danny Pettus**.

Tuesday, August 24: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

Sunday, August 29: Hispanic Friends and Family Day. 10:15 a.m. in the fellowship building. Rodolfo has invited many Hispanic friends throughout Tennessee to attend this meeting. If you have Hispanic friends, neighbors, coworkers, relatives, etc., Rodolfo encourages you to invite them to be here on this date.

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, September 7: Dorcas Sewing. 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the fellowship building.

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.

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

ladies retreat 2022

Ladies Retreat 2022 will be January 7 – 9! Brittany is currently planning the details and figuring out reservations for this event. Obviously, she needs to know how many beds will be needed. If we have a large number (and hopefully, we will), we will probably be traveling to a location that's at least two hours away from Lawrenceburg.

If you plan to attend and spend the night, **please let Brittany know as soon as possible.** The cost will be \$75 per person. (The cost could decrease a bit, depending on the number of ladies participating.)

magi boxes

If you would like to participate in the **MAGI program**, boxes are now available in the foyer. Please choose a box that is labeled with the age of the boy or girl for whom you would like to purchase items. A list of approved items and more details are inside the box. Please return your box by August 15th. If you have any questions, please contact **Sandy Adams**.

area opportunities

July 29 thru July 31: Vacation Bible School. Fall River Church of Christ. Classes for all ages. Theme: *Fishers of Men*. Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m., Saturday at 3 p.m. (There will be a water slide on Saturday, so please dress modestly and bring a change of clothing.) Meals will be served each day.

July 31: Area-wide Singing for College Age/20s & 30s. Concord Rd. Church of Christ, Nashville, TN. 7 – 9 p.m.

Wednesday nights in July, August, and 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.

August 1 thru August 4: Gospel Meeting. Leoma Church of Christ. Sunday at 7:30 p.m. M-W at 7 p.m. Speaker B.J. Clarke.

August 7: The Heritage Event. (Fundraiser for Heritage Christian University.) With sports legend Bo Jackson and music by Home Free. General Admission tickets are \$50 each. Sponsorships available. For more information, contact Pat Moon at 256-766-6610 ext. 334.

August 8: Friends and Family Day 2021. East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. Lunch will be provided. Speaker Brandon Britton.

August 8: Homecoming 2021. Plainview Church of Christ, Hazel Green, AL. Speaker David Mills. Theme: *Our Forever Home*.

August 14: Men's Seminar. East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Multiple speakers.

August 21: Ladies Day. Plainview Church of Christ, Hazel Green, AL. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Program begins at 9:30 a.m. Individual boxed lunches will be served after the program. Speakers Kila Watts and Rachel McCauley. Theme: *When Life Gives You Lemons, Let God Make the Lemonade*.

September 5 thru 8: Revival in America. Campaign for Christ. The Diana Singing Shed, Cornersville, TN. You're also invited to the planning session at 6 p.m. on August 2 at West Fayetteville Church of Christ.

September 11: Girls' Day. East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. Theme: *Harvesting Godly Thoughts*. Speaker Laura Jenkins. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

youth news

Sunday, August 1st - Ice Cream Supper! This year's Ice Cream Supper will be held at Rotary Park. Make your plans to be there!

August 8th - Back to School Devo! We will meet in the fellowship building at 5:00 p.m. for a devotional, food, and games. Everyone is invited! Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, but please bring chips, drinks, and desserts. Hope to see you there!

August 20th- 22nd – Area-wide Joint Retreat! We have planned this along with the Ethridge and Leoma churches, and all students in 7th-12th grades are invited! Cost (around \$50) and deadline to sign up will be announced soon. Please see me to sign up!

The PSYG summer activities have just about wrapped up, and what a summer it has been! After having just about all of our plans zapped in 2020, we were able to take advantage of many opportunities this summer.

First, I would like to thank all of our kids who have been so excited to be involved in our activities! I don't know many youth ministers who could say that they had zero issues out of their kids throughout an entire summer of events, but that's exactly what I can say. PSYG is simply the best!

Second, I would like to thank our elders for demonstrating wisdom during the grips of the pandemic to keep us safe, yet focused on Christ. It was no easy task to navigate things as seamlessly as they did, and when the green light was given to resume our normal load of youth activities, they gave nothing but support and sound advice. Thank you, Tim, Biff, Bob, and Eric. Also, many thanks to Dawn, Penny, Linda, and Melanie for the support and encouragement that you give to your husbands.

Third, thank you, parents! So many of you have helped in so many ways! Whether it was helping plan events, doing devotionals, hosting devotionals, teaching classes, giving rides, or anything else, you were there. This youth ministry functions as well as it does because of the caliber of our children *and* our parents. I love you all!

Finally, I want to thank my family. My children have been troopers being shuffled around to grandparents when necessary, going to activities that they may not have wanted to attend at times, and dealing with an inconsistent schedule. I love you, Nelly, Amelia, and Bentley! And last, but not least, I don't even know where to begin to say something that comes remotely close to explaining what Katie means to me. Without her, I simply couldn't do what I do. She's happy when teens randomly show up at our house. She's fine with me being out late and gone days on end for events and trips. She is actively involved in everything that we do. She lifts me up when I'm weary. She makes me better. She's my favorite.

Until next time...**Jeremy**

prayers are requested

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

ROBBIE GUTHRIE was released from STRHS on Wednesday, July 21, after treatment for diverticulitis, a UTI, and ongoing pain and swelling in her legs and feet. She had a CT scan of her lungs on Friday, July 23, and was to receive results at a pulmonology appointment on Wednesday, July 28. *1804 Jean Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DEBBIE PHANN had another treatment on Wednesday, July 21, to dilate her esophagus. She will be continuing with two or three more treatments in the coming weeks. *510 2nd Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

ARTURO BALBARO, childhood friend of **Rodolfo Espinoza**, has been in ICU for two months in Lima, Peru, with Covid-19. Please pray for **Arturo and his family**.

ROSIE DANIEL, sister of **Neely Luna** who is known to many here, has been diagnosed with cancer. Prayers are requested for **Rosie**.

BERNADETTE GRAY, sister of **Natalie Haislip**, is in the rehab wing at North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, MS, after having below-the-knee amputation of her left leg last week. Physical and occupational therapy are going well. She appreciates the prayers, cards, and concern that have been shown to her. Please continue to pray for her, and send cards to her at: *Bernadette Gray, c/o North Mississippi Medical Center, 830 S. Gloster St., Tupelo, MS 38801.*

Please also continue to pray for **Dean Bowling, Kym Bilbrey Brown, Theresa Brown, Ricardo Diaz, Cleo Keaton, Michael Mashburn, Tony Parrish, Anita Bick, Jeff Clifton, Terry Evans, Clifford Doyle Johnson, Kala Murrell, Dorothy Pope, Jenna Sanders, Dwain Shaw**, and all those who have been mentioned recently.

placed membership

On Sunday, July 25, it was announced that **WILMA SNIDER, EFFIE MATNEY, GLENN and CHARLOTTE SNIDER**, and **JEREMY SNIDER** have placed membership here at Pulaski Street. **Jeremy** has two sons: **AIDEN SNIDER**, age 16, and **AARON SNIDER**, age 14.

Wilma Snider is the mother of **Glenn Snider**. **Effie Matney** is the mother of **Charlotte Snider**. **Jeremy Snider** is the son of **Glenn and Charlotte**.

In case you didn't know, **Wilma** is also the mother of **Darrell Snider**, and **Glenn** is Darrell's brother; **Darrell and Pam** and their family have attended here for many years.

We welcome each of these individuals into the Pulaski Street family, and we look forward to working and worshipping with them here.

Glenn and Charlotte Snider and **Effie Matney**: *310 Roberta Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

Wilma Snider: *3615 Waynesboro Hwy., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

Jeremy, Aidan, and Aaron Snider: *25 Chambers Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

new grand

Brand new baby boy **JOSEPH FRANK RYAN** was born on Thursday, July 22, in Charlottesville, VA, to parents **Joby and Allison Ryan**. **Jay** arrived weighing 7 lbs. and 10 oz. and measuring 19 ½ inches long. He has a big sister, **Holt**, age three. Pulaski Street grandparents are **Reggie and Pam Holt**, and great aunt is **Theresa Brown**. Mother and baby are doing fine.

Cards may be sent to the family at *1625 Yorktown Drive, Charlottesville, VA 22901.*