

UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

We will be meeting in person in the auditorium for worship at **10:30 a.m.** on **September 12**.

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 12: **Russ Gallian and Joe Cook**
Sunday, September 19: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**
Sunday, September 26: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**
Sunday, October 3: **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,*

September 1 and September 5, 2021

Mid-Week Bible Study.....-
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....-
Sunday Morning Worship.....155
Sunday Evening Worship.....-
Contribution (2021 Budget \$10,975.00).....\$6,887.00
Average (last available).....\$10,962.28

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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 13 – September 17 will be hosted by the CREWSTOWN 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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The Long Silence

Below is an anonymous, imaginative little story, entitled "The Long Silence," that reminds us of how important Jesus is to any discussion about the problem of suffering.

At the end of time, billions of people were seated on a great plain before God's throne. Most shrank back from the brilliant light before them. But some groups near the front talked heatedly, not with cringing shame but with belligerence: "Can God judge us?"

"How can he know about suffering?" snapped a pert young brunette. She ripped open a sleeve to reveal a tattooed number from a Nazi concentration camp. "We endured terror . . . beatings . . . torture . . . death!" In another group a young black man lowered his collar. "What about this?" he demanded, showing an ugly rope burn. "Lynched, for no crime but being black!"

Far out across the plain were hundreds of such groups. Each had a complaint against God for the evil and suffering he had permitted in his world. How lucky God was to live in Heaven, where all was sweetness and light, where there was no weeping or fear, no hunger or hatred. What did God know of all that man had been forced to endure in this world? For God leads a pretty sheltered life, they said.

So, each of these groups sent forth their leader, chosen because he had suffered the most. A Jew, a black man, a person from Hiroshima, and a horribly deformed arthritic. In the center of the vast plain, they consulted each other.

At last, they were ready to present their case. It was rather clever. Before God could be qualified to be their judge, he must endure what they had endured. Their decision was that God should be sentenced to live on earth as a man. Let him be born a Jew. Let the legitimacy of his birth be doubted. Give him a work so difficult that even his family will think him out of his mind. Let him be betrayed by his closest friends. Let him face false charges, be tried by a prejudiced jury, and convicted by a cowardly judge. Let him be tortured. At the last, let him see what it means to be terribly alone. Then let him die so there can be no doubt he died. Let there be a great host of witnesses to verify it.

As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, loud murmurs of approval went up from the throng of people assembled. When the last had finished pronouncing sentence, there was a long silence. No one uttered a word. No one moved. For suddenly, all knew that God had already served his sentence.

God did not remain remote and distant from the pain and suffering that plague this fallen world; rather, He identified with us and shared our suffering in Jesus Christ. Though countless people continue to shake their fist and rail against God in view of the suffering in this world, Jesus' solidarity with suffering should silence God's fiercest critics, especially when they realize why He suffered. He suffered and died on our behalf because He loved us (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20; Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16; 4:10).

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

thank you

Pulaski Street Church of Christ,

How in this world do I even begin to express the gratitude I feel for the love each of you have shown to me and my family in the past days! The food, visits, calls, texts, cards, counseling, and, most of all, your prayers have sustained me in this most difficult time in my life. Please continue to pray for me in the days to come. You are an amazing church family, and I love you all.

In Christian love,
Fred, Sandra, and family

coming soon

Due to the increase in Covid-19 cases in our area, postponements, cancellations, and rescheduling may occur.

SEPTEMBER

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.

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

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.

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.

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.

Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.

Psalm 27:14, KJV

disaster relief

The Pulaski Street elders have sent \$5000 to Churches of Christ Disaster Relief. These funds will go to help those affected by the recent Tennessee floods and the hurricane in Louisiana.

The Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort immediately responds to any major disaster in the United States and U.S. territories by sending truckloads of emergency food, water, cleaning, and other supplies to be distributed to all disaster victims in the disaster area through a local Church of Christ. Supplies [are] distributed by [the local] congregation in the name of the Lord to anyone who has been affected by the disaster regardless of race, color, creed, or religion.

Since its unofficial beginning in 1990, the Churches of Christ Disaster Relief Effort, Inc., incorporated in 1994, has distributed more than \$168 million in emergency food and supplies in response to disasters in 47 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

More than 85% of every donated dollar goes directly to disaster victims.

OVERCOMING OBSTACLES

The nine-foot, 400-pound Goliath challenged the children of Israel and blasphemed Almighty God. David, a seventeen-year-old fuzzy-cheeked lad who came to visit his brothers, demanded to know why they were not accepting the challenge. The brothers explained that you could easily get hurt by fighting fellows like Goliath. They felt certain Goliath was just too big to hit. David knew that Goliath was too big to miss with God’s help.

Next, David wanted to know where the king was, and his brothers explained that the king did not feel so well. When David told the brothers he would fight Goliath, they figured he was crazy. Obviously, the brothers were comparing their size to Goliath’s, and that made nine-foot Goliath pretty big. David was comparing Goliath’s size to God, and that quite obviously made Goliath pretty small.

Whatever your obstacle may be, the size is never larger than the ability of God and the petitions of His children.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened” (Matthew 7:7–8).

<i>A merry heart doeth good...</i>	Proverbs 17:22
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CROSSWORDS AND INK PENS

I found a new young doctor for my 90-year-old mother, whose family physician had died. After examining her, the doctor called us into his office and, ignoring Mother, proceeded to give me the results.

Mother interrupted and said, “Doctor, do you do crossword puzzles?”

“Yes, I do,” he replied.

She then asked, “Do you do them with pencil or pen?”

“Why, with a pencil,” replied the doctor.

“Well, I do mine with a pen,” said Mother. “So you can talk to me.”

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

youth news

October 1st-3rd - Family Retreat! This will be held at Maywood Christian Camp in Hamilton, AL, once again. I am excited to be able to do this after having to put it off from the last two springs! The cost to attend will be \$35 per person with a limit of \$130 per household. All meals and a shirt will be provided. Bring drinks that you enjoy drinking (bottled water will be provided), as well as personal snacks and community snacks. Please sign up by Sunday, September 12th.

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 live for Him! It will cost \$50, 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.

November 6th – RUSH! This event was rescheduled from September. I will update you closer to then as to our involvement.

“The fruit of the Spirit’s not an apple! A what?” We sing that song with our young ones as a way to learn some of the different attributes associated with the Spirit growing in our lives. The list in Galatians 5:22-23 records nine different characteristics that will become evident in our lives as we walk by faith and not by sight and therefore become more like Jesus. The first one listed is love. If we are growing in the Spirit and becoming more like Jesus, the love that we share will likely be the first thing that people notice about us!

This isn’t the first time in Galatians 5 that Paul speaks of love. Two times in this chapter, before he gets to this list of the fruit of the Spirit, Paul teaches about things that are to be done through love. Let’s look at them briefly.

First, in verse 6, Paul points out that faith working through love is something that counts for us! At the end of a discourse related to circumcision, he removed any doubt as to whether the circumcision of the flesh that was a requirement under the old covenant counted for anything any longer. It just doesn’t matter anymore, Paul teaches. So, what does matter? Faith working through love. Are we putting this into action in our lives today?

The second instance in Galatians 5 that we can read of Paul encouraging something to be done through love is found in verse 13. There, he encourages his readers to use the freedom found in Christ and under the new covenant for service rather than the flesh. The law of liberty is certainly easier to follow, and it works as a grace system for us as we walk in the light. However, this new-found grace is not to be used as an excuse to carry out our fleshly desires! Rather, we are to serve one another through love! When we consistently offer ourselves to others through service, it helps us to stay focused on how we should be living and, thereby, struggle less with giving in to our worldly desires.

Yes, the fruit of the Spirit is love! (And joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.) What exactly does that look like? Well, as we’ve seen, that looks like faith working through love and service through love. If we do these two things, it will be easier for us to stay on the right track and continue walking in the light!

Until next time...**Jeremy**

prayers are requested

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

RODOLFO ESPINOZA is doing much better after his recent surgery and complications. He was able to be at church on Sunday, September 5, and was able to return to the office to resume the Hispanic ministry work on Tuesday, September 7. *1265 East Gaines St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

SHIRLEY EVANS is doing better but is continuing to suffer from headaches due to the concussion she suffered in a fall the week that she went to the hospital. *1265 East Gaines St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KATIE GARGIS has been diagnosed with Covid-19. **Jeremy and the children** plan to be tested later this week. *412 Paradise Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DAN and NATALIE HAISLIP and **JAMI HAISLIP DIXON** were all doing better as of Tuesday, September 7, after a battle with Covid-19, and Dan was able to return to work. Dan and Natalie: *702 9th Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.* Jami: *701 Fifth Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MICHAEL MASHBURN got a good report from his recent CT scan and blood work at Vanderbilt UMC. *250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

LISA PARRISH was transported to Maury Regional Medical Center on Tuesday, September 7. At last report, she was in the ER. Lisa has been battling pneumonia; she is also coping with non-alcoholic cirrhosis of the liver. *230 Jackson Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DEBBIE DELOACH, sister-in-law of **Shirley Evans**, was scheduled for open-heart double bypass surgery on Tuesday, September 7, in Texas. *926 Bass Ave., Port Isabel, TX 78578.*

TERRY EVANS, father of **Mark Evans**, received final confirmation yesterday that he only has two options regarding his two leaking heart valves. The first option involves an extensive, risky surgery, while the second option involves doing nothing, except treating the symptoms with medication. Terry has opted to undergo the first option (surgery), and he would appreciate everyone’s prayers. *1533 Voss Rd., Columbia, TN 38401.*

AMBER HALL, a longtime employee of the former Liberty Drug Store, is in Maury Regional Hospital with Covid-19.

DEBBIE JOHNSON, niece of **Hazel Violet** and cousin of **Kristi Miller**, has been battling Covid-19 for the past several weeks. She is still in Huntsville Hospital in CCU. Her pneumonia has worsened, and she is being treated with a very strong antibiotic that the doctor says is the last option. Please continue to pray for Debbie and her family. *80 Simmons Circle, Fayetteville, TN 37334.*

CARSON JONES, grandson of **Joseph and Rebecca Miele**, was doing better as of Tuesday, September 7, after being sick with Covid-19 for the past couple of weeks. He is still very weak. He is resting at home and hopes to return to school soon. *P.O. Box 370, Rogersville, AL 35652.*

JAMES SHAFFER, brother of **Robbie Guthrie**, was in St. Thomas Hospital, Rm. 780, as of Tuesday, September 7. He recently battled Covid-19 and is now battling pneumonia and a collapsed lung. Robbie would appreciate prayers for her brother.

PAMELA SOLO, niece of **Rodolfo Espinoza**, is doing much better after surgeries for gunshot wounds in Peru. Rodolfo is very thankful for everyone’s prayers.

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