

## UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

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 **October 31**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

The **van will be running** on Sunday, October 31. If you need a ride, please contact **Scott Harris** at **931-629-5994**.

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 31: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**  
Sunday, November 7: **Mark Evans and Shayne Adams**  
Sunday, November 14: **Tommy McClaren and Ethan Cooper**  
Sunday, November 21: **Russ Gallian and Joe Cook**

We have resumed **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**.

### October 20 and October 24, 2021

Mid-Week Bible Study.....not available  
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....142  
Sunday Morning Worship.....221  
Sunday Evening Worship.....—  
Contribution (2021 Budget \$10,975.00).....\$14,350.00  
Average (last available).....\$10,856.88

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247 Pulaski Street  
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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 November 1 – November 5 will be hosted by the **DEERFIELD** 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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## Worshiping the God Who Isn't

A caricature is a sketch or picture of a person in which certain striking features are exaggerated or blown out of proportion. Most caricatures are intended to be comical. If you're able, take a moment to google "celebrity caricatures." Some of them are especially brilliant, but they're all funny.

What's not amusing is when we do this with God. We blow some expectation of God or promise of God or attribute of God out of proportion, failing to see him and worship Him as He really is. We act as if this caricature of God that we've created or invented is God, and we worship that God, and when we worship that God, we are worshiping the God who isn't.

Some worship "**Trivia God.**" You're probably familiar with Trivial Pursuit. It's the classic and unending game that has delighted America for years by testing the knowledge of everyone in the household about a variety of things. "Trivia God" is neat because all he really cares about is knowledge. In fact, "Trivia God" has given us a big book, and there are all kinds of names and places and events to memorize, and all "Trivia God" really cares about is the retention of facts. Never mind being moved into action (cf. Matt. 7:24-27; Jas. 1:22-25). If I read my Bible and retain what I've read, then the Bible has served its purpose. "Trivia God" only cares about whether you know the right answers. "Trivia God" is a false god. He's not the real God.

Some worship "**Genie God.**" These folks view God like a genie in the lamp. We have a need. We have this moment of crisis, and we get all flustered, and then we remember, "Oh, I have a lamp with a genie inside. I can rub the lamp, say a prayer, and the genie will pop out. He will grant my wish, and then he will go back into the lamp until I summon him next time." We view God as a Heavenly Butler who is always at our beck and call. "Genie God" wants you to be happy, and that pretty much sums up his existence. "Genie God" is under our control. We manage him; he doesn't manage us. We think that we can put him in our pocket and carry him around. We let him out when he is allowed to be out, especially when we want or need something from him, and we keep him in when we don't want him interfering with what we are doing. "Genie God" is not God. "Genie God" does not exist, except in people's minds.

Others worship "**Cupid God.**" In a word, "Cupid God" is soft. Because his love, mercy, and grace are so overwhelming and powerful, he can pretty much ignore your sin and failure. In fact, when it comes to this god, words like "holy," "just," and "righteous" shouldn't be used to describe him. If you listen closely to his worshipers talk about him, you'll soon realize that this deity didn't create a place called hell.

Still others worship "**Tyrant God.**" If some people are worshiping "Cupid God"; others are worshiping the opposite: "Tyrant God." His trademark is the lightning bolt that he's poised to throw down in a moment's notice. His worshipers are fixated on the destruction of sinners because that's this god's calling card. Wrath is this god's forte, not mercy, grace, or longsuffering. He's a despot that just wants to show everyone how powerful he is. Fear, not love, is the only proper response to this god.

A. W. Tozier once observed, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us." It determines everything. It certainly determines if we are true worshipers worshiping the true God. So, it is pivotal that we perceive Him correctly (Rom. 11:22). We need to be certain that the God we believe in, worship, and speak about is real and true. All of us should desire to delight in the real character of God and not in a caricature of God.

**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 *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      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

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## thank you

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Thank you so much for your thoughts and prayers during my mother's (Nadine Pardue) illness and passing. Your kindness and sympathy are deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

*Diane Braswell and family*

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## coming soon

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### OCTOBER



During the month of October, we are participating in a **Food Drive** for the Family Resource Center of the Lawrence County School System.

**Please bring any type or brand of packaged snacks by THIS Sunday, October 31.**

**Sunday, October 31: Deadline for Ladies Retreat money! Ladies Retreat 2022 will be January 7 – 9, 2022.** Brittany is currently planning the details and arranging 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 by October 31.** The cost will be \$75 per person. (The cost could decrease a bit, depending on the number of ladies participating.)

**Sunday, October 31: Soup & Chili Supper @ 5:30 p.m.** Please bring a pot of soup or chili, shredded cheese, sour cream, crackers, chips, finger foods, sides, desserts, and/or drinks. **Trunk or Treat** will follow at approximately 6:30 p.m. in the east parking lot. Don't forget to decorate your trunks, and bring treats for the little ones.

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### NOVEMBER

**Sunday, November 7: Daylight Saving Time ends.** Before going to bed on Saturday evening, November 6, remember to move your clocks back one hour.

**Sunday, November 7: Combined devotional.** 5:30 p.m. in the fellowship building. All are invited and welcome.

**Thursday, November 11: Ladies Holiday Party.** This much-anticipated event will begin at 6 p.m. in the fellowship building. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the foyer bulletin board. Be watching, and if you'd like to attend, please sign up!

**Thursday, November 25: Thanksgiving Day.**

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## sympathy

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We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **JAMES MARKUS**. James was the grandfather of **Daniel Morphew** and the cousin of **Bob Markus**. He was a member of Salem Church of Christ. Arrangements were incomplete at print time.

Condolences may be sent to **Bob and Linda Markus** at 104 Roberta Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Condolences may be sent to **Daniel Morphew and family** at 751 Knob Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **MARK FIELDS**. Mark was the husband of **Candice Fields** and the father of **Carley Fields** and **Braden Fields**. He was the son of **Shorty and Ruth Fields**. This family is known to many here. The funeral was held on Sunday, October 24, in Lawrenceburg.

Condolences may be sent to **Candice and family** at 587 Weakley Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Condolences may be sent to **Shorty and Ruth** at 581 Weakley Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Prayers have been requested for all of those involved in any way with this recent tragic event in our community. They all need our prayers.

Put on then, as God's chosen ones,  
holy and beloved, compassionate hearts,  
kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.

Colossians 3:12

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## area opportunities

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**Thursday, November 4: Annual Benefit Dinner for UNA Christian Student Center.** Goat Hill String Band will perform. 7 p.m. at Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum. Tickets are \$75. 256-764-9439.

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## calendar correction

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Please add **CHARLIE SHADRICK**, son of **Caleb and Megan Shadrick**, to your November calendar. Charlie's first birthday will be Saturday, November 6!

Cards may be sent to him at 311 Land Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.

Apologies for this oversight. -Melanie

**Praise the Lord, for He is glorious;  
Never shall His promise fail.  
God has made His saints victorious:  
Sin and death shall not prevail.  
Praise the God of our salvation!  
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;  
Heaven and earth and all creation,  
Laud and magnify His name.**

-John Kempthorne

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## youth news

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**October 31<sup>st</sup> - Trunk or Treat!** There will be a soup and chili supper in the fellowship building at 5:30 p.m., followed by Trunk or Treat in the east parking lot. The trunk or treating should get underway by 6:30 p.m. Bring a pot of soup or chili, some toppings, sides, or drinks and get those trunks/truck beds decorated!

**November 6<sup>th</sup> - RUSH at FHU!** We will leave the south parking lot at 6:20 a.m. to head to Henderson! Registration cost will be covered by the youth budget, but you will need to bring money for meals and any souvenirs you may want to purchase. We will stop for breakfast if you want to get a biscuit, and you will need money for lunch and supper.

**November 7<sup>th</sup> - Combined Devo!** This will take place in the fellowship building and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Pizza will be provided, but please bring chips, desserts, and drinks.

**November 21<sup>st</sup> - Soul Food Sunday!** Location and time will be announced soon.

For the last several years, we have had three subgroups within our youth group. The teens have been those students in grades 7-12, the in-betweens have been those students in grades 3-6, and the tweens have been those students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and younger. This has worked well, but I believe that it is time to reorganize these groups and to rebrand/rename them.

Since the school system views 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades as middle school now, it makes sense to me to align our youth group's age breakdown to coincide with that. Therefore, moving forward there will be a 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade group and a 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger group. This will also hopefully cut down on some confusion as to which group your child(ren) fall into and what the name for your child(ren)'s age bracket will be moving forward.

As to the rebranding and renaming, I plan to unveil the new names for these age groups within PSYG at the combined devo on November 7<sup>th</sup> and have a devotional that pertains to their names! I hope that you will make your plans to be there!

One caveat to the age groups listed above that I do want to make you aware of is that, generally speaking, any overnight trips that the older group goes on will only be for those students in grades 7-12. Many of the events that we attend are designated for students of that age. These decisions will be made on a per-event basis, and there may be additional requirements for various activities/trips. I will keep you posted as it pertains to each event.

Thanks for working with me as we move forward, and I look forward to telling all of you more about this on November 7<sup>th</sup>!

Until next time...

*Jeremy*

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## prayers are requested

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

**LOUISE BATES** was still in STRHS-Lawrenceburg as of Tuesday, October 26, for therapy after recently suffering a stroke. She was improving and expected to return to The Summit on Friday, October 29. *c/o The Summit, 186 Prosser Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**RANDY BRITTON** was scheduled for surgery to repair an aortic aneurysm on Wednesday, October 27, at St. Thomas Hospital. *365 Chickens Creek Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.*

**JUDY BRYANT** is scheduled for back surgery this Thursday, October 28, at Maury Regional. *25 Harris Bryant Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**NATALIE HAISLIP** was scheduled for rotator cuff surgery on Wednesday, October 27, at the Bone and Joint Clinic in Columbia. *702 9th Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**RAY HAROLD** is continuing to contend with health issues. *P.O. Box 625, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**LEONARD KIRK** was hospitalized at Maury Regional as of Monday, October 25; he was continuing treatment for low blood pressure, low potassium, and severe dehydration.

**LISA PARRISH** is continuing with appointments and tests for multiple health problems. *230 Jackson Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**MIKE PURCELL** suffered what was first thought to be a mini-stroke on Saturday, October 16. He seems to be doing fine, so it's now thought to have been a TIA. He'll be having more tests on Friday, October 29, to check for blockages, etc. *9 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**KEN REEDY** is doing much better after having Covid-19 for the past several days. *2471 Brandi Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**TOM BEUERLEIN**, brother-in-law of **David Frazier**, is hospitalized in Nashville with breathing difficulty. *600 Douglas Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**TERRY EVANS**, father of **Mark Evans** and brother of **Mack Evans**, is still in Centennial Medical Center. He had open heart surgery on Wednesday, October 20, to repair his leaking aortic and mitral heart valves. He suffered a light heart attack on Sunday, October 24. At last report, he was doing much better and hoping to be discharged sometime this week to go to rehab. *1533 Voss Rd., Columbia, TN 38401.*

**SUSAN SILVERMAN**, a close friend of **Sarah Jane Cothren**, is now scheduled to have a surgical biopsy of the mass in her abdomen on Wednesday, November 3, at Vanderbilt UMC. The CT-guided needle biopsy was unsuccessful. *2015 Westwood Dr., Columbia, TN 38401.*

Please continue to pray for **Kym B. Brown, Nell Davis, Ricardo Diaz, Tyson Grooms, Robbie Guthrie, Michael Mashburn, James & Thelma McCloud, Jean Parrish, Lisa Parrish, Tony Parrish, Debbie Phann, Ken Reedy, Barbara Sisk, Aaron Snider, Debbie Baker, Tommy Beuerlein, Domanica Cheatwood, Jeff Clifton, David Daniel, Greg Donnelly, Bernadette Gray, Samantha Hood, Debbie Johnson, Carson Jones, Tim & Renee Miller, Kala Murrell, Dorothy Pope, Jenna Kelly Sanders, James Shaffer, J.W. Welch**, and all those who have been mentioned recently.