

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 December 5**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

The **van will be running** on Sunday, December 5. If you need a ride, please contact **Reggie Holt** at **931-629-8920**.

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, December 5: **Russ Gallian** and **Joe Cook**

Sunday, December 12: **Mark Evans** and **Shayne Adams**

Sunday, December 19: **Mark Evans** and **Shayne Adams**

Sunday, December 26: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

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**.

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Contribution (2021 Budget \$10,975.00).....	\$9,530.45
Average (last available).....	\$10,777.86

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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 December 6 – December 10 will be hosted by the **LEOMA** 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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True Freedom

In the October 1999 edition of *Rolling Stone*, Chris Heath records his commentary on a discussion he had with actor Brad Pitt about religion: "There is one subject [Pitt] refers to time and time again, and that is religion. 'I would call it oppression,' [Pitt] says, 'because it stifles any kind of personal individual freedom. I dealt with a lot of that, and my family would diametrically disagree with me on all of that.'"

Heath continues: "It's only when we later drift into an unlikely debate about one of the New Testament parables that I realize just how different a kind of God Pitt grew up with. To him, the parable of the Prodigal Son is an authoritarian tale told to keep people in line. 'This,' [Pitt] explains, 'is a story which says if you go out and try to find your own voice and find what works for you and what makes sense for you, then you are going to be destroyed and you will be humbled and you will not be alive again until you come home to the father's ways.'"

For Pitt, not to mention countless others, *we should be free to live as we see fit*. This is arguably the baseline cultural narrative in the West, but then you open up the Bible, and you come across a verse like Jeremiah 10:23, which reads, "I know, O Lord, that the way of man is not in himself, that it is not in man who walks to direct his steps" (ESV). Or, as another translation puts it: "People's lives are not their own; it is not for them to direct their steps" (NIV).

So many folks say, in essence, "I want to direct my own steps." God says, "It's not in man who walks to direct his steps." These two statements don't gel. They are so different that they both can't be true at the same time. In much of our society, Christianity, which finds its roots in this truth from Jeremiah, is seen as the archenemy of freedom. In the minds of many, to choose faith in God is to reject freedom, and to choose freedom is to reject faith in God. Is this true?

It's paradoxical, but the Bible teaches that true freedom is found in becoming a slave or servant of God and His way of righteousness (Rom. 6:15-23; Gal. 5:1, 13-14; Jas. 1:25). True freedom is found in being set free from sin (and its ultimate consequences) to freely serve our Creator and Redeemer who not only *knows* what is best for us, but also *wants* what is best for us. This is what Pitt fails to acknowledge about God. To live apart from God's direction and guidance is to become enslaved to one's own worldly passions and errant desires, which will ultimately lead to death, i.e., separation from God forever, rather than life, i.e., fellowship with God forever (Rom. 6:23).

One could also argue that it's impossible to live completely free. We are all going to serve something or someone, even if it's our own wayward desires. Scripture consistently strikes the note that we had better choose to serve God and not anything or anyone else. After all, God has given us an incredibly good reason to love and trust Him (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8).

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

sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **KYM BILBREY BROWN**. She was the wife of **Eddie Brown** and the mother of **Savannah Brown**. She was the daughter of **Grady Bilbrey**, who used to attend here, and the late **Frances Bilbrey**. We had no information about arrangements by print time.

Condolences may be sent to Eddie and family at 105 Graves Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **DON COOPER**. He was the uncle of **Ethan Cooper**. He was the brother of Ethan's father, **Doyle Cooper**. A memorial service was scheduled for Thursday, December 2, from 5:30 p.m. until 9 p.m. at Providence Hall in Lawrenceburg.

Condolences may be sent to Ethan and family at 309 Pond Field Rd., Westpoint, TN 38486.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Jim and Kaley Donnelly and family** on the death of Jim's grandfather, **EDWARD DONNELLY**. He was the father of Jim's father, **Greg Donnelly**. He was the great grandfather of **Matti Grey Donnelly** and **Duke Donnelly**. A private family service will be held.

Condolences may be sent to **Jim, Kaley, and family** at 29 S Park Grove Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Condolences may be sent to **Greg and Janet Donnelly** (Jim's parents) at 8621 Cherokee Trail, Crossville, TN 38572.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **CHARLIE MCCRORY**. He was the brother of **Sandra Egly**/brother-in-law of **Fred Egly**. A private service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to Sandra and Fred at 641 Good Hope Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **WILLIE MAE RIGGINS**. Mrs. Riggins was the mother of **Tammy Foster**/mother-in-law of **Kevin Foster**, and the grandmother of **Faith Foster** and **Charity Brown**. The funeral was held on Sunday, November 28, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **Tammy, Kevin, and family** at 130 Berger St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **EDDIE HOLMAN**. He was the brother-in-law of **JoAnn Holman**. The funeral was held on Saturday, November 27, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **JoAnn** at P.O. Box 216, Leoma, TN 38468.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel.

Philippians 1:27, ESV

coming soon

DECEMBER

This coming Sunday, December 5: Meeting for ladies who are going to the **Ladies Retreat** in January. Please meet in the west wing following the morning worship service.

Ladies, there are still a few spots available for the Ladies Retreat scheduled for January 7-9. The cost is \$75 per person. If you are interested, please see **Brittany Evans** as soon as possible.

Saturday, December 11:

COAT & BLANKET GIVEAWAY

Pulaski Street will be having a **COAT & BLANKET GIVEAWAY** on **Saturday, December 11**. This event will take place from **10:30 until 11:30 a.m.** in and around the **main foyer** of the church building. If you'd like to help prepare for this event, come to the foyer area on **Thursday, December 9**, to **help sort and organize** the donations.

Please bring any **NEW or IN-EXCELLENT-CONDITION USED coats and blankets** to the church office. If you prefer, you may donate money (by this **Sunday, December 5**, please) to be used to purchase items.

These items, **while they last**, will be distributed to anyone who needs them.

Saturday, December 25:

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST

We will be hosting our Community Christmas Breakfast once again this year. This is scheduled for Saturday, December 25, from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Building. Help will be needed to cook, serve, and clean up. Be watching for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.

JANUARY

Friday, January 7 – Sunday, January 9, 2022:

LADIES RETREAT 2022

If you have any questions, please see **Brittany Evans**.

SPANISH TRANSLATOR AT YOUR SERVICE!

If any of our members, especially businesspeople, encounter Spanish speakers and need help communicating with them, our Hispanic minister, **Rodolfo Espinoza**, is ready and willing to serve as a translator. This will be another way for Rodolfo to meet more Spanish speakers and develop friendships with them while assisting them with their needs.

If this need arises for you, please **call Rodolfo** at **615-516-0650**. He will be happy to help.

Also, please tell your Spanish-speaking friends, neighbors, and coworkers about our Hispanic ministry and invite them to visit us here at Pulaski Street anytime!



youth news

December 5th - Lions Devo! We will meet in the fellowship building at 6:00 p.m., and supper will be provided. 6th-12th grade students, make your plans to be here! We will conclude by 8:00 p.m.

December 9th - Coat and Blanket Giveaway work Day! Come to the church building at 4:00 p.m. (or anytime shortly after) to help sort and organize the coats and blankets that we will be giving away! We will have a devotional and supper after we are done. Anyone who wants to come is welcome!

December 11th - Coat and Blanket Giveaway! We will be giving the items away from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Please try to arrive by 10:15 a.m.

December 12th - Lambs Christmas Party! The Lambs are those students in the 5th grade and younger. The party will take place in the fellowship building and will begin at 2:00 p.m. Make your plans to be there! **Please notice** that we have moved this up to **2:00 p.m.** so that the Lions can go to the Maury County area-wide that evening!

December 12th - L2L Bible Bowl Practice! This will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the church building.

December 12th - Maury County Area-Wide! This is for the Lions (grades 6-12). We will leave from the church parking lot at 4:15 p.m. A meal will be provided, so all you'll need to bring is your Bible!

December 19th - Lions Christmas Party! The party will take place at the Gargises' house and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Come for supper, a devotional, and a gift swap! Please bring a \$15 gift that you actually like. Hope to see you there!

Junk emails. We all get them. Sometimes the emails are potential scams. Sometimes the messages are from legitimate sellers who are just wanting us to buy something. There are even times, perhaps, that the offers pique our interest. Regardless, these incessant emails can certainly get out of hand.

This week I have probably clicked the "unsubscribe" button at least 50 times! I would imagine that the increase in unwanted emails that I, and probably many of you, have received has something to do with all of the "Cyber Monday" deals that everyone is offering. Many of the senders have been sending me similar, unwanted emails for months, but I just hadn't done anything about it other than delete them. Now I've done my part to stop receiving them.

Are there other things in our lives that we might need to figuratively click the "unsubscribe" link on? Surely I'm not the only one who sometimes finds myself wasting time and resources on unnecessary or unhelpful things! We should all be more serious about doing good things than we are about other stuff that just gets in the way or takes up an inordinate amount of our time.

"And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up." - Galatians 6:9

"Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God." - Hebrews 13:16

"As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good."
- 2 Thess. 3:13

Until next time...**Jeremy**

prayers are requested

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

JACOB EVANS had a heart catheterization on Tuesday, November 30, after experiencing heart-related symptoms. A 99% blockage was found, and a stent was successfully placed to open it. The procedure went well, and, at print time, Jacob was recovering at Maury Regional Hospital. 227 Parkes Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

LEONARD KIRK is still in NHC Scott, Rm. 125A, after his recent hospitalization. 2380 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

HAZEL VIOLET is still awaiting a call from the scheduling department at Vanderbilt to notify her of the date of her upcoming oral cancer surgery. **Mrs. Hazel** is treating her pain with medication. Cards are welcome, but please keep phone calls brief. **Please, no in-person visits at this time.** 540 8th Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

TOMMY BEUERLEIN, brother-in-law of **David Frazier**, is now in St. Thomas Hospital Midtown where he is undergoing physical therapy and respiratory therapy. Tommy has been hospitalized for more than a month. 600 Douglas Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

CORNELL COATS, a student at the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies (where **Jacob Evans** served as Academic Dean and Instructor), continues to battle complications of Covid-19 in a Knoxville hospital. As of Monday, November 29, he was showing improvement in his speech and ability to move his limbs. Continued prayers are requested.

LINDSAY GOWEN, granddaughter of **Robert and Carolyn Morris**, is feeling better after a recent diagnosis of viral meningitis and pseudotumor cerebri. Medication is helping with her pain. She is scheduled for an appointment with a neurologist this Thursday, December 2. 257 Idaho Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.

ANDREA HELTON, daughter of **Billy and Donna Helton** and sister of **Biff Helton**, had back surgery last week. She was released from the hospital to return home on Saturday, November 27. She's having a lot of pain and is currently using a walker to get around. 1104 Stonehenge Court, Columbia, TN 38401.

WANDA KING, sister of **Vickie Crouch**, returned home on Sunday, November 28, from a stay in Maury Regional Hospital where she was treated for congestive heart failure and pneumonia. 100 Evans Rd., Five Points, TN 38457.

ALISA SWANSON, sister of **Melanie Nutt**, had surgery last week in Oxford, MS, to implant a pacemaker and defibrillator. The surgery went well, and Alisa is recovering at home.

Please continue to pray for: **Cathy Atwell, Louise Bates, Nell Davis, Robbie Guthrie, Dean Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Leonard Kirk, Michael Mashburn, James & Thelma McCloud, Jean Parrish, Tony & Lisa Parrish, Mike Purcell, Bertha Shelton, Tim & Renee Miller, Dorothy Pope, Jenna Kelly Sanders, J.W. Welch**, and all those mentioned recently.