

## 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 **January 30, 2022**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

The **van will be running** on Sunday, January 30. 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, January 30: **Mark Evans** and **Shayne Adams**

Sunday, February 6: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, February 13: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, February 20: **Russ Gallian** and **Joe Cook**

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**.

### January 19 and January 23, 2022

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	69
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	106
Sunday Morning Worship.....	167
Sunday Evening Worship.....	no service
Contribution (2022 Budget \$11,036.00).....	\$11,499.00
Average (last available).....	\$10,407.25

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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 January 31 – February 4 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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## The Idol of Sports

One could easily make the case that our culture's obsession with sports has essentially turned into a surrogate religion for many people. In fact, Charles S. Prebish, a professor of religious studies at Pennsylvania State University, doesn't believe our passion for sports is *like* a religion; he flat-out says it *is* one, calling sports "America's newest and fastest-growing religion, far outdistancing whatever is in second place." Another writer observes: "As Christians we believe that human beings are incurably religious. If we do not worship the true God, we seek a false god. Sports is today's god and serves as a substitute for the true God."

Sports can be considered a gift from God, but if we are not careful, the gift can supplant the Giver. Whether we are playing, coaching, or watching sports, we must be on guard that we don't turn what is an otherwise good thing into an ultimate thing, or even a bad thing. God will not accept second place in our hearts, and He refuses to share first place (Matt. 6:24).

Below are some diagnostic questions for you. By providing an honest answer to these questions, you'll be able to determine whether your interaction with sports is a perfectly acceptable diversion or has become an unhealthy obsession, bordering on idolatry, if not full-blown idolatry.

- **Do you derive your identity or self-worth from sports?** Is your self-worth ultimately tied to your athletic prowess in some sport or your fandom for some team? Is your identity wrapped up more in being a player on some team or a fan of some ball club rather than being a child of God? Our identity is supposed to be in Christ, but when we derive our identity from anyone or anything else, we insult Christ.
- **Do you often leave important things undone because you are preoccupied with playing, coaching, watching, and/or discussing sports?** We have responsibilities to God, our families, and our own spiritual growth. Is your preoccupation with sports interfering with your roles or responsibilities as son/daughter of God, as a husband/wife, or as a father/mother?
- **Do you care more about the advancement of your sports team than the advancement of God's kingdom?** What really concerns you most?
- **While cheering for your team, do you display arrogance and unkindness towards those who aren't wearing the same colors as you?** If your behavior at a game would make it awkward for you to shift your conversation to your faith in Christ, then you need to question if God is really sitting on the throne of your heart. You've probably known Christians who prefer to watch games alone because they don't want others to observe the way they act or to hear the things they say. Abraham Kuyper's famous dictum ought to shape our interest in sports, too: "No single piece of our mental world is to be hermetically sealed off from the rest, and there is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry: 'Mine!'"
- **Do you enjoy sports as a good gift from God even when your team loses?** Is the outcome of a game functionally the lord of your life? What kind of grip does the outcome of a mere sporting event have on your emotions or behavior? It's one thing to be disappointed; it's another thing to be devastated.
- **Does your sports fanaticism create division between you and other people?** We've all seen the "House Divided" stickers and signs, but if your fandom has been the cause of some division with another human being, then that's a problem. There are some valid reasons for division or withdrawal spelled out in the Bible. Which team someone cheers for is not one of them.

**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 *January, February, and March* is **Eric Nutt**.

**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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## sympathy

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We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **DOROTHY GLASS**. Mrs. Glass was the mother of **Ricky Glass**, former longtime preacher at Summertown Church of Christ, and the mother of **Lisa Seaver**, whom many of you know. She was the great aunt of **Kyler Brown**, husband of **Charity Foster Brown**. The funeral was held Monday, January 24, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **Ricky Glass and family** at 139 Jonestown Rd., Summertown, TN 38483.

Condolences may be sent to **Lisa Seaver and family** at 120 Valley Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Condolences may be sent to **Kyler and Charity Brown** at 331 Lone Star Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

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## coming soon

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### JANUARY

**Sunday, January 30: *Special Contribution!*** All funds given above our weekly budget amount will be designated to help with the building project of the brethren in India.

**Sunday, January 30:** *No p.m. service on this date.*

### FEBRUARY

**Sunday, February 6:** F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Tuesday, February 8:** Dorcas Sewing. 10-3 in the FB.

**Sunday, February 13:** F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Sunday, February 20:** F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Tuesday, February 22:** Dorcas Sewing. 10-3 in the FB.

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## area opportunity

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**Saturday, January 29: 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Day.** Leoma Church of Christ. Speaker Kirk Brothers. The theme is "Joshua." Beginning at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served at noon.

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## thank you

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I just wanted to write and thank you for the floral arrangement you sent when Susie Davis passed away. Susie was so loved by Pulaski Street, and she loved Pulaski Street. May God bless.

**Bob and Lerie Davis**

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## library news

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**Joan Childress** and **Judy Heffington** have been working for quite some time on updating our church library and related systems. Soon, the upgraded Pulaski Street Library collection will be available for adult and Lion use. Parents must check out books for Lambs.

If you desire to check out library materials, please fill out a library patron application (the information will be used in the automated circulation system). Applications are located on the middle table in the main foyer. Please place the completed form in the designated box beside the forms.

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## youth news

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**February 20<sup>th</sup> – Maury County Area-wide!** We will leave from the south parking lot at 4:25 p.m. to go to Highland Church of Christ. Bring your Bible!

**February 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> - Challenge Youth Conference!** We will leave Friday morning at 8:30 a.m. You will need to bring money for three meals, gas station stops, and any souvenirs you may want to purchase (I recommend bringing at least \$60). Please keep our group in your prayers as we travel.

**March 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> - Dexter Youth Rally!** This will take place at the Dexter Church of Christ in Dexter, MO. We will leave at 3:30 p.m. from the church parking lot on Friday. It will cost \$20 to go, plus you will need to pay for two meals. See me to sign up!

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We looked at the judge Jephthah in Bible class this past Sunday morning. Those who recall this Biblical account remember Jephthah most for the vow that he made to God that turned out tragically. Long story short, he promised God that if he was victorious over the Ammonites, then he would offer the first thing that approached him from his house as a burnt offering. Jephthah was victorious, and the first thing that came to him from his house was his only daughter!

Obviously, this was a very devastating situation. I can't imagine the regret that he felt for the vow that he made! With that in mind, I would like to offer a challenge for all of us to consider.

Don't make promises that you aren't certain that you can keep. Additionally, whether you have promised or not, just do what you say you will do!

Every now and then there are understandable circumstances, such as sickness, emergencies, etc., that keep us from doing things that we have said that we would do. For the most part, though, we have the opportunity to follow through on things that we have promised.

Doing what we vow is a big deal when it comes to our integrity. It's important for us to place emphasis on it!

*"Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but he who makes his ways crooked will be found out."* - Proverbs 10:9

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Until next time...**Jeremy**

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Please also continue to pray for: **Duane Davis, Robbie Guthrie, Billy Helton I, Dean Hughes, Michael Mashburn, James & Thelma McCloud, Jean Parrish, Tony & Lisa Parrish, Larry & Bonnie Pope, Bertha Shelton, Diane Springer, Chris, Stephanie, & Kathryn Taylor, Judy Vandiver, J.W. & Ruby Welch, Cathy Berry, Tommy Beuerlein, Tim & Renee Miller, Harold and Linda McAnally, Dorothy Pope, Jenna Kelly Sanders, Barbara Weaver,** and all those mentioned recently.

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## prayers are requested

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

**CATHY ATWELL** has received results from her recent breast biopsy. She does have cancer. It appears to be confined to a small area. The plan is for her to have a lumpectomy, which will be scheduled as soon as possible. She expects to undergo a short course of radiation following the surgery. Please pray for Cathy and her family. 250 Wesley Chapel Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**JIM and KALEY DONNELLY** are both doing fine now after a recent diagnosis of Covid-19. 29 S Park Grove Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**JEREMY GARGIS** tested positive for Covid-19 on Monday, January 24. He was having flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature. 412 Paradise St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**JO JO GIESKE** is still coping with fatigue after having Covid-19, but, thankfully, he was able to return to work on Monday, January 24. 5434 Gimlet Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**TIM HAMMOND** is doing well and is back to work after having Covid-19. 197 Old Jackson Hwy., Loretto, TN 38469.

**DONNA HELTON** fell on Friday, January 21, and injured her back. She has a fractured vertebra and is in pain. 219 Waterloo St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**TOMMY LEE** was feeling better as of Tuesday, January 25, after testing positive for Covid-19 last week. 3040 Hwy. 43 S., Loretto, TN 38469.

**DUSTIN and AMANDA MAGGARD** are both doing much better after having Covid-19. 483 Annie Rooney Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**REBECCA MIELE** tested positive for Covid-19 on Sunday, January 23. She has had sinus symptoms, fever, and dehydration. She is being treated with medication for nausea and dizziness. 1036 Alex Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**TERRI SNIDER ROSE** is continuing to recover from lingering effects of Covid-19, including fatigue, congestion, and issues with her throat. 180 Curry Rd., Pulaski, TN 38478.

**LINDA SNIDER** was admitted to Maury Regional Hospital on Saturday, January 22, with complications of Covid-19. She has pneumonia in both lungs, and she is being given supplemental oxygen. 703 Lloyd St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**HAZEL VIOLET** is still in Vanderbilt UMC. She has been undergoing treatment for an upper GI bleed that developed last week. The doctor feels that the ulcer is healing. She was scheduled to meet with staff from physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech therapy, and wound care on Monday, January 24, as she continues to recover from recent oral cancer surgery. Cards may be sent to her c/o The Millers, 991 Paige Dr., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

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Prayers are requested for **the COOPER family** who are members of Eastpoint church of Christ in Eastpoint, FL. This family lost their two young daughters in a fire on Friday, January 21, as well as their home and all of their belongings. The parents and two sons survived.

**RANDALL STAGGS**, a friend of the **Markuses** and **Heltons**, still has tests pending to determine the next step of treatment for a mass in and around his kidney. 297 Brush Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**MARTHA DAVIS**, mother of **Bennie McFall** who attended here in the past, returned home from Maury Regional Hospital with supplemental oxygen on Wednesday, January 19, after treatment for double pneumonia and Covid-19.

**JIMMY DRYDEN**, who attends Leoma Church of Christ and serves as an elder there, is back at his home and recovering after recent surgery for a broken hip and a broken leg. He is in a lot of pain. 79 Old Jackson Hwy., Leoma, TN 38468.

**LEE FRAZIER**, who is the brother of **Nelda Eledge** and is known to many of you, has had surgeries to remove portions of his leg due to an infection. He had developed sepsis and was on a ventilator as of Monday, January 24.

**KENNETH GUTHRIE**, son of **Robbie Guthrie**, continues to regain his strength and recover from recent gallbladder surgery at the home of his sister in Alabama. His home address: 993 Tom Hailey Blvd., LaVergne, TN 37086.

**CIERRA HAFFNER**, granddaughter of **Ken and Debbie Kidd**, was released on Friday, January 21, to return home from Vanderbilt UMC after treatment for blood clots in her leg and lung. She has a long recovery ahead of her. 103 Lebanon Hwy., Carthage, TN 37030.

**ERICA MIELE HOWELL**, daughter of **Joe and Rebecca Miele**, has tested positive for Covid-19. 404 Jackie Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**Rodolfo Espinoza**, who was still in Peru as of Tuesday, January 25, has requested prayers for two faithful Peruvian ministers, **ALEX INOCENTE** and **MANUEL BUENO**. They both have Covid-19.

**JASMINE MIELE JONES**, daughter of **Joe and Rebecca Miele**, has tested positive for Covid-19. As of Tuesday, January 25, she was congested and feeling pretty rough. P.O. Box 370, Rogersville, AL 35652.

**STEPHANIE RABY**, a friend of **Mindy Markus**, is still hospitalized in Nevada with complications of Covid-19. She is stable, and her pneumonia seemed to be slightly improved as of Monday, January 24. She is still on a ventilator. Reducing her sedation medications is causing confusion, anxiety, and depression. Please pray for Stephanie and her family. 1119 Casa Palermo Cir., Henderson, NV 89011-3142.