

## UPCOMING WORSHIP INFO

If you need to ride the church van to our services, please contact **Scott Harris** at **931-629-5994**.

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 **Sunday, July 31, 2022**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

**DOOR GREETERS** (front foyer) for **Sunday, July 31:**  
**Reggie and Pam Holt**

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, July 31: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**  
Sunday, August 7: **Russ Gallian** and **Jeremy Snider**  
Sunday, August 14: **Russ Gallian** and **Jeremy Snider**  
Sunday, August 21: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

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.

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 20 and July 24, 2022

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	132
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	179
Sunday Morning Worship.....	267
Sunday Evening Worship.....	est. 63
Contribution (2022 Budget \$11,036.00).....	\$8,408.00
Average (last available).....	\$10,284.06

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### SCHEDULE of SERVICES

Sunday Bible Classes.....	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship.....	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening.....	5:30 p.m.*
Wednesday Evening.....	7:00 p.m.
*4 <sup>th</sup> Sundays, 1 p.m. song service. 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays, no p.m. service.	

### SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

♦ On WDXE AM 1370/FM 102.5 ♦ 12:45 p.m. ♦ Monday – Friday ♦  
The upcoming week of August 1 – August 5 will be hosted  
by the **PULASKI STREET** 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. jars

*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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## Bootleg Religion

During the 1920s in the U.S., the law forbade the manufacture, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages. This was the Prohibition Era. Some folks, refusing to give up their toddies, decided to make their own. They created their own home-brewed elixirs, i.e., bootleg booze. This is essentially what Jeroboam did with religion in 1 Kings 12:25-33; he made his own bootleg religion.

Before we look at the text, let's contextualize it. In his old age, King Solomon turned his heart away from God, choosing to follow instead the gods of his wives (1 Kings 11:1-8). This angered God, so God appeared to Solomon twice to confront him about his apostasy. Solomon paid no mind. As a result, God told Solomon that he would rip ten of the twelve tribes away from Solomon's son and give them to another (1 Kings 11:9-13). Prior to Solomon's death, a prophet by the name of Ahijah spoke with a man named Jeroboam, promising him kingship over ten of the twelve tribes. He also promised him prosperity if he would but keep the Lord's commandments (1 Kings 11:29-39). In time, the prophet's words came true, and Jeroboam was made king over Israel (the northern ten tribes), while Judah (the southern two tribes) remained under the control of Rehoboam, Solomon's son.

As we enter the text, keep in mind that Jeroboam has not only received the kingship of the northern kingdom that the prophet predicted, but Jeroboam also has God's guarantee to be with him and prosper him, if he will but do what God says. Take a few moments to read 1 Kings 12:25-33. Three words will help us break our text down: (1) Security (vv. 25-27); (2) Subtlety (vv. 28-30); (3) Stupidity (vv. 31-33).

**Security.** The Lord's own word wasn't enough for Jeroboam. He needed something more secure than the Lord's word. Ironically, he was concerned, even fearful, that the orthodox religion of Israel would be his undoing. What mattered most to Jeroboam was not truth but position, so he did what he thought he must do to hold on to what he had rather than trust God's word and promises.

**Subtlety.** Not only does Jeroboam link his new cult with the bull worship at Sinai, perhaps to cast a mantle of legitimacy over his innovation among the uninformed, but he also chooses two locations for worship that have a heritage (for good or ill) of being religious centers. As such, Jeroboam could argue that his bootleg religion wasn't novel, but historical. It wasn't about apostasy; it was about diversity. False religion majors in subtlety and desires to appear congenial and justifiable.

**Stupidity.** The narrator makes it clear that Jeroboam's bootleg religion was "devised from his own heart" (vv. 33). And no less than eight times in three verses, the narrator highlights his religion is based on what he had made, not the Lord's commandments or instructions. In essence, the Lord is saying through the writer that Jeroboam's religion is Jeroboam's concoction.

**Worship either rests on the prescriptions of divine revelation or on the preferences of the human heart.** That may sound too simplistic to some, but it's scriptural. Our current western culture may not be enamored with golden calves, but it is deeply in love with religious subjectivism ("I want to do whatever I'd prefer in worship") and cultural relevance ("I want to do whatever will make culture think we're cool"). If one's religion is based on or directed by the preferences of a mere human being or a collection of human beings, then it is a bootleg religion. And every bootleg religion displeases God because it does not reflect His will for us.

**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 is 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

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## *prayer for forgiveness*

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On Tuesday, July 26, **Jacob Evans** visited and prayed with **DUANE DAVIS** at his home. Duane wishes to have nothing hindering his relationship with God, and he asked Jacob to announce that. *1214 Poplar Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

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## *coming soon*

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### JULY

**This coming Sunday, July 31: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.**

We will have a **Bilingual Worship Service** on this date, followed by a **fellowship meal**.

Please bring food for your family and enough to share with our guests. No p.m. service on this date.

### AUGUST

**Sunday, August 7: Ice Cream Supper.** David Crockett State Park. Shelter #1. 5:30 p.m. 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.

**Tuesday, August 9: Dorcas Sewing.** 10-3 in the FB.

**Sunday, August 14: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Saturday, August 20: Men’s Breakfast.** 8:30 a.m. in the FB.

**Sunday, August 21: SPECIAL EVENT!** 1 p.m. in the main foyer. See bulletin board, e-mails, and overhead announcements for details.

**Sunday, August 21: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Tuesday, August 23: Dorcas Sewing.** 10-3 in the FB.

**Wednesday, August 24: Ladies Bible Class** resumes after the summer hiatus. 10 a.m. in the fellowship building.

**Saturday, August 27: Leadership Conference.** Guest speaker Evertt Huffard.

**Sunday, August 28: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. Super Sunday.** Guest speaker Evertt Huffard. We will have a fellowship meal following the worship service.

### SEPTEMBER

**Sunday, September 4: SPECIAL EVENT!** 1 p.m. in the main foyer. See bulletin board, e-mails, and overhead announcements for details.

**Saturday, September 10: Lawrence County Walk4Water!**

**Tuesday, September 13: Dorcas Sewing.** 10-3 in the FB.

**Thursday, September 15, thru Saturday, September 17: Young Adults Fall Retreat (Pigeon Forge, TN).** FYI, this retreat is for those in their 20s/30s/earlyish 40s. This is not a marriage retreat. The cost is \$75 person. Please turn in your money as soon as possible; the **DEADLINE** is August 14. Any questions? See **Joe or Sandi Cook**.

**Tuesday, September 27: Dorcas Sewing.** 10-3 in the FB.

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## *baptized*

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We rejoice to announce that on Friday, July 8, **MATTI GREY DONNELLY** was baptized into Christ. **Matti Grey** is the daughter of **Jim and Kaley Donnelly** and the granddaughter of **T.J. and Sammie Hughes**.

You may send congratulations and encouragement to MG at *29 S. Park Grove Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

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## *placed membership*

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On Sunday, July 17, it was announced that **CLIFF and ENA REAVES** have placed their membership with us here at Pulaski Street. **Cliff and Ena** have two sons: **Asa** is 14, and **Eli** is 12.

Ena is the daughter of **Darrell and Pam Snider**, the granddaughter of **Wilma Snider** and **Dorothy Underwood**, and the sister of **Rachel Hughes**.

Cliff manages the Fed-Ex Center at the Spring Hill Walmart location, and Ena is beginning her new position as 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Ingram Sowell Elementary School.

We welcome the Reaves family, and we look forward to working and worshiping with them.

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## *thank you*

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Dear Pulaski Street Church Family,

Thank you to Jacob, Jeremy, and the congregation for all the prayers, cards, food, and the gift shared with us during this difficult time. We really do appreciate it so very much.

**Beth, Frank, Brittany, Kircey, Bobby, Jessica, and Emery (The Willodean Campbell family)**

Thank you for all the prayers, cards, and gift that you shared with us during this difficult time. Thank you for being so kind with the loss of my brother. **Beth Campbell**

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## *sympathy*

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We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **THIRUPATH NAIDN**. Thirupath was a dear friend/fellow preacher of **Vinod Rao** (a preacher in India whom we support); he recently passed after suffering severe injuries in a motorcycle incident.

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## *area opportunities*

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**Thursday, July 28, thru Saturday, July 30: VBS.** Fall River Church of Christ. “Joy at the Jordan.” Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. Saturday at 3 p.m. See bulletin board for details.

**Sunday, July 31, thru Wednesday, August 3: Come Together.** Leoma Church of Christ. Guest speaker Joe Wells. M-W 7 p.m.

**Sunday, August 7: Homecoming.** Plainview Church of Christ, Hazel Green, AL. Guest speaker Eric D. Garner.

**Saturday, August 13: Men’s Seminar.** East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. Speakers: B.J. Clarke, Jim Dearman, and Alan Highers. Registration starts at 8 a.m. Lunch served.

**Thursday, August 25: Ladies’ Mental Health Forum.** Heritage Christian University, Florence, AL. Panel discussion 6-8:30 p.m.

**Saturday, September 10: Girls’ Day.** East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. Speaker Travena Rogan. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served.

**Saturday, September 10: Women’s Spiritual Workshop.** Speaker Lori Boyd. HCU. 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Register online.

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## *youth news*

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**July 31<sup>st</sup> - Songs of Summer Finale!** We will leave at 5:02 p.m. to go eat in Florence before going to the singing which will take place at the Killen Church of Christ this year. Transportation will be provided for the Lions, but everyone is encouraged to attend this great singing! The singing will begin at 7:30 p.m. at Killen Church of Christ. You will need money for your supper!

**August 3<sup>rd</sup> - Good Works Wednesday!** Lions, meet in the south parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to go on a visit and eat supper before coming back for Bible class. You will not need money for your supper.

**August 5<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Bash!** This will take place on the Parkes Lawn at 6:00 p.m.! Pizza, chips, cookies, and drinks will be provided. This event is for Lions, Lambs, and their families! Please make your plans to be here for supper, a devotional, games, and fellowship!

**August 7<sup>th</sup> - Ice Cream Supper!** This will take place at Shelter #1 at Crockett Park and will begin at 5:30 p.m. Please make your plans to attend this event! Ice cream, finger foods, etc. will be needed. This is a time for us to say goodbye to our 2022 summer intern, Johnathan Rich! Johnathan will be presenting a devotional at this event as well.

**August 9<sup>th</sup> - Lambs Activity!** This event will take place in the fellowship building from 3:30-5:00 p.m. and will be hosted by the McKamey/Jones clan! More details will be provided soon!

**August 14<sup>th</sup> - Back to School Youth Rally at Summertown Church of Christ!** This will begin at 5:00 p.m. Lions, meet in the south parking lot at 4:19 p.m. to head north.

### **Closing it out:**

As hard as it is to believe, this is our kids’ last week of summer break! Public school resumes next Monday, and our many homeschooled children will be beginning around the same time. How did that happen!?! It seems like just last week that we were kicking off our summer with VBS, and now it’s winding down! Time always seems to have a way of getting away from us, doesn’t it?

There are likely some of us who wish that we had used our time this summer differently by making different choices. Others had to deal with difficult circumstances that were beyond their control. I certainly wish that I hadn’t been slowed down by some health issues that popped up!

With that in mind, we should remember what Paul said in Ephesians 5:15-17, and particularly verse 16. We need to “redeem,” “purchase,” or “make the best use of” our time. With the plethora of distractions in an evil world, a “youth group summer” provides our kids with opportunities to grow closer to God that must be seized! There will be plenty of chances to reflect on God’s Word and His will in the days ahead. Let’s all do our best to make the best use of them!

Until next time,  
**Jeremy Gargis**

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## *prayers are requested*

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

**BETTY CHAPMAN** is still in NHC Scott, now in Rm. 213A, and is undergoing physical therapy after a recent hospitalization. Unfortunately, Mrs. Betty fell on Tuesday, July 26, and X-ray results were pending at print time. Please send cards to her to encourage and uplift her during her recovery. *c/o NHC Scott, 2380 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**TIM CLIFTON** will be seeing an orthopedic doctor for arm pain after his heart checked out fine last week. *307 Kennedy St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**JACKIE KEATON** is continuing with immunotherapy treatment for a reoccurrence of cancer. After an insurance delay, he was scheduled to begin radiation treatment this week. An ultrasound was not done on July 26; it was decided that a previous ultrasound provided sufficient information. *230 Campus Circle, Leoma, TN 38468.*

**JAMES MCCLOUD** had recent blood tests due to an iron deficiency and is awaiting results. *512 Bumpas Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**CHARLOTTE SNIDER** was able to be at church on Sunday, July 24, after her recent breast cancer surgery. She is recovering well and not having any pain. *310 Roberta Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**JADE EMBREY** and her thirteen-year-old son, **JACE EMBREY**, have been recently suffering seizures. **Jade** and **Jace** are family friends of **Melanie Nutt’s** sister, **Tara Mitchell**; **Tara** has requested prayers.

**SHAWN EVERSON**, elder at Concord Rd. and friend of **Tim Hammond**, was scheduled to have surgery on Wednesday, July 27, for a kidney tumor. *615 Granny White Pike, Brentwood, TN 37027.*

**KEITH FAULKNER**, whom **Jacob Evans** has been visiting recently, had an EEG last week and is awaiting results. He’s also scheduled to have more neurological tests soon.

**CINDY GOBBELL**, Agape receptionist and Thursday-Friday Pulaski Street secretary, is continuing with physical therapy after her recent shoulder replacement surgery last week. *41 Gobbell Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**SALLY HESTLE**, former member here, is recovering well after recent knee replacement surgery. She will probably continue at the home of her mother-in-law for another couple of weeks. *109 Poteat Pl., Franklin, TN 37064.*

**STEVE KELLEY**, a friend of **Tommy and Patsy Lee**, has stage 4 cancer. He has cancer in both lungs, his right hip, and his right lower ribs. He is undergoing chemotherapy on a schedule of once every three weeks. Steve and his wife, Sheila, attend Fairview Church of Christ in Pulaski. *860 Mountainview Drive, Pulaski, TN 38478.*

**LARRY MURRAY**, uncle of **Jerri Harris**, is home and doing better after his recent health problems. *557 Chatham St., Newport, NC 28570.*

**HOWARD ROMSDAL**, father of **Greg Romsdal**/grandfather of **Sara Gallian** and **Tanner Romsdal**, is still in North Alabama Specialty Hospital (Athens, AL) recovering from recent injuries, surgeries, and complications. As of Tuesday, July 26, his vitals were good, and he was breathing without the trach, but he was feeling very tired. *c/o Tanner Romsdal, 1600 Ray St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**JAMES WEEKS**, former member here, had surgery last week to remove a tumor from his large intestine. He has also been diagnosed with liver cancer, and he’ll be undergoing a course of chemotherapy. *802 N. Main St., Mt. Pleasant, TN 38474.*

Please also continue to pray for: **Louise Bates, Dean Bowling, Ginny Chapman, Robbie Guthrie, Bettye Holt, Carolyn Kilburn, Michael Mashburn, Tony and Lisa Parrish, Debbie Phann, Melissa Rochelle, Bertha Shelton, Ronnie Thigpen, Hazel Violet, Catherine Blasingim, Wade Brooks, James Brown, Faye Carlock, Jeremy Heard, Tim and Renee Miller, David Perdue, Kirk Sams, Teddy Schultz, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Darlene Surratt, Jay Thomas, Ken Wiles**, and all those mentioned recently.