

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, November 27, 2022**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

DOOR GREETERS (front foyer) for **Sunday, November 27:**
Mark and Kristi Miller

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, November 27: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, December 4: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, December 11: **Russ Gallian** and **Jeremy Snider**

Sunday, December 18: **Russ Gallian** and **Jeremy Snider**

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**.

November 16 and November 20, 2022

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	162
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	174
Sunday Morning Worship.....	277
Sunday Evening Worship.....	150
Contribution (2022 Budget \$11,036.00).....	\$13,978.95
Average (last available).....	\$10,579.52

Pulaski Street Church of Christ
247 Pulaski Street
Lawrenceburg, TN 38464

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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 th Sundays, 1 p.m. song service. 5 th 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 November 28 – December 2 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. 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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The Will of God

Part Three

Two weeks ago, we discussed God's *intentional will*. The keyword with this aspect of God's will is "desire." God desires that we do certain things and not do certain things (Rom. 12:2; Eph. 5:15-17). Since God made us free-will beings and not automatons, we can and do thwart God's intentional will. Last week, we considered God's *circumstantial will*. The keyword in relation to this aspect of God's will is "permission." So much of what happens in this world is not intended or purposed by God but is simply permitted by Him. The third category of God's will, which is the subject of this article, is usually referred to as God's *ultimate will* or God's *sovereign will*. The keyword here is "purpose."

After a lengthy dialogue with his friends and with God, Job expresses the truth of God's ultimate will: "I know that you can do all things, and that **no purpose of yours can be thwarted**" (42:2, emphasis added). God has purposed some things, and these things are huge in terms of creation, redemption, and glorification. For instance, in the immediate aftermath of the Fall, God promised and purposed to redeem mankind (Gen. 3:15), and He later chose a people through whom He would bring the Redeemer (12:1-3). In a magnificent display of power, wisdom, and foresight, God ultimately brought to fulfillment what He purposed to do from the beginning in defeating sin and death and making it possible for us to live with Him forever. On the Pentecost following the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, Peter proclaimed: "This Jesus, delivered up to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men" (Acts 2:23).

Some Calvinists argue that God has purposed everything down to the minutest detail. In other words, God's ultimate will accounts for everything that has happened or will happen. But I have big issues with this point of view. When a baby dies prematurely, a drunk driver kills an innocent family, or a person commits suicide, I think it is highly precarious, even foolish, to talk as if God's intentional or ultimate will was at work in these instances. The "will of God" is thrown around loosely in the face of tragedy and in the context of many funerals. Job suffered many losses and cruelties, but unlike some people today, the Bible says, "In all this Job did not sin nor charge God with wrong" (Job 1:22). The KJV reads, "Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly." We need to be careful not to charge God foolishly by speaking of the will of God in ways that imply that God intentionally wills or purposes sinful choices, calamity, natural disasters, or even death. While God has intentionally willed calamity and death in the past as means of punishment (the flood, the captivities, etc.), we have no sound basis for affirming such in the present. The question is most cases might be better formulated as follows: "Why did God *allow* or *permit* this or that to transpire?" That's a fair question, and even when an "answer" isn't forthcoming, we must continue to trust and obey Him.

Just because God is omnipotent and omniscient does not mean that everything that happens is His will in the sense of His intention or purpose. But it does mean that neither we nor all the powers of hell can ultimately defeat Him in those things that He has purposed to accomplish.

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 Tanner Romsdal Caleb Shadrick Glenn Snider

MINISTERS: Jacob Evans, 731-343-5325 Jeremy Gargis, 931-231-9557 Rodolfo Espinoza, 615-516-0650 (**Hispanic Ministry**) **AGAPE COUNSELOR**, 931-762-8502

coming soon

NOVEMBER

Thursday, November 24: THANKSGIVING DAY. *Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!*

Sunday, November 27: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. song service.

Sunday, November 27: Bible Bowl practice. 2 p.m. in the FB. Be prepared to review Ezra 7-10.

DECEMBER

Sunday, December 4: Special Event. 2 p.m. Please see the bulletin board and e-mail for details.

Sunday, December 4: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Sunday, December 11: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Wednesday, December 14: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Sunday, December 18: Bible Bowl practice. 4 p.m. in the FB.

Sunday, December 18: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Saturday, December 24: COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST. This will take place on the morning of Christmas Eve beginning at 9 a.m. in the FB. We will need help cooking, serving, and cleaning up. We will post more information closer to the date. Speak to **Jacob or Brittany Evans** if you have questions.

Sunday, December 25: Christmas Day. *Merry Christmas!*

JANUARY 2023

Sunday, January 1: New Year's Day. *Happy New Year!*

Sunday, January 8: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Sunday, January 15: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

January 16-20: Please note that the **fellowship building** is reserved this week for **floor maintenance**.

Sunday, January 22: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. song service.

Saturday, January 28: Grief and Loss Workshop with speaker **Don Williams**. This will be an afternoon session; the time will be announced later.

Sunday, January 29: Super Sunday. We will have **Don Williams** as our guest speaker. The morning worship will be followed by our annual **Soup and Chili lunch** in the FB. For the meal, please bring your favorite soup, chili, and any accompaniments such as chips, crackers, breads, sandwiches, salads, and desserts.

thank you

Thanks to everyone who helped make the Golden Age Banquet such an enjoyable evening. The food was delicious and the fellowship priceless. A very special thank you to all the young people. Keep up your good works. In Christian love,
Fred and Sandra Egly

Many thanks to Jeremy and Katie for bringing the Lambs and Lions to visit us, to sing songs and have prayer. They are precious and doing a wonderful job. You are welcome any time.
Jim and Libby Land

Thank you for the outreach. **Keith Faulkner**

calendar additions

ALICE "TOBY" SOCKWELL's birthday is **November 20**. Please add Mrs. Sockwell to your November calendar.

AARON SNIDER's birthday is **December 15**. Please add Aaron to your December calendar.

sympathy-address correction

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **JERRY SANDLIN**. Jerry was the uncle of **Katie Lee**. The funeral was held on Sunday, November 13, in Loretto.

Condolences may be sent to **Katie, Andy, and family** at **400 Cherokee Hills Dr., Loretto, TN 38469 (not Leoma)**.

area opportunities

Saturday, February 4: Young Men's Seminar. East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. Speaker Webb Williams. Breakfast and registration at 8 a.m. Program 8:45 a.m. – noon. Lunch at noon.

Sunday, February 5-Thursday, February 9: 87th Annual Bible Lectureship. Freed-Hardeman University. Our own **Jacob Evans** will be speaking on Tuesday, February 7, from 1:30 p.m. until 2:20 p.m. in Loyd Main Auditorium. Jacob's topic will be *Would Esther Claim #MeToo?* (Esther 2:8-9).

sponsor a family for Christmas

The **Nashville Inner City Ministry** receives numerous requests for assistance from families they've been working with throughout the year. If you, your family, Sunday school class, or coworkers would like to sponsor a family for Christmas, please contact their office. The staff is currently collecting children's names, clothing sizes, and wish lists from families they know will be needing assistance. Call the NICM office at 615-255-1726 (ext. 101 or 102), or contact Todd Flowers at 615-405-7530 or e-mail him at flowersmichaelt@cs.com.

prayer request from Agape

Agape has requested prayers for an 11-year-old boy in their care who is in need of psychological treatment and is awaiting a bed in a psychiatric hospital. Please pray for an appropriate foster placement in a family that can meet his needs and for his healing and improvement.

youth news

Sunday, November 27th - Shoals Area Youth Series! We will meet in the parking lot at 4:00 p.m. to go to Heritage Christian University for this event. Supper will be provided.

Wednesday, December 7th - Good Works Wednesday! Lions, meet in the south parking lot at 5:00 p.m. We will go make a visit, and we'll eat supper before coming back for Bible class.

Thursday, December 8th - Sibyl and Charlee's Fuzzy Sock Exchange! This event, for the lionesses (Jr. high and Sr. high girls), will take place at the Simmonses' home (876 West Point Rd.) at 6:30 p.m. Food, fun, and fellowship will be provided, but you'll need to bring a pair of socks for the sock exchange.

Sunday, December 11th - Maury County Area-Wide! Meet in the south parking lot at 4:10 p.m. to head to Spring Hill Church of Christ.

Wednesday, December 14th - Songs Class! 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the auditorium. Please join us as we familiarize ourselves with some new/new-to-us songs!

Saturday, December 17th - Lions Christmas Party! This will take place at the Gargises' house at 6:00 p.m. Bring a \$15 gift that you actually like. Supper and a devotional included at no additional cost!

Tuesday, December 20th - Lambs Activity! Times and other details will be shared later.

Closing it out:

This past Sunday evening we had a planning session after FEAST to lay out the tentative schedule of activities for PSYG in 2023. We were able to put plans in place for ten Lambs activities and ten Lions activities throughout the months that school is in session, while also discussing the summer calendar that will receive some updates as additions are finalized. I am excited about what will take place in 2023!

I am even more thankful than I am excited! More than thirty people stayed around to discuss things, volunteer to be in charge of events, sign up to be additional drivers when needed, sing a few songs, and pray. The level of care and concern that so many share for our young people at Pulaski Street continues to amaze me, and it shows in the quality of our PSYG members!

Parents are unequivocally the most important people in the lives of young people. Furthermore, studies consistently show that teenagers who have additional positive role models and mentors involved in their lives are more successful, more confident, and more likely to help others who are in need. Our world needs more people with these qualities, and thanks to so many of you, PSYG is cultivating quality young people who love God and want to make a positive impact for Him on their peers. Thank you, and keep up the good work!

Until next time...
Jeremy Gargis

prayers are requested

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

BETTY CHAPMAN was still in NHC Lawrenceburg as of Tuesday, November 22. She moved to Rm. 115 last week. **374 Brink St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.**

ISABELLA HOLCOMB is doing much better after suffering a corneal abrasion last week at school. **979 Paige Dr., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.**

JOANN HOLMAN was taken to the ER at STRHS-Lawrenceburg on Friday, November 18, where she was diagnosed with pneumonia. She is at home and doing okay with medication and breathing treatments. **P.O. Box 216, Leoma, TN 38468.**

DIANA SMITH is home and recovering after having another skin graft surgery last week. The surgery went well. At a follow-up appointment with her doctor on Monday, November 21, the wound looked as it should, and the use of the wound vac was discontinued. She is still in a splint and can put no weight on that leg. Diana is scheduled for another appointment on Monday, November 28. **19 Pruitt Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.**

LISA PARRISH, wife of **Tony Parrish** and daughter-in-law of **Jean Parrish**, was in Rm. 653 at Maury Regional as of Tuesday, November 22. She still has fluid on her stomach, and she is extremely weak. **230 Jackson Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.**

CINDY GOBBELL, our Thursday and Friday Pulaski Street secretary and Agape receptionist, was diagnosed with a pulmonary embolism in her right lung last week. She was treated with blood thinners at home. At a follow-up appointment on Monday, November 21, her lungs sounded good. Cindy has been referred to a hematologist for further testing. **41 Gobbell Lane, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.**

DANNY GRAY, son of **Pat Gray**, had successful open heart surgery last week at St. Thomas. Three bypasses were done, and a fourth blockage will be treated with medication.

MARISSA GRIGSBY, member of New Hope Church of Christ which is **Jeremy Gargis's** home congregation, had successful surgery on Monday, November 21, to replace a portion of her skull that was removed in August. Marissa continues to recover from a brain bleed. **480 County Road 80, Florence, AL 35633.**

CHARLEY STAGGS, one-year-old grandson of **Randall and Cathy Staggs**, is home from Vanderbilt Children's Hospital where he has been treated for anaplastic large cell lymphoma. He is scheduled to return in about two weeks to start the next cycle of chemotherapy. Send cards to Charley and family *c/o Devin and JP Staggs*, **277 Brush Creek Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.**

MARK VAUGHN, son of **Nita and Dan Buie** (who attended here in years past), is now in a facility in Franklin where he is undergoing intensive physical therapy after a recent diagnosis of transverse myelitis. Mark is still unable to stand or walk, but he is showing slow improvement. **2118 Zion Rd., Columbia, TN 38401.**

Please also continue to pray for: **Ginny Chapman, Janet Jackson, Michael Mashburn, Tony and Lisa Parrish, Bertha Shelton, Stephanie Taylor, Hazel Violet, Howell Bigham, Debbie Brown, James Brown, Joy Brown, Jamie Casteel, Pattie Clevenger, Doyle Cooper, Margaret Davis, Keith Faulkner, Susan Fisher, Cierra Haffner, Katie Holman, Steve Kelley, Don Midgett, Tim and Renee Miller, Oliver Morrow, Robert Osborn, Dennis Smith, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Darlene Surratt, Don Sweeton, Van Vansandt, James Weeks**, and all those mentioned recently.