

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, April 30, 2023**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

DOOR GREETERS (front foyer) for **Sunday, April 30:**
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.

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, April 30: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

Sunday, May 7: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

Sunday, May 14: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, May 21: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

We are **meeting in person** for Wednesday evening Bible classes at **7 p.m.** 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**.

April 19 and April 23, 2023

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	181
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	197
Sunday Morning Worship.....	313
Sunday Evening Worship.....	150
Contribution (2023 Budget \$11,909.00).....	\$10,894.25
Average (last available).....	\$12,511.17

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

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.

*4th Sundays, 1 p.m. song service. 5th 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 May 1 – May 5 will be hosted
by the **MIDWAY** 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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Helping an Addict

In his book entitled *Christian Counseling*, Gary Collins writes that "[a]n addiction is any thinking or behavior that is habitual, repetitious, and very difficult or impossible to control regardless of the consequences." With this definition, Collins has in mind both substance abuse and certain behaviors, such as working and gambling, but it's the former that we want to focus on in this article. Most of us, if not all of us, know at least one person who has battled or is battling an addiction.

In my estimation, addiction is both a moral failing and a disease. The initial and early decisions to use certain substances (e.g., depressants, stimulants, opiates, hallucinogens) reflect a person's free and conscious choice for which he or she is culpable. However, once the brain has been changed by addiction, his or her willpower becomes impaired. Perhaps the most defining symptom of addiction is a loss of control of the use of a certain substance. A disease is what happens in the body as a result of those initial choices. Once an addiction has complete control of the person, the craving can far outweigh the decision-making process, and the most unthinkable acts, like robbing a pharmacy or taking the life of another person, can be rationalized.

Helping an addict is a daunting task, and what might work for one person may not work for another. Nevertheless, below are some broad ways in which those of us who are Christians can help (not enable) those who have been overcome by an addiction.

Encourage repentance (2 Cor. 7:10). One of the classic signs of addiction is denial. The adage is true: "The first step to fixing a problem is admitting the problem." We must help substance abusers acknowledge and take responsibility for their addiction. Unfortunately, it often takes a person hitting rock bottom to look up and resolve to take control of his or her life.

Supply resources (Gal. 6:10). Treatment, both residential and non-residential, is available for addicts, and we can help folks find the treatment they need. Of course, such treatment can often be expensive, but where there is a will, there is a way.

Provide accountability (Gal. 6:1-2). While it is theoretically possible for an addict to put the substance down and never pick it up again, it is easier said than done. Recovery demands that addicts accept relapse as a possibility for the rest of their lives. A plan for accountability will help to prevent relapse and will aid the addict if relapse occurs. An "accountability network" of eight to ten people is most helpful. Having this number of people gives the addict options, and it increases the chances that someone will be available to come to the addict's aid. NA, AA, and Celebrate Recovery also have accountability components.

Give forgiveness (Matt. 18:21-35). The principle of unending forgiveness is likely one of the most difficult concepts to apply, especially when dealing with an addict. When the addict has lied, manipulated, stolen, and engaged in a variety of other sins to secure his or her habit, it is difficult for Christians to be willing to forgive. Condemning them, bringing up past events, dwelling on negative behaviors, and shaming them are not proper or helpful solutions. This is not to say that "tough love" is not permissible, but it's helpful to keep in mind that a person who is struggling with full-blown addiction is not thinking straight and is sure to make terrible decisions that they would not otherwise make if they were sober or not abusing some substance.

May God help us as we seek to help those who struggle mightily to help themselves. Aiding addicts can be inconvenient, demanding, and frustrating, but since Jesus helped us when we were helpless (cf. Rom. 5:6), then we should do the same for others.

Jacob Evans

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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 *April and May* is **Tim Hammond**.

DEACONS: Shayne Adams Joe Cook Jim Donnelly Mark Evans Scott Harris Billy Helton III
Reggie Holt Andy Lee Brad Nielsen Tanner Romsdal Caleb Shadrick Glenn Snider

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coming soon

APRIL

This coming weekend, April 28-30:

Leadership Workshop.

Our guest speaker will be **Evertt Huffard**.

Sunday, April 30: 5th Sunday/Super Sunday.

We will have a **fellowship meal** following the morning worship. Please bring plenty of food for your family and enough to share with our guests.

MAY

Tuesday, May 2: Dorcas Sewing. 10-3 in the FB.

Sunday, May 7: SPECIAL EVENT.

1 p.m. in the main foyer.

Please see the bulletin board, overhead announcements, and e-mail for details.

Sunday, May 7: SENIOR NIGHT. 5:30 p.m. in the FB. This year, we're honoring these high school graduates: **Mary Beth Brown, Savana Cook, Caleb Evans, Carter Hughes, Courtney Rochelle,** and **Aiden Snider.** *Please note correction: Aiden, not Aaron.* We are honoring college graduate: **Elizabeth Sockwell.**

Wednesday, May 10: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Saturday, May 13: Men's Breakfast. 8:30 a.m. in the FB.

Sunday, May 14: Happy Mother's Day.

Sunday, May 14: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB. Lads to Leaders Recognition will follow.

Tuesday, May 16: Dorcas Sewing. 10-3 in the FB.

Saturday, May 20: Bible Study for Ladies (teens and up). Led by Kristen Mashburn. 9 a.m. in the main foyer.

Sunday, May 21: SPECIAL EVENT.

1:30 p.m. in the main foyer.

Please see the bulletin board, overhead announcements, and e-mail for details.

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

Sunday, May 28: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. song service.

Monday, May 29: Memorial Day.

JUNE

Sunday, June 4 – Thursday, June 8:

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL at Pulaski Street!

You won't want to miss our amazing VBS.

We will have Bible lessons for all ages, singing, puppets, learning centers/skits, crafts, Bibleland foods, our Thursday picnic, and more.

This year's theme will be **Conquest of Canaan.**

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

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

Sunday, June 18: Happy Father's Day.

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

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

thank you

To our brothers and sisters at Pulaski Street,

Words cannot express the appreciation we have for each and every one of you. The food, cards, prayers, visits, and kind words helped our family through this difficult time of Mom's passing. You helped lift us out of a dark time for our family and rise above the loss of a dear wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister. Sometimes we underestimate the need for our church family. Your love for my mom and our family has been a bright light for us. We will never forget it, and we thank God for every one of you.

In Christian love,

Biff, Penny, and the Helton family

Thank you all for the cards, calls, concern, and prayers for us recently. We appreciate the elders' prayers for us and the letter they sent. We are grateful for the love of our church family.

James and Thelma McCloud

Thanks to all for your prayers, calls, and cards. I appreciate you all very much. In Christian love, **Elaine Foutch**

memorials

A donation from **Linda Sowell** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **DONNA HELTON.**

A donation from **Jackie and Beth Keaton** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **DONNA HELTON.**

A donation from **Kim Brown** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **DONNA HELTON.**

A donation from **Patty McGuire** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **DONNA HELTON.**

area opportunities

May 6: 50th Anniversary of the North Alabama Christian Children's Home. 1 p.m. on children's home campus (6350 Co. Rd. 63, Killen, AL). Come out to tour the homes, enjoy catered appetizers, and fellowship with the brethren.

May 7: Homecoming. Church of Christ at Center Hill. Speaker Scott Cain. Lunch. Singing at 1:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. service.

May 10-May 14: 32nd Annual Truth in Love Lectureship. East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN.

May 21: Homecoming. Leoma Church of Christ. Speaker Danny Pettus. Covered dish lunch followed by singing. 2 p.m. service.

June 11-14 – Gospel Meeting. Midway Church of Christ. Speaker John DeBerry. Sunday, 2 p.m. service. Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Restore us to yourself, O Lord,

that we may be restored!

Renew our days as of old.

Lamentations 5:21

youth news

May 3rd - Good Works Wednesday! Lions, meet in the south parking lot at 5:00 p.m. to go make a visit and then eat supper before coming back for Bible class.

May 7th - Senior Night! This will take place in the fellowship building at 5:30 p.m. Please plan to be there to support our graduates and feel free to shower them with gifts if you so choose!

May 8th - Breakfast Bible Study! We will meet at Jack's at 6:45 a.m. If you have turned in your order to me by Sunday, May 7th, you can wait until 7:00 a.m. to get to Jack's.

May 10th - 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!

May 13th – Lions Activity! This will take place at the home of David and Becky Simmons and will begin at 5:00 p.m. Make your plans to join in on the food, fellowship, and fun!

May 19th - Graduation! Congratulations to our graduating seniors!

May 21st – Lambs Activity! This will take place in the fellowship building from 3:30-5:15 p.m. Bring your kids and then stay for FEAST after the activity has concluded!

May 21st – Shoals Area Youth Series! Lions, meet in the south parking lot at 4 p.m. to head to Florence.

May 22nd - Breakfast Bible Study! We will meet at Jack's at 6:45 a.m. If you have turned in your order to me by Sunday, May 21st, you can wait until 7:00 a.m. to get to Jack's. **This will be our last Breakfast Bible Study of the semester...please plan to be there if at all possible!**

June 3rd - VBS Work Day! Times and specific needs will be announced closer to this date.

June 4th-8th - VBS! Please be promoting this special event, and make your plans to be there each night! As always, there will be many helpers needed, so stay tuned for opportunities to serve throughout VBS week!

Closing it out:

Summer is right around the corner! There will be many good opportunities for our entire congregation and especially our youth group over the next several months! One thing that I want to remind you of is that the youth budget will cover half of one Bible camp per student each summer. Many of those camps will be filling up soon, so you may want to go ahead and register your child.

For students who have completed 7th grade, Horizons (July 2-7) is a great choice. Registration always fills up, so it is recommended to get on that quickly! As far as other camps go, any week of an approved camp is fine to attend. That being said, several members of PSYG will be going to Mid-South Youth Camp during week 3 (June 11-16), so you might want to choose that week.

Regardless of whether you choose for your child to go to a Bible camp this summer, please take advantage of the many great opportunities that will be available during the summer of 2023!

Jeremy Gargis

prayers are requested

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

DUANE DAVIS is now in NHC Lawrenceburg, Rm. 106A, after his recent heart attack, stent surgery, and complications. *c/o NHC Lawrenceburg, 374 Brink Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

MIKE HUGHES is recovering pretty well from his shoulder surgery. He started physical therapy on Monday, April 24. He is scheduled to see his surgeon on Thursday, April 27, for a post-op appointment. *2231 Harlan Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KATIE LEE has been diagnosed with stage zero breast cancer. On Tuesday, April 25, she had an appointment with the reconstructive surgeon, and she also saw a doctor at the cancer center for lab work and tests. Katie will be having a bilateral mastectomy, and she is awaiting a surgery date. *400 Cherokee Hills Drive, Loretto, TN 38469.*

CHARLIE SHADRICK, son of **Caleb and Megan Shadrick**, was able to be at church on Sunday, April 23, with his right leg in a cast. He is recovering from tibia and fibula fractures he suffered the previous weekend. *311 Land Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.*

SHIRLEY FUTCH, daughter of **June Bivens**, transferred to NHC Lawrenceburg for physical therapy last week after having another foot surgery and treatment for infection at Maury Regional Hospital. *c/o NHC Lawrenceburg, 374 Brink Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

KATIE HOLMAN, daughter-in-law of **Leah Holman** who is a niece of **Bob and Linda Markus/cousin of Mindy Markus**, is home and recovering after having a bilateral mastectomy last week. Katie has been undergoing breast cancer treatment for several months. *57 Stingy Ridge, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

PHIL REEDY, brother of **Ken Reedy**, was scheduled to have a CT scan this week to determine his progress in his fight against lung cancer. *512 2nd St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

LEIGHTON WYATT, three-year-old daughter of **Dustin and Kasey Wyatt** who have been attending here recently, had a follow-up appointment at Vanderbilt UMC on Tuesday, April 25, after she was treated in the ER last week for severe intestinal issues. *102 Delaney Court, Leoma, TN 38468.*

Please also continue to pray for:

Elaine Foutch, Robbie Guthrie, Pistol Marston, Connie Powell, Randy Britton, Jerry Carden, Danny Case, Wayne Clayton, Mike Cummings, Nell Dixon, Keith Faulkner, Jana Cross Gobble, Thomas Holman, Steve Kelley, Franklin Lee, Copeland Marks and family, Tim and Renee Miller, Oliver Morrow, Tony and Lisa Parrish, William and Sandra Reed, Bethany Shoulders, Kade Shultz, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Don Sweeton, Mark Vaughn, Rachel Workman, James Weeks, and all those mentioned recently.