

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, May 21, 2023**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

DOOR GREETERS (front foyer) for **Sunday, May 21:**
Tommy and Patsy Lee

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

Sunday, May 28: **Jeffrey Hughes** and **Jeremy Snider**

Sunday, June 4: **Jeffrey Hughes** and **Jeremy Snider**

Sunday, June 11: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

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**.

May 10 and May 14, 2023

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	177
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	184
Sunday Morning Worship.....	317
Sunday Evening Worship.....	132
Contribution (2023 Budget \$11,909.00).....	unavailable
Average (last available).....	\$12,238.28

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 22 – May 26 will be hosted
by the **CREWSTOWN** 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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Playing the Victim

It is sometimes difficult for people to take responsibility for their actions. Wrong choices are made, and negative repercussions follow. Pride, or "ego," steps in, making it difficult for the person to say, "I was wrong. I accept responsibility for my actions." As long as such responsibility is shirked or denied, the situation only grows worse. A person who is pressed concerning his or her fault might seek to play the victim.

King Ahab was certainly not a victim, except in the sense of being a victim of his own choices. The biblical record depicts his rebellion and willfulness in the worst light. "Ahab did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him" (1 Kings 16:33). Indeed, Ahab surpassed his wicked forefathers in plunging Israel into idolatry and worldliness.

Elijah withstood this wicked monarch, being very jealous, or zealous, for God and his cause (1 Kings 19:10, 14). Ahab grew to view Elijah as his personal nemesis. He focused on Elijah and his actions, instead of taking careful consideration of his own. He blamed a terrible drought on Elijah, not on his own idolatry and rebellion (1 Kings 18:17-18). In his own eyes, Ahab was a victim of Elijah's words and ways. On one occasion, "Ahab said to Elijah, 'Have you found me, O my enemy?' He answered, 'I have found you, because you have sold yourself to do what is evil in the sight of the LORD'" (1 Kings 21:20).

People still play the victim all the time to deflect an indictment of sin or wrongdoing. When the mayor of Washington, D.C., was videotaped smoking crack cocaine, he blamed it on a racist plot. A murderer blamed the Twinkies he ate for altering his brain chemistry. And when sixteen women accused Senator Robert Packwood of gross sexual harassment, he at first denied the charges, then attacked his accusers' credibility, and then promised to seek professional help to determine if his behavior was related to the use of alcohol.

Playing the victim is dangerous, even deadly. So long as people play the victim, they will never come to the place where they admit that they have sin in their life and that they are sinners in need of forgiveness. And here's the startling, sobering reality: *The blood of Jesus cannot cover those sins that people commit for which they will not take responsibility* (cf. 1 John 1:5-10).

Jacob Evans

ELDERS: Tim Hammond, 931-852-4832 Biff Helton, 931-242-8785 Shane Hughes, 931-242-1261
Bob Markus, 931-242-3816 Mark Miller, 931-242-0692 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 *April and May* is **Tim Hammond**. The elder chairman for *June and July* will be **Biff Helton**.

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

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

prayers are requested

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

KATIE LEE is scheduled for a bilateral mastectomy next week, on Friday, May 26. 400 Cherokee Hills Drive, Loretto, TN 38469.
CHARLIE SHADRICK, son of **Caleb and Megan Shadrick**, had a follow-up appointment last week. He now has a new cast on his right leg, and X-rays looked good. 311 Land Rd., Leoma, TN 38468.
DARRELL SNIDER was able to be back at church on Sunday, May 14, after having a heart stent procedure the prior week. 5253 Waynesboro Hwy., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.
JACQUE CALVERT, neighbor of **April Rigsby**, was still in CCU at Maury Regional as of Tuesday, May 16. She had a setback this week that required some blood transfusions, but she seemed to be somewhat better as of Tuesday. Jacque continues to battle sepsis. 517 East Heights St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.
DANNY CASE, father of **Tommy Case**, is home and recovering very well after having cancer surgery last week at Vanderbilt UMC. 215 Smith Circle, Loretto, TN 38469.
EDDY COTHREN, father of **Jacob Cothren**, is recovering after having a heart stent procedure last week. He will have another stent placed within a couple of weeks. 243 Nelson Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.
RANDALL HOLT, brother of **Reggie Holt**, has been diagnosed with multiple myeloma. He has several compression fractures in his back and is in considerable pain. Treatment will begin immediately. 49 McGee Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.
DOLL JOHNSON, mother of **April Rigsby**, is home and recovering after having shoulder surgery on Monday, May 15, in Franklin, TN. The surgery went well. 515 East Heights St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.
RACHEL WORKMAN, granddaughter of **Judy and C.W. Vandiver**, was in Maury Regional, Rm. 158, as of Tuesday, May 16, and was able to be off the ventilator. Rachel is battling Guillain-Barré syndrome and recovering from pneumonia. 902 Gaither Ave., L'burg, TN 38464.

Please also continue to pray for:

Duane Davis, Robbie Guthrie, Sherman Harris, Mike Hughes, Pistol Marston, Connie Powell, Leighton Wyatt, Sheila Ayers, Randy Britton, Jerry Carden, Wayne Clayton, Mike Cummings, Nell Dixon, Keith Faulkner, Shirley Futch, Cindy Gobbell, Jana Cross Gobble, Katie Holman, Thomas Holman, Steve Kelley, Franklin Lee, Copeland Marks and family, Tim and Renee Miller, Oliver Luke Morrow, Marie Nielsen, Tony and Lisa Parrish, William and Sandra Reed, Phil Reedy, Bethany Shoulders, Kade Shultz, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Don Sweeton, Mark Vaughn, James Weeks, and all those mentioned recently.

sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Polly Gray** on the death of her sister, **RUBY SPEARS**. A graveside service was held on Wednesday, May 17, at Pleasant Grove Cemetery. Condolences may be sent to **Polly** at 504 North Military Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

memorial

A donation from the **Democrat-Union** has been given to the Pulaski Street Youth Group in memory of **DONNA HELTON**.

please donate \$\$ for VBS refreshments

VBS refreshments will be prepackaged again this year. Therefore, we are asking for **monetary donations** (instead of you buying cookies, Kool-Aid, etc., yourself). If you'd like to donate, please give money to **Dawn Hammond** or **one of the elders**.

youth news

May 19th - Graduation! Congratulations to our graduating seniors!
May 21st – Shoals Area Youth Series! Lions, meet in the south parking lot at 4 p.m. to head to Florence. We will plan to go to Krispy Kreme afterward, so bring some money and some extra insulin (maybe that's just for me...!)
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!**
May 31st - 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.
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!
June 11th-16th - MSYC! We will have several of our students at Mid-South Youth Camp this week. Please keep them in your prayers!
June 26th-30th - Make Me a Servant Week! If you know anyone connected to our church family who has work that needs to be done, please let me or Samuel (the intern) know! The 29th-30th will be a reward trip, and I need to know by June 4th if you plan to go on the trip. (Participating in the work is required to go on the reward trip.)
Jeremy Gargis

thank you

My Pulaski Street family,
 Thanks to each and every one for all the cards, texts, food, and especially your prayers. Thanks for all your extra help in keeping our building clean and ready for use. Also, thanks to the elders for their meeting together to pray for healing and recovery. I truly love the Lord and my Pulaski Street family. Thank you. In Christian love, **Mike Hughes**

Thank you for your many thoughts, prayers, and cards during Darrell's illness. **Darrell Snider and family**




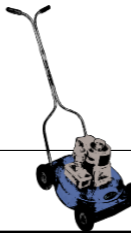
Dear Pulaski Street family,
 Thank you so much for the Bible and graduation celebration! I'm so grateful for all the amazing gifts and memories shared. Please keep me in your prayers as I start this new journey. Love, **Mary Beth Brown**

coming soon

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.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Tim Clifton Joyce Weaver	2 Darlene Dewberry	3 Tinley Lee VBS WORKDAY
				4 VBS 7 p.m. each evening	5 Tommy Lee	6 Diane Springer
VBS @ Pulaski Street: <i>Conquest of Canaan!</i>						
11 Natalie Haislip <i>F.E.A.S.T., 5:30pm, FB</i>	12 Duke Donnelly Melanie Nutt Charlee Simmons	13 <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB</i>	14 	15	16 Dorothy Collins Mike Keill	17 Jordan Bass
Mid-South Youth Camp, Henderson, TN						
18 Happy Father's Day <i>F.E.A.S.T., 5:30pm, FB</i>	19 Buddy Rose Cooper Case	20 Kyler Brown <i>Summer is here!</i>	21	22 	23 Mary Beth Snider	24 Wilma Snider
25 Jonna Bryant <i>4th Sunday, 1pm Song Service</i>	26	27 Jonathan Niedergeses <i>Dorcas Sewing, 10-3, FB</i>	28	29	30	July 1
 Make Me a Servant week 