

## 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 2, 2023**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

**DOOR GREETERS** (front foyer) for **Sunday, July 2:**  
**Kristen Mashburn**

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, July 2: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, July 9: **Jeffrey Hughes** and **Jeremy Snider**

Sunday, July 16: **Jeffrey Hughes** and **Jeremy Snider**

Sunday, July 23: **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**.

### June 21 and June 25, 2023

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	168
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	173
Sunday Morning Worship.....	251
Sunday Evening VBS.....	69
Contribution (2023 Budget \$11,909.00).....	\$10,775.62
Average (last available).....	\$12,071.77

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.

\*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 July 3 – July 7 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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## Reasons for Christ's Preeminence

### Part One

In Colossians 1:15, Paul writes the following about Jesus Christ: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." Jesus is preeminent because He is the **revealer**.

J. B. Philips translated "image" as "visible expression," meaning that Jesus brought God into the human sphere of understanding. Jesus Christ manifested God. The terminology is similar to Hebrews 1:3, where the writer stated that Jesus is the "exact representation" of God, and John 1:18, which states that Jesus "has made [God] known" (cf. John 14:9). The point is that in Jesus Christ the invisible God became visible, so to speak. He shared the same substance as God and made God's character known in this earthly sphere of existence. Jesus is God's ultimate self-expression. In his commentary on Colossians, David Garland puts it this way: "As God's representation and representative, Christ brings clarity to our hazy notions of the immortal, invisible God, who lives in unapproachable light" (87).

With the phrase "image of God," we recall that humanity was also made in the "image of God" (Gen. 1:26-27). As such, not only does Jesus show us what God is like, but He also shows us what it means to be human—truly human. He shows us what it looks like to live out God's original intention for humanity (Col. 3:10). N.T. Wright sums it up: "Paul's way of expressing the doctrine [of incarnation] is to say, poetically, that the man Jesus fulfills the purposes which God had marked out *both* for himself *and* for humanity" (*Colossians & Philemon* 70-71).

The next phrase "the firstborn of all creation" has been the subject of misunderstanding ever since the time of Arius, who argued, in hopes of protecting Christianity from the charge of polytheism, that Jesus was greater than the rest of the creation but lesser than God. But Paul here is not saying something that would contradict other passages of Scripture (cf. John 1:1, 18; 8:58-59; 20:20), even in the context of Colossians (1:19; 2:9). Paul is not arguing that Jesus is the firstborn part of the whole creation, as if Jesus is to be placed within the created world order. Jesus existed before the created world order; He stands outside the created world order. The term "firstborn" distances Jesus from creation rather than subsuming Him under it. Jesus is the firstborn, i.e., the preeminent one, with reference to the creation over which he is prominent. As the NIV says, Jesus is "the firstborn over all creation." The point of the metaphor is to distinguish Him from creation and to convey the idea of His priority in both time and rank. In fact, as we'll see in next week's article, Jesus was personally involved in the creation of the universe.

**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 *June* and *July* is **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, 615-752-0255 (**Hispanic Ministry**)    **AGAPE COUNSELOR**, 931-762-8502

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## coming soon

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### JULY

**Sunday, July 2: Class Promotion.** New adult classes will begin. Children's classes will promote to the next age group or grade level. If you have any questions, see your child's current teacher.

**Sunday, July 2: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB. Guest speaker, **Mike Brooks**, will update us on the mission work in Bangladesh and Nepal.

**Tuesday, July 4: Independence Day.** (Church office closed.)

**Wednesday, July 5: Class Promotion.** New adult classes will begin. Children's classes will promote to the next age group or grade level. If you have any questions, see your child's current teacher.

**Sunday, July 9: Seniors Ministry Lunch with the LIONS.** These groups will be planning some future activities together.

**Sunday, July 9: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Tuesday, July 11: Dorcas Sewing.** 10-3 in the FB.

**Sunday, July 16: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Sunday, July 16: SPECIAL EVENT.** 1 p.m. Main foyer. Details on bulletin board, e-mails, and overhead announcements.

**July 17 – July 24: FB Reserved.** Please note that the fellowship building will be reserved during this time for floor maintenance.

**Sunday, July 23: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 1 p.m. song service.

**Tuesday, July 25: Dorcas Sewing.** 10-3 in the FB.

**Sunday, July 30: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** Fellowship meal.

### AUGUST

**Tuesday, August 1: First day of school** for students in the Lawrence County School System.

**Sunday, August 6: Ice Cream Supper.** David Crockett Park, Shelter #1.

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

**Friday, August 11: Seniors Ministry trip.**

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

**Saturday, August 19: Men's Breakfast.** 8:30 a.m. in the FB.

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

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

**Sunday, August 27: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 1 p.m. song service.

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## area opportunities

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**Sunday, July 9 – Wednesday, July 12: Vacation Bible School.** Leoma church of Christ. *Fearless Deeds of the Defenders.* 7 p.m. each evening. Classes for all ages. Adult speakers will be Van Henry Vansandt, Willie Hamblin, Danny Pettus, and Van Vansandt.

**Saturday, July 29: Vacation Bible School Super Saturday.** Midway church of Christ. *TLC: Trust, Loyalty, and Commitment.* Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Class rotation begins at 9 a.m. Lunch will be served. Dismissal/parent pick up: 1:30-2 p.m.

**Saturday, August 12: Men's Seminar.** East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. *How to Maintain a Sound Congregation.* Speakers B.J. Clarke, Jim Dearman, Alan Highers. Registration begins at 8 a.m. Lunch will be served.

**Saturday, September 9: Girls' Day.** East Main church of Christ, Murfreesboro, TN. *Choosing Him.* Speakers will be Brooke Miller (daughter-in-law of Mark and Kristi Miller) and Bethany Nichols. Registration begins at 8:45 a.m. Lunch will be served.

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## new babies!

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Brand new baby boy **CLARK GARNER JOHNSTON** was born on Saturday, June 24, in Nashville, TN, to parents **Allie and Zach Johnston.**

**Clark** arrived weighing 8 lbs. and 8 oz. and measuring 19 inches long. Pulaski Street grandparents are **Chris and Jennette Sockwell.** Great grandmothers are **Toby Sockwell** and **Barbara Johnston.**

Mother and baby are doing great.

Brand new baby girl **WILLA MAE GIBBONS** was born on Saturday, June 24, to parents **John and Danielle Gibbons** (stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO).

**Willa** arrived weighing 7 lbs. and 9 oz. and measuring 20 inches long. Pulaski Street grandparents are **Russell and Angela Gibbons.**

Mother and baby are doing fine.

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## sympathy

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We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of **CONNOR SELF.** Connor, the 20-year-old son of **Shawn and Debbie Self**, was a 2021 graduate of LCHS. He was a good friend of **Cayden Hughes** and **Matthew Smith.** The funeral was held on Monday, June 26, at Neal Funeral Home.

The Hughes family has requested our prayers for Connor's family.

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### TOP REASONS PEOPLE GO TO CHURCH

1. Invitation from a friend or relative
2. Advertisement
3. Organized visitation
4. Preacher/elder contact

*"Invite."*

LUKE 14:13

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### TOP REASONS PEOPLE SAY THEY DO NOT GO TO CHURCH

1. The church is not relevant to what is going on in their lives.
2. They have never been invited.
3. They think the church is only after their money.
4. They believe the church is insincere.

*"Come and see."*

JOHN 1:46

-via *House to House Heart to Heart*, Volume 28 Number 5

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Heaven and earth will pass away,  
but my words will not pass away.

Matthew 24:35

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## youth news

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**July 1<sup>st</sup> - Fireworks at Thigpens'!** This is for Lions, Lambs, and anyone else who wishes to attend. Singing and devotional begins at 6:30 PM with watermelon, s'mores, fishing, cornhole, and fellowship to follow. Fireworks show will start at 9:00 PM. Bring a chair and/or blanket for seating. Follow the parking and fireworks signs once you enter the gate at *400 Land Rd., Leoma, TN.* Feel free to come earlier if you want to fish.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – Class Promotion!** This Sunday and Wednesday are the dates for class promotion if it applies to your children. Children should either stay in or move to the class for the grade they will be in for the 2023/2024 school year.

**July 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – Horizons!** Several of our teens will be at camp this week. Please keep them in your prayers!

**July 9<sup>th</sup> - Lions and Senior Ministry Combined Luncheon!** Please stay after morning worship for food, fellowship, and a time to discuss some future plans! There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.

**July 9<sup>th</sup> – Songs of Summer!** We will head to Florence to go to the singing at the UNA Christian Student Center. You will need to bring money for your supper.

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – Lambs Activity!** We will meet at Crockett Cinemas at 10:30 a.m. to see a (free) movie. A kiddy snack at the theater will be provided. After the movie, everyone who is able will go eat at Highway 55. Bring money for your lunch.

**July 11<sup>th</sup> – Lions Activity!** We will meet at 4:45 p.m. to go eat in Florence. Following our meal, we plan to attend VBS at New Hope Church of Christ. Bring money for your supper.

**July 13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> – Mission Trip!** Please keep our group in your prayers as we travel to Winslow, AZ, and work with the church there!

**July 23<sup>rd</sup> - Songs of Summer Outing!** We will head to Florence for an activity with the Savannah Church of Christ youth group prior to the singing at the UNA Christian Student Center. You will need to bring money for your supper and the activity. More details will be provided soon.

**July 30<sup>th</sup> – Shoals Area Youth Series and Songs of Summer!** We will head to Florence for SAYS and then head over to the singing at the UNA Christian Student Center.

**August 6<sup>th</sup> - Ice Cream Supper!**

*Closing it out:*

Grief is a strange thing. It affects each of us differently and for various lengths of time, and it can be prompted by a wide array of triggers. Many of us have mistakenly assumed that other people aren't grieving something because they don't display it in the same way that we do. That's a mistake. When it comes to grieving any sort of loss, we experience it individually and not in the same way as everyone else.

The Bible, however, tells us about a different kind of grief, and when experienced, it leads to the same result, regardless of the person going through it. "For godly grief produces repentance that leads to salvation without regret . . ." (2 Cor. 7:10).

If we actually do experience this godly grief, the implication is that repentance and salvation will follow. If we don't act on it, following through with repentance, then it was worldly grief. When we feel the need to make things right, we would do well to repent. Paul tells us that our salvation depends on it.

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.*

**VICKIE CROUCH** had rotator cuff surgery on Tuesday, June 27, at STRHS-Lawrenceburg. We had no report by print time. The surgery was to be outpatient, and Vickie expected to begin physical therapy on Wednesday. *590 Watson Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**BILLY HELTON** is continuing with physical therapy at STRHS-Rehab after his recent hip fracture and surgery. He is in Rm. 172. *219 Waterloo Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**JONATHAN NIEDERGESES** is home and recovering after having knee surgery to repair a torn ligament and tendon last week. He was scheduled to begin physical therapy on Tuesday, June 27. *2550 Gimlet Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**LARRY POPE** had an appointment at the Bone & Joint Clinic on Monday, June 26, concerning his severe back problems and pain. As of Tuesday, June 27, he was awaiting test results. *4479 Gimlet Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**CHRIS TAYLOR** returned from his recent Annual Training (National Guard) with a case of the shingles, for which he was prescribed antiviral medication. He has also recently been treated with an epidural nerve block due to bulging cervical disks. The shot seemed to help initially, but, unfortunately, its good effects did not last. *1880 Fall River Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**STEPHANIE TAYLOR** is continuing with neurological treatment for her ongoing migraines. She will be having more tests and appointments to try to determine what all is going on and how best to treat these issues. *1880 Fall River Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**VERNA ROGERS DUNKIN**, sister of **Elizabeth Land**, is recovering at home after having surgery on Friday, June 23, to remove a cancerous kidney. The surgery went well, and Verna is doing remarkably well. She is awaiting pathology results. *455 South Brace Road, Ethridge, TN 38456.*

**MICHAEL HOLLMAN**, son of **JoAnn Holman** and brother of **Patsy Lee**, is home and recovering from last week's triple heart bypass surgery. The surgery went well, and Michael is doing relatively well. *419 Shotwell Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**LISA PARRISH**, wife of **Tony Parrish** and daughter-in-law of **Jean Parrish**, was able to return home last week from a stay in Vanderbilt UMC. Tony reports that Lisa is doing much better with medication for pulmonary hypertension. *230 Jackson Ave., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**DON SWEETON**, brother-in-law of **Mack and Shirley Evans**, is in very low condition. *214 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

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*please continue to pray for these*

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Kevin Busby, Mack Evans, Tammy Foster, Sherman Harris, Mike Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Katie Lee, Pistol Marston, Connie Powell, Jennifer Brazier, Randy Britton, Jacque Calvert, Jerry Carden, Danny Case, Wayne Clayton, Keith Faulkner, Shirley Futch, Jana Cross Gobble, Kenny Hamby, Katie Holman, Thomas Holman, Randall Holt, Steve Kelley, Ashley Kennedy, Franklin Lee, Copeland Marks and family, Tim and Renee Miller, Oliver Luke Morrow, Marie Nielsen, Tony Parrish, Shirley Reed, William and Sandra Reed, Phil Reedy, Bethany Shoulders, Kade Shultz, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Mark Vaughn, James Weeks, Rachel Workman, and all those mentioned recently.