

## 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, June 11, 2023**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

**DOOR GREETERS** (front foyer) for **Sunday, June 11:**  
**Kim Smith and Matthew Smith**

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

Sunday, June 18: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

Sunday, June 25: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, July 2: **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**.

### May 31 and June 4, 2023

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	193
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	171
Sunday Morning Worship.....	313
Sunday Evening VBS.....	359 (VBS)
Contribution (2023 Budget \$11,909.00).....	\$10,529.43
Average (last available).....	\$12,068.49

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 June 12 – June 16 will be hosted  
by the **GANDY** 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 ¾ 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

## PULASKI STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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## Three Problems with a Performance Worship Model

Is the priority in corporate worship the smooth, exhilarating, and entertaining performance of professionals on a stage before a dotting, enthusiastic audience, or is the priority in worship the heart-felt participation of every worshiper (from those in the pulpit to those in the pew) in worship to God? Some would argue that this is a false dichotomy, but I'm not so sure about that. I believe the words *performance* and *participation* represent diametrically opposed models for worship, and I would argue that the performance worship model has at least three glaring problems.

**A performance worship model encourages observation, not participation.** A performance worship model effectively turns worship into a concert. In such a setting, many people in the "pew" become guilty of proxy or passive worship, allowing the ones on stage to do their worshipping for them. It is true that under the Levitical system of the Old Covenant that the priest was the one through whom the people offered their sacrifices to God, but under the New Covenant, all Christians are priests (1 Pet. 2:9) who are expected to offer sacrifices to God (Heb. 13:15). It is also true that we live in a spectator, entertainment-driven society, which has influenced many people's idea about what worship should entail. However, the true heart of worship is not in observation but in participation with a true heart.

**A performance worship model promotes the sensational and sensual, not the spiritual.** In other words, a performance worship model substitutes style and splendor for substance. Many churches think they must do the former in order to attract or even keep new converts. Increasingly, churches are adopting an entertainment format in their worship services. There's the light show in combination with the slick graphics, the carefully crafted musical compositions of varying tempos, the intermittent pep-rally chants for Jesus, and a "message" that is based more on pop psychology than Scripture or that expounds simple platitudes rather than Christian doctrine. Jesus' instruction to the Twelve in Matthew 10:14 was basically, "If you can't win people with substance, move on," not "If you can't win people with substance, try to win them with style and splendor."

In John 6:66, many of Jesus' disciples walked away from him. After they had turned away, Jesus turned to the Twelve and said, "You do not want to go away also, do you?" Peter replied, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." When churches try to win people to Christ largely by making Christian worship a fun, exhilarating, and entertaining experience, they are changing the fundamental appeal of Christianity. The appeal of Christianity is not because it is fun and entertaining, but because it is true. If people are not interested in following Christ because what He offers is true, we must not try to get them to follow Christ for some other reason. If people are not interested in substance, we must not try to win them with style. If people are not following Christ because He is "the way, the truth, and the life" (John 14:6), then their discipleship is a sham. If people are worshiping God largely because, as one worshiper told Peter Jennings on ABC News, "It's like going to a movie, only better," then their worship is a sham. Let's not be guilty of opting for the sensational or the sensual over what is truly spiritual.

**A performance worship model inspires idolization of the performers, not veneration for God.** Take a moment to read Matthew 6:1-8. Jesus essentially taught that God has no reward for worship that is designed to be a performance for other people. Worship is not for a band, or a preacher even, to put on a "performance." Worship is not for people to show off their talents. Worship is not a production. Worship is not treating an audience to a theme-park style "experience." Since Jesus says performance worship has no reward from God, true worshipers will not seek to honor themselves or inspire idolization of themselves with their great performance. True worshipers bring a desire to venerate or honor God alone.

**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

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## sympathy

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We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of **DUANE DAVIS**. Duane was son of the late **Murry E. "Gene" and Veda Davis**. He was the brother of **Glenda Miller** and a friend to many. The funeral was held on Monday, June 5, at Neal Funeral Home.

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We extend Christian love and sympathy to **Kimberly Smith** on the death of her aunt, **BETTY SMITH**. Mrs. Smith was the great aunt of **Matthew Smith**. Shackelford Funeral Directors in Collinwood, TN, will be handling the arrangements, which were incomplete at print time.

Condolences may be sent to **Kim and Matthew** at 219 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

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## repentance

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**BRIAN and CARA ROBERTSON** have been going through a difficult time for the past few months. These issues have been hard for the whole family, and **Cara** has had an especially hard time coping with the situation. On Sunday, June 4, Jacob read a letter from her in which she expressed her remorse and regret for recent negative feelings and behavior. Cara asked for forgiveness, and she would appreciate our prayers. 1285 Knob Creek Rd., Westpoint, TN 38486.

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## thank you

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I would like to thank the elders and my church family for all the prayers, calls, text messages, flowers, food, cards, and the donations made to the Alzheimer's Association. I am beyond blessed with such a wonderful church family. We love you all so very much. **Steve and Kathy Sisk and family**

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Dear Pulaski Street Church Family,

Thank you so much for the delicious lunch you provided for us. We really appreciate you thinking of us. We are so fortunate to have you in our community! God bless you all!!  
Sincerely, **LPS Faculty and Staff**

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## area opportunities

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

**June 11-14: Vacation Bible School.** East Hill Church of Christ, Pulaski, TN. *Be An Example* (1 Timothy 4:12). Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

**Saturday, June 17: Super Saturday Vacation Bible School.** Salem Church of Christ. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. *I'm Not Ashamed of the Gospel.*

**Saturday, June 24: Ladies Day.** Plainview Church of Christ, Hazel Green, AL. Speaker Cathy Turner. *The Time is Now.* Registration at 8:30 a.m. Program at 9 a.m. Lunch at 12:30 p.m.

**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.

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## coming soon

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### JUNE

**Thursday, June 8: FINAL NIGHT OF VBS, AWARDS, PICNIC.**

- We will begin in the auditorium with songs and awards.
- After awards have been presented, we will assemble under the tent on the Parkes lawn (weather permitting) to witness individuals receive pies in the face. (This is based on the amount of money donated toward peanut butter for Haiti.)
- For our final night picnic/meal, **Cam and Kristen Mashburn, Sandi Cook, and others** will be providing the food for everyone.

Please continue to donate money  
for **peanut butter for Haiti!**  
You may continue to give funds for this cause  
through the end of June.

**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.

**Saturday, June 17: Bible Study for Ladies** (teens and up). Led by Kristen Mashburn. Please note that this one will be held at Kristen's house (100 Overlook Drive, Lawrenceburg). 9 a.m.

**Sunday, June 18: Happy Father's Day.**

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

**Sunday, June 25: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 1 p.m. song service.

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

### 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.**

**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.

**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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## youth news

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**June 11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> – MSYC!** We will have several of our students at Mid-South Youth Camp this week. Please keep them in your prayers!

**June 18<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.

**June 19<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> – Mission Trip!** Please keep our group in your prayers as we travel and work!

**June 25<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.

**June 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> – 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 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> will be a reward trip. (Participating in the work is required to go on the reward trip.)

**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> – Luncheon with Senior Ministry!** We will stay after worship this Sunday to discuss some future joint activities.

**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 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!** 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 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.

### Closing it out:

By the time you are reading this, Vacation Bible School will have been completed (or almost completed). So many people work so hard to make this such a great event at Pulaski Street! Many people from our community look forward to our VBS, and it gives us hope for growth and renewed excitement for current members.

To everyone who has been involved or attended,  
THANK YOU! Until next time,  
**Jeremy Gargis**

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## please continue to pray for these

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Sherman Harris, Mike Hughes, Pistol Marston, Connie Powell, Charlie Shadrick, Darrell Snider, Leighton Wyatt, Sheila Ayers, Jennifer Brazier, Randy Britton, Jerry Carden, Danny Case, Wayne Clayton, Eddy Cothren, Mike Cummings, Nell Dixon, Keith Faulkner, Shirley Futch, Jana Cross Gobble, Katie Holman, Thomas Holman, Randall Holt, Steve Kelley, Franklin Lee, Copeland Marks and family, Tim and Renee Miller, Oliver Luke Morrow, Marie Nielsen, Tony Parrish, William and Sandra Reed, Phil Reedy, Bethany Shoulders, Kade Shultz, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Don Sweeton, Mark Vaughn, James Weeks, Rachel Workman, and all those mentioned recently.

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## prayers are requested

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

**TIM CLIFTON** had heart tests on Monday, June 5. A new heart monitor was installed, and Tim is scheduled to return in two weeks. The doctor will review the information from the heart monitor and then decide whether a heart ablation procedure will be needed. Tim is also scheduled for another medical appointment on June 13. 307 Kennedy Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**MACK EVANS** was treated last week with an epidural steroid injection for spinal stenosis. He started physical therapy on Monday, June 5. These treatments are in hopes of improving his balance and mobility. 1265 East Gaines Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**TAMMY FOSTER** is home and recovering after having extensive foot surgery on Thursday, June 1. She will be in a cast for eight weeks. A full recovery is expected to take a year. 130 Berger Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**KATIE LEE** had an appointment with her oncologist on Monday, June 5. Unfortunately, pathology results were not what we all hoped they would be. The doctor recommends radiation treatment, followed by a course of medication that is used to inhibit the growth and reproduction of breast cancer cells. Katie will finish the reconstruction process and then expects to begin radiation. She is scheduled for an appointment with a radiation oncologist on Thursday, June 8. 400 Cherokee Hills Drive, Loretto, TN 38469.

**LARRY POPE** is scheduled for an appointment on June 19 with his doctor at the Bone & Joint Clinic. Larry had back surgery last year, and he has continued to cope with back problems and pain. 4479 Gimlet Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**STEPHANIE TAYLOR** has been battling health issues for some time. She had an injection last week for seizures. The injection triggered migraine headaches, for which she was treated at the ER on Wednesday, May 31, and Saturday, June 3. 1880 Fall River Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**JACQUE CALVERT**, neighbor of **April Rigsby**, was still in STRHS/Crockett Rehab as of Tuesday, June 6, after spending a few weeks at Maury Regional with sepsis and complications. Once she is discharged from STRHS, she will be staying at the home of her daughter and will have home health care until she is able to return home. 517 East Heights St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**MICHAEL HOLLMAN**, son of **JoAnn Holman** and brother of **Patsy Lee**, has been told he needs to have quadruple heart bypass surgery. He is now scheduled to have the surgery on Wednesday, June 21, at St. Thomas Hospital. 419 Shotwell Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**KENNY HAMBY**, brother of **Gayla Glass** (who has attended here in the past) and husband of **Lee Hamby** (who teaches at LCHS), is improving after suffering a stroke while on vacation in Colorado. He hopes to transfer from the hospital in Colorado to St. Thomas in Nashville soon. 101 Mint Springs Road, Ethridge, TN 38456.

**ASHLEY KENNEDY**, daughter of **Danny and Teresa Kennedy**, is having health problems and has requested prayers. You may send cards to her at 53 Shotwell Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**LISA PARRISH**, the wife of **Tony Parrish** and daughter-in-law of **Jean Parrish**, has been undergoing treatment at Vanderbilt UMC for stage four pulmonary hypertension; she also had a liver transplant in February. At last report, she was responding to the new medication well. As of Monday, June 5, it was being determined whether Lisa would transfer to a rehab facility or be released to return home. 230 Jackson Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

**SHIRLEY REED**, the mother of **Christy Smith**, had improved to the point that she was moved to a step-down room last week. As of Monday, June 5, she was doing about the same.

 Please note list of additional names.