

## 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 9, 2023**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

**DOOR GREETERS** (front foyer) for **Sunday, July 9:**  
**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, July 9: **Jeffrey Hughes** and **Jeremy Snider**

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

Sunday, July 23: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

Sunday, July 30: **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 28 and July 2, 2023

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	167
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	198
Sunday Morning Worship.....	269
Sunday Evening.....	111
Contribution (2023 Budget \$11,909.00).....	unavailable
Average (last available).....	\$12,068.27

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 10 – July 14 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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## Reasons for Christ's Preeminence

### Part Two

In Colossians 1:16, Paul writes the following about Jesus Christ: "For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him." Jesus is preeminent because He is the **creator**.

What Paul says here is reminiscent of how the apostle John opened his Gospel: "All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made" (John 1:3; cf. Heb. 1:2). When Mary gave birth to Jesus, she was giving birth to her creator. She was giving birth to the One by whom and through whom everything everywhere was made.

Whatever realities exist owe their very existence to Christ. They are his handiwork. Jesus Christ created the invisible spirit world, including certain supernatural power structures, for that is what "thrones . . . powers . . . rulers . . . authorities" refer to, though their precise identification escapes us. The point Paul celebrates here is that Christ has majesty and power over all of them, whatever shape they take (cf. Col. 2:10, 15).

Christ created the vast visible world and universe. He created the fires of Arcturus and the firefly. He created the colors of the spectrum, including aquamarine, electric blue, burnt orange, saffron, and vermilion. He created every texture, every living thing, every planet, every star, every speck of stellar dust in the most forgotten backwash of the universe. And he did every bit of it *ex nihilo*, i.e., from nothing.

But there's something else to consider. One of the most astonishing statements in vs. 16 is encapsulated in two words: *for him*. All things were created not just *through him* but *for him*. There is nothing like this anywhere else in biblical literature. He isn't just the starting point of the universe; He's also the consummation of the universe. He is, we might say, the *goal* of creation. Everything in creation, whether terrestrial or celestial, is *for him*! Everything exists to display His glory! In fact, as we'll see in next week's article, everything that exists continues to exist because He continues to uphold the universe.

**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 *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 Shadrack      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 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.

**Saturday, July 15: Ladies Bible Study** for teens and up, led by Kristen Mashburn. 9 a.m. in the main foyer. *Finding Joy.*

**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 LCSS.

**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.

### SEPTEMBER

**Saturday, September 2: Seniors Ministry Activity.**

**Sunday, September 3: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Tuesday, September 5: Dorcas Sewing.** 10-3 in the FB.

**Saturday, September 9: Lawrence County Walk4Water.**

**Sunday, September 10: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Sunday, September 17: F.E.A.S.T.** 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

**Tuesday, September 19: Dorcas Sewing.** 10-3 in the FB.

**Sunday, September 24: 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.** 1 p.m. song service.

**Thursday, September 28: Seniors Ministry Outing.**

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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.

**Sunday, July 16 – Wednesday, July 19: Gospel Meeting.** Simms Ridge Church of Christ. Speaker Paul Helton. Sunday 7:30 p.m. M-W 7 p.m.

**Sunday, July 16 – Wednesday, July 19: Gospel Meeting.** Lexington Church of Christ, Lexington, AL. Speaker Jeff Abrams. M-W 7 p.m.

**Sunday, July 23 – Thursday, July 27: Gospel Meeting.** Gandy Church of Christ. Speaker Willie Hamblen. Sunday 7:30 p.m. M-W 7 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.

**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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## thank you

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Thanks to Jeremy, Samuel, and the youth group for taking us widows – Maxine, Pat, Toby, and Ruby – out for food on Wednesday, June 28. We enjoyed our time together, and the food was very good.

*The Widow Ladies*

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## Restoring a Thing of Value

Lovely works of art are often marred by accumulations of dirt and grime. Specialists are employed to restore them to their original beauty. They carefully remove the foreign matter that obscures the painting’s true nature. Fine furniture can become worn and damaged. Its beauty is hidden by tattered upholstery and layers of paint. To see it as it came from the hands of the artisan, it needs to be restored by a skilled workman. The paint and ragged upholstery need to be stripped away.

Christianity is two thousand years old. Its modern appearance is greatly marred and distorted by the accumulation of human doctrines and practices imposed upon it over the ages. A careful reading of the New Testament provides one with an accurate picture of Christianity as it came from the hands of Jesus. Comparing that with modern “versions of Christianity” reveals a stark difference. Hardly a single teaching or practice of the original faith has been untouched. Human hands have defiled its beauty with changes. But as with the work of art, we can restore the church to its original simplicity and beauty.

First, we look to the New Testament to determine just how Christ intended the church to be: what it was to believe and how it was to worship. We then resolve to follow those guidelines faithfully. Each item of faith and practice must be examined carefully. Anything not part of the New Testament must be discarded. Anything that has been left out must be put back.

We must be willing to endure the complaints, criticisms, and ridicule of those who love human traditions more than they do the original faith. We must be prepared to be a minority because Jesus said, “Many are called, but few are chosen” (Matthew 22:14). We must resolve to hold fast that which we find, lest we drift from it (Hebrews 2:1). The labor will be intense, the cost high, but when we have done the necessary work of restoring, we will see the pure and holy church of Christ He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:28). We will have found the way that is right, which cannot be wrong.

*-House to House Heart to Heart  
(online)*

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## youth news

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**July 9<sup>th</sup> - Lions and Senior Ministry Combined Luncheon!** Please stay after morning worship for food, fellowship, and discussion 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:*

Horizons, which is a summer Bible camp that takes place on the campus of Freed-Hardeman University, is always one of my favorite weeks! This year has gotten off to a great start, indicating that it will be another fantastic week!

This year’s theme is “Still,” and we are considering ways that we can rest in God’s promises, assurances, and support. As you might have guessed, the theme is taken from Psalm 46:10 where we read, “Be still and know that I am God.” Obviously, life can make that hard to do.

If you’re anything like me, you probably try to handle all of your problems, stresses, tough decisions, and difficulties all by yourself. While there is certainly value in self-sufficiency, we can also run into big problems when we don’t slow down, decompress, reprioritize, and intentionally rest in the Lord. We would all benefit from more time simply sitting still and resting in the Lord, His goodness, and His sovereignty.

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** is home and recovering after having rotator cuff surgery last week. The surgery went well, but Vickie has been in severe pain; it took several days to get it under control. Vickie is going to physical therapy sessions and is also doing exercises at home. *590 Watson Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**BILLY HELTON** was able to return home last week to continue recovering after his recent hip fracture and surgery. *219 Waterloo Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**LARRY POPE** continues to battle severe back problems and pain and is hoping to discuss his test results with the doctor soon. *4479 Gimlet Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

**VERNA ROGERS DUNKIN**, sister of **Elizabeth Land**, received the pathology results following her recent kidney cancer surgery. We are thankful to report that all of the cancer is believed to have been removed during surgery. Verna continues to recover very well. *455 South Brace Road, Ethridge, TN 38456.*

Please also continue to pray for these: Tammy Foster, Sherman Harris, Mike Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Katie Lee, Pistol Marston, Jonathan Niedergeses, Connie Powell, Chris and Stephanie Taylor, Jennifer Brazier, Randy Britton, Jacque Calvert, Jerry Carden, Danny Case, Wayne Clayton, Keith Faulkner, Shirley Futch, Jana Cross Gobble, Kenny Hamby, Michael Hollman, 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 and Lisa 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.

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## sympathy

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We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of **DON SWEETON**. Don was the husband of **Sarah Sweeton** who used to attend here. He was the brother-in-law of **Mack and Shirley Evans** and the uncle of **Jacob Evans** and **Mark Evans**. The funeral was held on Sunday, July 2, at Neal Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to **Sarah Sweeton and family** at *214 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

Condolences may be sent to **Mack and Shirley Evans** at *1265 East Gaines Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

Condolences may be sent to **Jacob, Brittany, and family** at *227 Parkes Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

Condolences may be sent to **Mark, Erin, and family** at *41 Planters Circle, Leoma, TN 38468.*



We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **CAROL CRAMER**. Mrs. Cramer was the grandmother of **Kristen Mashburn** and the great grandmother of **Lincoln Mashburn**. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday, July 3, in Lawrenceburg.

Condolences may be sent to **Kristen, Cam, and Lincoln** at *100 Overlook Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*