

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, September 3, 2023**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

DOOR GREETERS (front foyer) for **Sunday, September 3:**
Brad and Emily Nielsen

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.

CONSOLE and PROJECTOR OPERATORS

Sunday, September 3: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

Sunday, September 10: **Mark Evans** and **Caleb Evans**

Sunday, September 17: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, September 24: **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**.

August 23 and August 27, 2023

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	176
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	168
Sunday Morning Worship.....	252
Sunday Evening.....	76
Contribution (2023 Budget \$11,909.00).....	\$10,817.00
Average (last available).....	\$12,231.43

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 ◆ 6 a.m. ◆ Monday – Friday ◆
The upcoming week of September 4 – September 8 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 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

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The Anatomy of Unbelief

In his book *Is God a Moral Monster?* (2011), Paul Copan outlines three things that summarize the New Atheists' arguments in their criticism of theism. First, for all their emphasis on cool-headed, scientific rationality, the New Atheists, like Richard Dawkins and Sam Harris, express themselves not just passionately but angrily. Second, the New Atheists' arguments against God's existence are surprisingly flimsy, often resembling the simplistic village atheist far more than the credentialed academician. Their arguments are a collage of rhetorical barbs that don't really form a coherent argument. Third, the New Atheists aren't willing to own up to atrocities committed in the name of atheism by Stalin, Pol Pot, or Mao Zedong, yet they expect Christians to own up to all barbaric acts performed in God's or Jesus' name. For the New Atheists, *religion poisons everything, and atheism poisons nothing*. A Christian might wonder why or how a person can disbelieve in God.

In diagnosing unbelief, the biblical view is that unbelief stems from one's willful abuse of the truth. We're either a truth-seeker or a truth-twister, though we've all been guilty at some point of trying to conform reality to our thinking rather than conforming our thinking to reality. In Romans 1:18, Paul says that those who disobey God "suppress the truth in unrighteousness." What may be known about God, Paul says, is quite evident (Rom. 1:20), but it is adamantly denied by a determined act of will. Unbelief is the result of continuing to suppress the truth, which leads to an inescapable tension, because the truth is still always the truth, so no one can completely get away from it.

Aldous Huxley, an avowed atheist, even nihilist, said that "no philosophy is completely disinterested." In other words, everyone thinks for both "intellectual reasons" (based on truth) and "voluntary reasons" (based on desires and the will). Huxley admitted, "I had motives for not wanting the world to have meaning; consequently, I assumed that it had none, and was able without any difficulty to find satisfying reasons for this assumption." His philosophy of meaninglessness was far from disinterested. And what was the reason he and his colleagues didn't want their actions to mean anything? "We objected to morality because it interfered with our sexual freedom." This honest admission is extraordinary, but it gets at what we're saying here. From a biblical perspective, atheism is the result of deliberately suppressing the truth for one reason or another. The question for an atheist is not really "Why don't you believe?" but "Why do you not want to believe?" At the end of the day, the heart of the problem is a problem of the heart.

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 August and September is **Shane Hughes**.

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

coming soon

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 2: Seniors Ministry. Fish Fry.

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

Monday, September 4: LABOR DAY.

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

Wednesday, September 6: Ladies Bible Class will resume. 10 a.m. in the office classroom.

Friday, September 8: Seniors Ministry. Diana Singing.

Saturday, September 9: Lawrence County Walk4Water.
(Details in the next column.)

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

Tuesday, September 12: Seniors Ministry-Biscuit & a Devo. 9 a.m. in the fellowship building. Assorted biscuits, a devotional thought, and a discussion about the seniors ministry activities.

Wednesday, September 13: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Thursday, September 14-Saturday, September 16: Young Adults Fall Retreat. Pigeon Forge, TN.

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.

Thursday, September 21-Saturday, September 30: Mid-TN District Fair.

Sunday, September 24: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. song service.

Tuesday, September 26: Seniors Ministry-Biscuit & a Devo. 9 a.m. in the fellowship building. Assorted biscuits, a devotional thought, and a discussion about the seniors ministry activities.

Thursday, September 28: Seniors Ministry Outing. Braves game.

OCTOBER

Sunday, October 1: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Tuesday, October 3: Seniors Ministry-Biscuit & a Devo. 9 a.m. in the fellowship building. Assorted biscuits, a devotional thought, and a discussion about the seniors ministry activities.

Sunday, October 8: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

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

Wednesday, October 11: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Sunday, October 15: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Tuesday, October 17: Seniors Ministry-Biscuit & a Devo. 9 a.m. in the fellowship building. Assorted biscuits, a devotional thought, and a discussion about the seniors ministry activities.

Sunday, October 22: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. song service.

Tuesday, October 24: Dorcas Sewing. 10-3 in the FB.

Saturday, October 28: Seniors Ministry Activity.

Sunday, October 29: 5th Sunday/Super Sunday. Soup & Chili fellowship/potluck lunch in the FB following the morning worship. Guest speaker **Jason Helton.** Trunk or Treat; time TBD.

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 4: Ladies Holiday Party.

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

Wednesday, November 8: Songs Class. 6:15 p.m. in the auditorium.

Saturday, November 11: Golden Age Banquet.

Sunday, November 12: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Sunday, November 19: F.E.A.S.T. 5:30 p.m. in the FB.

Thursday, November 23: THANKSGIVING DAY.

Sunday, November 26: 4th Sunday. 1 p.m. song service.

new baby!

Brand new baby girl **LAINIEY FAYE BEVIS** was born on Tuesday, August 29, in Columbia, TN, to parents **Camry and Blake Bevis.** Lainey arrived weighing 6 lbs. and 12 ounces and measuring 20 inches long. Mother and baby are doing great!

Pulaski Street grandparents are **Scott and Jerri Harris,** and great grandparents are **Sherman and Jean Harris.** Aunt is **Emily Harris.**

Cards may be sent to **Blake, Camry, and Lainey** at *6536 County Road 36, Killen, AL 35645.*

thank you

Dear church family,

Thank you for the graduation blessings and the Bible. Your encouragement is much appreciated.

Love, **Caleb Evans**

I would like to thank each and every one of you for remembering me with prayers, cards, and telephone calls. It is times like these that really make you appreciate everything. May God bless you and keep you!

In Christian love, **James and Betty Weeks**

walk4water

Please join us for the 10th annual Lawrence County Walk4Water. This event will take place on Saturday, September 9, at the Rotary Park walking track. Registration begins at 8 a.m., and the walk starts at 9 a.m.

Please **REGISTER** and/or **DONATE** by visiting: <https://walk4water.hhi.org/lawrenceburg-tn-2023> or find the event page on Facebook. Registration prior to the event date will guarantee you a shirt on the day of the walk.

Walk4Water is a ministry of Healing Hands International. This effort has provided for more than 1,000 wells to date, providing clean water to remote communities.

area opportunities

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.

Saturday, September 16: Ladies Day. Sandy Hook Church of Christ. Speaker Ira Booker. *Bee-Coming More Like Christ.* 9 a.m. Brunch provided.

October 5, 12, 19, 26: Fall Ladies Class. Heritage Christian University. Thursday evenings in October at 6 p.m. *Ordinary Things, Holy Purpose.* On campus and Zoom. Register online.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

¹⁷For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,

¹⁸as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18, ESV

youth news

September 6th – Good Works Wednesday! Lions, meet in the south parking lot at 5 p.m. to make a visit and then eat supper before coming back for Bible class!

September 8th - Tailgate! Meet in the fellowship building at 5:15 for food and a devo before going to football game (or going home...whatever) against Giles County! Tell a friend!

September 10th – Maury County Area Wide! The September MCAW will take place at Culleoka Church of Christ. We will meet in the south parking lot at 4:15 p.m. to head there. Supper will be provided.

September 10th - Deadline to sign up for Erupt! Erupt, which takes place inside Cumberland Caverns, will be October 20-22. The cost to attend will be \$60.

September 11th – Breakfast Bible Study! We will meet in the fellowship building at 6:55 a.m. for breakfast, a quick Bible study, and prayer before you head to school. Let me know by September 10th if you plan to be there! Don't miss this! **(Please note the change in date from September 4th to avoid the Labor Day holiday.)**

September 13th – Songs Class! 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the auditorium. Join us as we familiarize ourselves with some new/new-to-us songs!

September 22nd-23rd – R.U.S.H. at FHU! For those going, we will meet in the south parking lot at 4:15 to head toward Henderson. Please get your \$30 to cover a portion of the registration cost to me or Sandy Adams by September 20th. You will also need money for supper on Friday, gas station stops, and any souvenirs you may want. It's going to be a great weekend! Please keep our group in your prayers as we travel to and take part in this event!

Closing it out:

Several years ago, I started carrying a “minimalist” wallet. I frequently put it in my front pocket if I'm going to be sitting down for an extended period of time. When I'm driving, it typically sits in the door handle of my truck. It had gotten to the point that a regular-sized wallet hurt my back and hips pretty significantly after sitting on them for much time at all, and the way I do it now has helped tremendously! It took a little time to get used to, but now I can't imagine going back to a full-sized wallet.

Sometimes we just keep doing the things we have always done, even if they aren't good for our health and well-being. Sadly, this isn't just a problem physically. Many of us fall into a rut spiritually, rely on a crutch, or just make excuses for not doing our best to mature and grow into the image of Christ. We may even say that this is just the way we have always been or that we aren't talented enough to do more. When we do things like this, it's kind of like sitting on a thick, hard wallet that pushes our spine out of line and hurts us.

Maybe this analogy seems like a stretch to some of you, but it certainly resonates with me. I know that there are things hampering my own personal spiritual growth for which I have consistently made excuses. Maybe you're in the same boat? It's time to change. Trade in that old wallet, or habit, that is preventing you from being healthier and more productive!
Until next time...

Jeremy Gargis

prayers are requested

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

ELIANA ESPINOZA was injured at work on Tuesday, August 29, and was going to be examined at a walk-in clinic. We had no report by print time. *770 Windsor Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

PATRICK HUGHES will be treated with another nerve block before having the facet joint ablation procedure. As of Tuesday, August 29, Patrick was still waiting for the nerve block to be scheduled. *295 Cotton Lane, Leoma, TN 38468.*

KATIE LEE is scheduled to have reconstructive surgery on Thursday, August 31. Two weeks after the reconstruction, Katie will begin a course of radiation. The treatment will be done five days a week, Monday through Friday, for five weeks. *400 Cherokee Hills Drive, Loretto, TN 38469.*

CHARLIE SHADRICK is scheduled to return to his doctor in Chattanooga on September 12 to recheck his tibia fracture. *311 Land Road, Leoma, TN 38468.*

PAM SNIDER was scheduled to have extensive neck surgery on Wednesday, August 30, at Williamson Medical Center. She expected to be hospitalized overnight. NO VISITORS and NO FOOD, please. *5253 Waynesboro Hwy., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DEANNA THIGPEN was recently diagnosed with a reoccurrence of cancer. She is still waiting for doctor appointments to determine a course of treatment. *405 Pettus Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

DR. SCOTT BENEFIELD, a local pediatrician who is known to many here, suffered multiple serious injuries on Saturday, August 26, when he was struck by a vehicle while riding his bicycle.

JUDY DOTSON, wife of **J.W. Dotson**, had a cardiac ablation procedure to treat atrial fibrillation on Tuesday, August 29, at Centennial Medical Center. The procedure reportedly went great. *53 Kelsey Drive, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

LISA PARRISH, daughter-in-law of **Jean Parrish** and wife of **Tony Parrish**, was still in Vanderbilt Stallworth, Rm. 2202B, as of Tuesday, August 29. We had no recent update by print time, but please continue to pray for Lisa, Tony, and family. *230 Jackson Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

JOE PURCELL, father of **Mike Purcell**, was recently diagnosed with cancer in his leg. He is scheduled to have major surgery on September 6, in which the cancerous mass and his femur will be removed and a hip replacement will be done. Please pray for Joe, his wife, Peggy, and all of the Purcell family. *55 Martin Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.*

BETHANY SHOULDERS, daughter of **Tim** (former preacher here) and **Valerie Shoulders**, is recovering from her recent bone marrow transplant for an aggressive form of leukemia. As of Tuesday, August 29, Bethany was doing about the same. Doctors are periodically checking for progress in the formation of new, healthy cells. *5008 NW 21st Drive, Gainesville, FL 32605.*

LINDA NELSON SMITH, cousin of **Bob Markus**, suffered facial fractures in a recent fall. As of Tuesday, August 29, Linda was in the process of finding a plastic surgeon. *150 Revilo Road, Leoma, TN 38468.*

Please also continue to pray for these:

Vickie Crouch, Sherman Harris, Pistol Marston, Larry and Bonnie Pope, Stephanie Taylor, Jacque Calvert, Jerry Carden, Cayla Eells, Keith Faulkner, Jana Cross Gobble, Kenny Hamby, Debbie Harris, Katie Holman, Michael Hollman, Thomas Holman, Randall Holt, Steve Kelley, Matteo Kolyszko, Ashley Kennedy, Franklin Lee, Sheila Methvin, Tim and Renee Miller, Oliver Luke Morrow, William and Sandra Reed, Phil Reedy, Ray Scheidegg, Kade Shultz, Randall and Cathy Staggs, Mark Vaughn, James Weeks, Edie Wilburn, Rachel Workman, and all those mentioned recently.