

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, November 5, 2023**. Please go directly to your class when you arrive.

DOOR GREETERS (front foyer) for **Sunday, November 5:**
Andy and Katie Lee

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, November 5: **Tommy McClaren** and **Ethan Cooper**

Sunday, November 12: **Jeffrey Hughes** and **Jeremy Snider**

Sunday, November 19: **Jeffrey Hughes** and **Jeremy Snider**

Sunday, November 26: **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**.

October 25 and October 29, 2023

Mid-Week Bible Study.....	175
Sunday Morning Bible Study.....	171
Sunday Morning Worship.....	314
Sunday Evening.....	96
Contribution (2023 Budget \$11,909.00).....	\$12,250.27
Average (last available).....	\$12,150.09

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 th Sundays, 1 p.m. song service. 5 th Sundays, no p.m. service.	

SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

◆ On WDXE AM 1370/FM 102.5 ◆ 6 a.m. ◆ Monday – Friday ◆
The upcoming week of November 6 – November 10 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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The Pornography Problem

Part One

If I were to ask you to identify the strongest man in the Bible, you would probably answer "Samson." If I were to ask you to tell me Israel's greatest king, you would probably answer "David." If I were to ask you to pinpoint the wisest man in the Bible, you would probably answer "Solomon." Have you ever thought about what all three of these guys had in common? One preacher said, "If you think you can't fall into sexual sin, then you're stronger than Samson, godlier than David, and wiser than Solomon." Here's what we all know to be true or should know to be true: illicit sexual acts first begin with an illicit desire, and God pleads with us through His Word to manage our desires.

The Greek noun *epithymia* is based on the root word *thymos*, meaning "an urge" or "passion," and is often translated "desire(s)." Sometimes this word appears in a more mundane (or positive) sense in the NT. For instance, in 1 Thessalonians 2:17, we read: "But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with **great desire** to see you face to face" (emphasis mine; cf. Phil. 1:21-23). Nevertheless, *epithymia* generally constitutes wrong sensual and sexual desires, i.e., lusts. The Christian life entails, among other things, the crucifixion of the "flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal. 5:24).

What we've said about the noun is also true of the verb. Context determines meaning. *Epithymeo* variously means "to desire earnestly, long for something, lust, covet." In a positive sense, this verb denotes the earnest longing of the prophets and the righteous to see the messianic fulfillment in Jesus' ministry (Matt. 13:17) and the angels' longing to look into the wonder of salvation (1 Pet. 1:12). It describes the prodigal son's longing to eat the pig's pods (Luke 15:16) and Lazarus's longing to eat the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table (Luke 16:21). Jesus tells his disciples that He eagerly desired to eat the Passover with them (Luke 22:15). Paul thinks that the desire to be an elder or overseer is a good thing (1 Tim. 3:1), and the writer of Hebrews desires for his readers to continue diligently in spiritual growth (Heb. 6:11).

Instances of a more negative use of this verb are easily found in the NT. In Matthew 5:28-29, for example, Jesus highlights the illegality of lust: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that **everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent** has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. For it is better that you lose one of your members than that your whole body be thrown into hell" (emphasis added). Some longings are fine; others are not. Again, desire can be a good thing. If it weren't for sexual desire, the number of marriages would be drastically lower, and you and I may not have been born. In a healthy marriage, desire is alive and well—and focused (cf. 1 Cor. 7:2-5; Heb. 13:4). It's perfectly fine to desire, long for, and "lust" after your spouse. But lusting after someone who is not your spouse is a problem in God's eyes; thus, we need to pay attention to what we put before our eyes or how we respond to what comes before our eyes (Ps. 101:3; Job 31:1).

The lust factory that is plaguing our society in the twenty-first century is the porn industry. Pornography is sexually explicit material in pictures or videos that is intended for the purpose of sexual arousal. Its use has reached epidemic proportions, affecting both men and women, whether non-Christian or Christian. In next week's article, I'll demonstrate just how pervasive and pernicious the pornography problem is, and in a couple of weeks, I'll discuss what we can do to protect ourselves and our families.

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 *October* and *November* is **Mark Miller**.

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

2023 theme shirts

A table at which you may obtain your **2023 Disciple theme shirts** has been set up in the main foyer. FYI, we are still waiting for some sizes to arrive. Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as orders are fulfilled.

If you ordered shirt(s) or tumbler(s), please go to the foyer with your money before or after services and pick up your order.

coming soon

NOVEMBER

Saturday, November 4: Ladies Holiday Party. 6 p.m. in the fellowship building. See Brittany Evans or Abigail McKamey-Jones if you have questions.
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Saturday, November 4: Before you go to bed this evening, be sure to set your clocks BACK one hour!
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Sunday, November 5: Daylight Saving Time ends.

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: Veterans Day.

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.

November 20-24: No school this week (LCSS).

Thursday, November 23: THANKSGIVING DAY.

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

DECEMBER

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

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

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

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

December 19: Abbreviated school day/last day before holiday break (LCSS).

Sunday, December 24: Christmas Eve. No p.m. service on this date.

Monday, December 25. Christmas Day. COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST. We will be hosting our Community Christmas Breakfast once again this year from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship building. Help will be needed to cook, serve, and clean up. Be watching for sign-up sheets on the bulletin board.
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Sunday, December 31: New Year's Eve. No p.m. service on this date.

sympathy

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **CHUCK RICHARDSON**. Chuck had been battling illness for the past couple of weeks, and he passed away on Saturday, October 28, in Columbia, TN.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 11, from 10 until 11 a.m., and a memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. at Pulaski Street Church of Christ.

Chuck is survived by his four children: son, **Darryl Richardson**; son, **Greg Richardson**; daughter, **Sara Richardson Ress**; and son, **John Richardson**.

We will provide mailing addresses when we have them.

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the family of **BRANDY BLANK**. Brandy was the niece of **Shirley Evans** and cousin of **Jacob Evans**. She was the mother of four children. Arrangements were incomplete at print time.

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

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

thank you

Pulaski Street Church family,

Thank you for your partnership in the gospel and for your recent gift. This will provide at least 500 Bibles to the people of Eastern Europe and allow even more to hear of the good news of Jesus in their own language. What a blessing to have partners like you! **Jim Black**, EEM

those in facilities

(This information was checked on Tuesday, October 31, 2023.)
Please send cards, make phone calls, and visit those who are shut in.

COUNTRYSIDE HEALTHCARE, 3051 Buffalo Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

931-762-9418

Joseph Simpson, 417 (brother of Mary Wilson; husband of Brenda Simpson who has visited here).

KEESTONE (cottage), 318 Kennedy St., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Dorothy Underwood, cottage (mother of Pam Snider).

THE SUMMIT, 186 Prosser Rd., Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.
931-762-3524

Nell Davis, B-8 (Pulaski Street member).

Hazel Violet, C-5 (Pulaski Street member).

in own homes

Gennie Adams, P.O. Box 363, Hazel Green, AL 35750.

Virginia Cole, 931-565-3331, 1557 Shores Rd., Goodspring, TN 38460.

If you or someone you know should be added to one of these lists, please let us know.

youth news

November 5th - Lambs Activity! This will take place in the Lions Den from 4:00 p.m. until time for FEAST. Make your plans to be there!

November 5th - Lions Activity! We will head to the Shadricks' house for s'mores and singing after FEAST! Plan on it!

November 6th - Breakfast Bible Study! We will meet in the fellowship building at 6:55 for breakfast, Bible study, and prayer before you head to school. Let me know by November 5th if you plan to be there!

November 8th - Songs Class! 6:15-6:45 p.m. in the auditorium. Please join us as we familiarize ourselves with some new/new-to-us songs!

November 11th - Golden Age Banquet! Plan to come serve and enjoy our time together in fellowship!

November 12th - Maury County Area Wide! The November MCAW will take place at Cathey's Creek Church of Christ. We will meet in the south parking lot at 4:17 p.m. to head there. Supper will be provided.

November 19th - Lions Hangout After FEAST! Stick around in the Lions Den for a while!

December 3rd - Maury County Area Wide! The December MCAW will take place at Spring Hill Church of Christ. We will meet in the south parking lot at 4:15 to head there. Supper will be provided.

December 4th - Breakfast Bible Study! We will meet in the fellowship building at 6:55 for breakfast, a quick Bible study, and prayer before you head to school. Let me know by December 3rd if you plan to be there!

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

December 16th - Lions Christmas Party! This will take place at the Gargises' house at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a \$15 gift that you actually like for a gift-swap game!

Closing it out:

"Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light." - Psalm 36:5-9

Until next time,
Jeremy Gargis

prayers are requested

DEAN HUGHES is sick at home with strep throat. 532 Admiral Circle, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

LARRY POPE received a good report at his follow-up appointment after recent surgery for melanoma. 4479 Gimlet Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

MIKE PURCELL is continuing with wound care treatment for the foreseeable future. 9 Ashley Court, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

LINDA SNIDER was still in Williamson Medical Center as of Tuesday, October 31. She had emergency surgery there last week after being diagnosed with a perforated colon and sepsis. 703 Lloyd Street, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

DEANNA THIGPEN was scheduled to have her next treatment on Wednesday, November 1. 405 Pettus Street, L'burg, TN 38464.

CAROLYN ALEXANDER, sister of **Joyce Clark**, was in St. Thomas West as of Tuesday, October 31. She is battling pneumonia, colitis, and an irregular heartbeat. 12 Delana Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

DANNY CASE, father of **Tommy Case**, will be having surgery next week (Wednesday, November 8) to remove scar tissue from his previous cancer surgery site. 215 Smith Circle, Loretto, TN 38469.

RANDALL HOLT, brother of **Reggie Holt**, is still staying at a Hope House near the hospital (Sarah Cannon Cancer Center/TriStar) continuing to recover after his recent stem cell transplant. He has good days and bad days, but his biggest issue is having no appetite. 49 McGee Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

CHRIS HUNTLEY, coworker of **Patsy Lee**, has been diagnosed with stage two esophageal cancer. Chris was scheduled for an appointment on Wednesday, November 1, to determine his next steps. 310 Shoally Branch Road, Leoma, TN 38468.

DR. DAVID LIPE, friend of **Jacob Evans**, is hospitalized after experiencing unexplained blood loss leading to a fall at home. He has been treated with blood transfusions and is undergoing tests. 240 Partridge Trail, Baxter, TN 38544.

DAVID NUTT, uncle of **Eric Nutt**, had stitches removed from his arm and his cast replaced with a brace on Tuesday, October 31, following his recent accident with a saw. He was (re)scheduled to have cardiac ablation on Wednesday, November 1. He is still expecting to have back surgeries soon. 1799 T. Nutt Road, Waynesboro, TN 38485.

LISA PARRISH, daughter-in-law of **Jean Parrish** and wife of **Tony Parrish**, was home as of Tuesday, October 31. She is battling a number of very serious health issues. 230 Jackson Avenue, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

ELIJAH TAYLOR, eleven-year-old family friend of **the Miele family** in California (**Joe and Rebecca's** family) is recovering at home after his first surgery to repair his severely injured foot. He is scheduled for an appointment on Monday, November 6, to see his orthopedic surgeon. He expects to have skin graft surgery after that appointment. Prayers are requested for no infections and continued healing.

KIM WISDOM, cousin of **April Rigsby**, is suffering with severe back pain and is facing another surgery soon. 11 N. Hood Road, Lawrenceburg, TN 38464.

Please also continue to pray for Debbie Cockrell, Vickie Crouch, Eliana Espinoza, Sue Gibbs, Sherman Harris, Regina Hepler, Mike Hughes, Patrick Hughes, Ashley Kennedy, Jim Land, Katie Lee, Pistol Marston, Larry Pope, Pam Snider, Lawrence Anderson, Dr. Scott Benefield, Randy Britton, Judy Brown, Mary Charles Brown, Jacque Calvert, Jerry Carden, Donna Crews, Cayla Eells, Keith Faulkner, James Fields, Kenny Hamby, Larry McAnally, Sheila Methvin, Tim Miller, Oliver Luke Morrow, Tony Parrish, Leon Patterson, Rebecca Pigg, Joe Purcell, William and Sandra Reed, Phil Reedy, Bethany Shoulders, Kade Shultz, Joseph Simpson, Dan Sinclair, Linda Nelson Smith, Cathy Staggs, Mark Vaughn, James Weeks, Edie Wilburn, Rachel Workman, and all those mentioned recently.