

# Hohenwald Church of Christ Family News

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## Honored to Serve in January:

### Announcements:

Jason Fite

Song Leader: Hayden Bass

Preside at Lord's Table:

Jon Jones

Lord's Table:

Main: ScottyDuncan/Daniel Graves/  
Hunter Bastin/Danny Milam/Scottie  
Bass/Steve Scott

Wing: Noah Cotham

Prepare Communion:

Amber Bastin

Deliver Communion:

Darrell Hinson & Jeff Peery

Sunday, January 21:

Opening Prayer: Steve Selby

Closing Prayer: Luke Roberson

Sun AM Bible Study: 9:30 a.m./Worship:

10:30 Sun PM: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

## No Ask is Too Big

With the cold temperatures and recent icy conditions, I have been watching a bit more television lately while spending time indoors. There is a term I have heard a few times recently: "That's a big ask." The response is always given when someone calls in a favor. The reply is a way of telling someone that what they are requesting is not going to be easy, or maybe is out of line with the favor that is owed.

When we pray to God, we never have to worry about our Heavenly Father replying with, "That's a big ask." Sometimes I think we are guilty of not asking big enough—we either have a habit of limiting God's power or are afraid that we don't deserve or have the right to make such a large or bold request. In one of my daily devotionals this past week, I was reminded of what James writes:

**What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? <sup>2</sup>You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. <sup>3</sup>When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.**

**<sup>7</sup>Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.**

**James 4:1-3; 7-10**

James explains that when we approach God in prayer, sometimes we don't receive because we don't ask in the first place. He also cautions us against asking for things with impure hearts or motives. I appreciate the assurance of how when we truly desire to get away from worldly thoughts that the Holy Spirit will deliver us from temptation and God will lift up those who are humble in his sight. Let's be humble. Let's be pure. Let's not be afraid to present God with a big ask.

Keep the faith,

*Greg*

## Prayer Requests:

Sympathy is extended to **Trisha Reeves** following the passing of her mother, **Connie Diehl**.

**Darren Clayburn** was admitted to Vanderbilt this past week with pancreatitis. He is now at home.

**Darrell Hinson** will have surgery to repair two hernias on Tuesday at Maury Regional.

### Continue to remember in prayer:

Judy Burton, Emily James, Bettye Ammons, Barbara Eglinton, Dawn Darden, John Beard, Lovada Burklow, Raylan Carroll, Terri Baker, Bobby Galya, Emerie Mitchell, Ronnie Belew, Dana Shanes Lynch, Susan Campbell, Kay Starling, Matthew Jones, Austin Duncan, Beverly Malone, Iva DePriest, Steve Hopper, Debbie Durham, Glen Garrison, Jim Webb, Darrell Potts, Connye Karpel, Louise Tatum, Janie Ellis, Waylin Spears, Jane West, Mary Lou Morton, Doris Gildersleeve, Jimmy Griner, Barbara Nixon, Carolyn Armstrong, Stephanie Fielder, Simon McBride

## Upcoming Events:

February 4: Friends & Family Day

February 4: Devo @ Lewis County Nursing & Rehab @ 2:00 p.m.

February 19: Blood Drive



Join us tonight for a time of praise as we meet God on the Summit. Daniel Graves will be speaking to us this evening at 6 p.m.



**Friends and Family Day is Sunday, February 4. Postcards will be available on the table in the lobby next week to mail invitations to people you would like to invite to this year's event. As always, we will have a potluck fellowship following morning worship with no evening worship. Greg's message will be centered on the idea of giving our whole self to God and others.**

## Honored to Serve Forms

Please return the honored to serve forms that were passed out a few weeks ago to **Kay Duncan, Greg** or one of our shepherds as soon as possible. This will allow us to update our serving schedule for 2018.

### Romans 12: 9-18

Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.