

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 28:

Opening Prayer: Tom Gosser

Closing Prayer: Steve Scott

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

10:30 Sun PM: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Extending Grace

NPR's radio show "This American Life" ran an interesting segment about a marketing executive from Colombia named Jose Miguel Sokoloff. The government of Columbia approached Jose with an interesting assignment: run a marketing campaign that will convince leftist guerrilla rebels to demobilize and reenter society. At first Jose's firm ran a series of radio ad campaigns that featured testimonials from former rebels. But actors actually read the testimonials so that plan didn't work.

Then in 2010, Mr. Sokoloff tried a different approach—an ad campaign called "Operation Christmas." At nine strategic places in the jungle where the rebels traversed, they strung hundreds of Christmas lights on 75-foot tall trees. When the rebels walked by a motion sensor set off the lights and a recorded message that said, "If Christmas can come to the jungle, you can come home." That campaign helped demobilize 331 rebels.

The next year they ran a similar campaign titled "Operation Rivers of Light." The firm filled over 7,000 translucent plastic balls with small gifts and heartwarming notes inviting the rebels to come home. As the rebels travelled by river, this time they saw the balls, lit up and floating on the river, coming towards them. They couldn't resist; they opened the balls and received the gifts and read the notes. Beauty was the key to this campaign. Sokoloff said, "When you see all these lights floating down the river, slowly floating down towards you, you can't escape the thought of, this is a beautiful thing ... [you're] drawn to it."

Then in 2012, the ad agency ran "Operation Bethlehem." They shone huge skylights up into the night air and ran the following message: "This Christmas follow the light that will guide you to your family and your freedom."

What a beautiful but incomplete picture of God's grace. You're out in the jungle, a rebel from God's presence, and you expect—no, you deserve—law. You expect to be left alone in your rebellion. Instead, you get an invitation: come home. Drop your arms, leave the jungle, and walk to your father's house. That is grace. That is the gospel.

Matt Woodley

Ira Glass, "The Poetry of Propaganda," This American Life (12-18-15)

Prayer Requests:

Darrell Hinson had surgery this past week and is recovering at home.

The victims of the school shooting in Benton, KY

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

There will be a meeting following this morning's worship for anyone that is interested in teaching a class.



Friends and Family Day is next Sunday, February 4. Postcards are available on the table in the lobby 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.

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. Greg will be our speaker this evening.

Greg will have a meeting following morning worship on Sunday, February 11 for those interested in the Honduras mission trip.

Psalm 103:10-14

¹⁰. he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹². as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. ¹³. As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; ¹⁴. for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

Honored to Serve Forms

We ask you to 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.