

Hohenwald Church of Christ Family News

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Honored to Serve in April:

Announcements:

Bill Lynch

Song Leader: Hayden Bass

Preside at Lord's Table:

Jeff Holbrook

Lord's Table:

Main: Tom Gosser/Steve Scott/Terry Thompson/Steve Selby/Gavin Potts/Danny Milam

Wing: Jaxon Fite

Prepare Communion:

Scotty & Kay Duncan

Deliver Communion:

Jason Fite

Sunday, April 15:

Opening Prayer: Jerry Mercer

Closing Prayer: Steve Selby

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

10:30 Sun PM: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Praying in Public

Stacy and I recently had a proud parental moment when Barrett informed his mother that he was asked to give the closing prayer at a recent chapel hosted by the English Department at Harding University. Barrett wrote out his prayer, and the prayer was written specifically for the occasion—a group of people whose major field of study centers around the creative process. The following is the prayer Barrett delivered last week:

Dear God,

We thank You today for one of the greatest gifts You have blessed us with—the gift of words. It is written that “In the beginning was the word, and the word was with God, and the word was God.” We know that Jesus was that word, and just as You made us all in Your image, You blessed us all with language, so that we may become closer to you. You blessed us with creativity, so that we may follow after the example of the ultimate creator.

You, O Lord, are the greatest storyteller of all. And so, we pray that we may glorify Your name by using our gifts to their fullest potential, creating new worlds and new stories with words of our own, just as You did at the beginning of creation.

In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen

In 2009 I was invited to deliver the invocation at the Fiscal Court meeting in Barren County, Kentucky. This elected body is equivalent to our County Mayor and County Commissioners. I had been in ministry for about a year and had led dozens of prayers in front of others. None of those prayers were televised or in front of a non-church audience. I stammered and stuttered and by the grace of Almighty God, I finally got through it.

I decided I would never again pray at a special occasion or in public without writing out the prayer I was to deliver. When Bill Lynch asks me to pray at football games my prayer is written on my Evernote app and is read on my smartphone screen. Having to write out a prayer is not only acceptable—it is highly recommended in order to deliver it more easily and to make sure your words are appropriate for the occasion.

A prayer should be from the heart. Just because it is written in advance does not make it less sincere or less Spirit-led. We need more men and young men in our church family who will be willing to do what is uncomfortable at first and lead public prayers. The real work of prayer is what we do behind closed doors or when we are alone with God. Our Gracious Father is glorified, however, when we pray together as a community or as a Body of Christ.

Keep the faith,

Greg

Prayer Requests:

Arelus Dye has been diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Jenny Carroll, Harper Bastin, Judy Burton, Emily James, Bettye Ammons, Barbara Eglinton, Dawn Darden, John Beard, Lovada Burklow, Raylan Carroll, 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, Patrick Landers

Upcoming Events:

April 19: Blood Drive 1:30-5:30

April 29: Wedding shower for Christian Peery & Kelsie Tompkins

May 5: GYIDE Fish Fry

May 13: Mother's Day

May 13: Senior Celebration Night



We will meet God on the mountain for a time of praise and devotion tonight at 6:00.



Cody and Haley Mitchell are the proud parents of a little boy, Finnley Oliver Mitchell, born on April 3, 2018. He weighed 6 lbs 6 oz & was 18 inches long. Grandparents are Randall & Nancy Mitchell and Great Grandmother, Kathy Pipkins

Food Pantry

This week's items are:

Spaghetti noodles, Spaghetti sauce, Hamburger Helper and Macaroni & cheese



Join us for a bridal shower honoring Christian Peery

&

Kelsie Tompkins

April 29, 2018

1:00-3:00 p.m.

In the lobby of the Hohenwald Church of Christ

Registered at Walmart, Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond, and Sandals Registry