

Hohenwald Church of Christ Family News

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Honored to Serve in July:

Announcements:

Jeff Holbrook

Song Leader: Hayden Bass

Preside at Lord's Table:

Tom Gosser

Lord's Table:

Lucas Clayton/Terry Thompson/Billy
Don Jackson/C.W. Carroll/Gavin
Potts/Jason Fite

Prepare Communion:

Irene Griner/Wanda Carroll

Deliver Communion:

Rick Jones

Sunday, July 1:

Opening Prayer: Jerry Mercer

Closing Prayer: Scottie Bass

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

10:30 Sun PM: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Lending a Hand

It's no great revelation to say that we, as Christians, are called to help others. As followers of Jesus, it falls upon us to show love and kindness to everyone we can, as well as to help those in need — even when it isn't easy. My father is currently putting that idea into action by participating in a mission trip to Honduras. As much as I hate to admit it, there are times when I'm envious of his dedication. My father is the kind of person who will bend over backwards to lend a helping hand to someone who needs it. He's one of the kindest, most selfless people I know, and seeing the lengths he's willing to go to in order to serve others makes we want to be more like him.

However, I'm not like my father. I'm like me. I've never been on a single mission trip in my life. I don't have the courage and dedication that my father — along with so many of my brothers and sisters in Christ — have in such great supply. I'm not the kind of person who you'll find feeding the hungry or aiding the sick. I'm the kind of person who likes to stay in my comfort zone, relaxing on the couch in front of my HD TV with a roof over my head. Now, I wouldn't say I never do anything to help the people around me — I do chores around the house. I hold the door open for strangers. When I see someone drop something, I help them pick it up. I've even volunteered in a food pantry and served breakfast at the Nashville Rescue Mission... but doesn't all that seem downright petty compared to the great things other people in this church family have done?

There are times when I feel guilty about this — times when I feel inadequate, that I'm not doing enough to help others. As James 2:17 (NIV) says, "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead." But there are other times when I feel that my actions may not be so worthless after all. I've recently started helping out my mother and Ms. Kaye with children's church — I don't have much experience working with children, and I'm not always too comfortable being around them, but I always try to help my mom out when she needs it, so I lend her a hand anyway. And for the last couple weeks, being around those kids has been the highlight of my Sunday. My mom handles most of the lesson, so I'm relegated to helping with arts and crafts, and helping out my friend Spot, the church dog. But seeing how those kids smile — how excited they are to learn about God's word — it's downright humbling.

I still don't see myself going on any mission trips any time soon, but that doesn't mean I can't go a little outside my comfort zone. And it certainly doesn't mean I can't help people. While I have the utmost respect for my father and the work he's doing in Honduras, I'm still content to stay right here at home. Whether I'm writing a bulletin article for my dad or making kids smile for my mom, there's always plenty of ways I can lend a hand. In the week to come, always remember to look for ways that you can lend a hand to someone who needs it, even if it's something small. I know I'll be doing the same.

In the name of love,

Barrett Smith

Continue to remember in prayer:

Amy Sue Cotton, Arelus Dye, 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:

Today: Devo at Lewis County Nursing & Rehab @ 2:00.

July 4: No Wednesday evening classes

July 21: House of Hope



Children's worship for ages 3—current 2nd graders will be in room 115 after the Lord's Supper and will last for the remainder of the service. Children must be picked up by a parent.



House of Hope

The House of Hope back-to-school giveaway will be Saturday, July 21. The way you can help right now is by making a monetary donation so that school supplies can be purchased. Money can be given to Barbara Cameron or JoAnne Jackson.



Join us tonight for Summit at 6:00. Hayden Bass will be speaking to us this evening.

Hohenwald Church of Christ t-shirts



Adult sizes Small to 4X. Youth sizes Small (10-12), Medium (14-16), and Large (18-20) are available. Price is \$15 per shirt, with an additional charge of \$1.00 for size 2X, \$2.00 for 3X and \$3.00 for 4X. There is a sign up sheet on the table in the lobby. July 8 will be the last day to order. Please make your checks out to the Hohenwald Church of Christ.

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