

Hohenwald Church of Christ Family News

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Honored to Serve in October:

Announcements:

Darrell Hinson

Song Leader: Jerry Mercer

Preside at Lord's Table:

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Lord's Table:

Noah Cotham/Steve Selby/Scotty
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Billy Don Jackson

Prepare Communion:

DeAnna Carroll

Deliver Communion:

Paul Brown

Sunday, October 21:

Opening Prayer: Jeff Peery

Closing Prayer: Lee Riley

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

10:30 Sun PM: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

Your Backpack—Part Two

In last week's article, Patrick Mead encouraged us not to pack fear into our backpack. In other words, as you prepare for the day don't take fear along with you. In part two, Patrick gives additional ideas about what we should leave out of our lives.

When I had a counseling practice – long ago and far away – I often was sent someone that local physicians, therapists, or psychologists had given up on. I guess it was a case of “if all else fails, send them to the strange little man who speaks about Jesus.” One lady came in with persistent back pain that refused to respond to any treatments then offered. They couldn't locate the source or reason for her pain. I'm no physician nor am I an anatomy expert, but I asked her to tell me everything because people need to tell their story to someone who will listen. She went on at length about her pain, what had been tried, and all the tests she'd been through.

When she was done, she had tears in her eyes. The stress this had put on her life was evident in the lines on her face, her slumped shoulders, and the air of depression she carried with her. I told her that we would talk about her pain in a bit but, first, I wanted her to tell me about her life. “Tell me stories,” was a phrase I used every single day. I learned to look for stories from a wonderful doctor named Jan de Vries. He was my doctor in Scotland and I will never forget how kind he was and how he took the time to listen. One time, I asked him about that and he responded, “I am less interested in what disease a person has than in what person has the disease.”

The woman told her about her family, her life, and how the pain had changed everything. When she was done, nearly an hour after she entered my office, I leaned forward and asked her, “Who do you need to get off of your back?” Her eyes went wide and her mouth formed an “O” as she came to some realizations about her life and story. We then spent our other appointments talking about the stressors in her life and how she could lessen them. There was no miracle cure but there was great improvement and we were both pleased.

So...you see this coming...what are you carrying around with you that you need to drop? Is Satan reminding you of your past? Remind him of his future and drop him by the side of the road. There is no need to carry your past around with you. Does the voice in your head that criticizes you and tells you that Jesus is disappointed in you sound like a parent, a teacher, or a preacher in your past? Leave them by the side of the road and move on. It is hard to move forward when you are always looking back, so stop doing that.

What and who are you carrying around that is slowing you down and keeping you from dancing, from laughing, and from enjoying your salvation? Here is some good advice: when you pack your backpack for the day, leave them behind. And when you are reminded of it/them, remind yourself that they aren't with you today; you didn't pack them.

There is a credit card company that advertises frequently using the catchphrase, “What's in your wallet?” Every time you hear that, remind yourself to ask, “What's in my backpack?” Take that moment to do an inventory. You might need to stop and pull out something that doesn't belong there and leave it behind. Jesus is here to lift burdens, not to add more. So whatever and whoever is adding weight to your pack is not him. Walk with him and leave the rest behind.

Patrick

Prayer Requests:

Stephanie Fielder has been dealing with a blister that is slow to heal and has been preventing her from leaving the manor. Stephanie would appreciate visitors.

Kathy Pipkins' great grandson, **Raylan Carroll**, was transported by air to Nashville on Thursday because of seizures.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Howard Spears, Bill Skelton, Sarah Hallman, Jason Fite, 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, 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, Alan Kimbro, Ada Shelborne

Congratulations to Ann and Rick Jones on the birth of their granddaughter, Adelaide Marie Stevens. She was born this past Tuesday and weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. and was 20 inches long. Rachel and the baby are doing well.



Our House of Hope warm clothing giveaway will be Saturday, November 10 from 9:00-12:00. We are needing all sizes kids coats, gloves, and hats/toboggans. We have plenty of adult coats.



Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 28 at 5:00 p.m. in the back parking lot. We will then meet in the Family Life Center for a chili & finger food fellowship at 6:00.

There is a sign up sheet on the table in the lobby for those that can bring chili, finger foods and desserts.

We will have our Sunday evening worship gathering at The Reserve in Spring Hill this afternoon at 4:00. We will honor John Ellis for his years of service as a Deacon to our HCoC family. The address is 2000 Reserve Blvd, Spring Hill, TN 37174

Pantry

This week's items are:

2 cans corn, 2 cans green beans, 2 cans other canned vegetable, 2 cans Ravioli

Upcoming Events:

October 27: Children's Fall Festival

October 28: Trunk or Treat

November 3: Block Party

November 4: Daylight Savings Time Ends

On Sunday, November 4, high school seniors & parents meet down front after morning worship.



If you are even remotely interested in going on our annual mission trip to Honduras next summer, Greg is planning an information session today immediately following morning worship. Information on dates and cost will be available at this meeting.

FALL FESTIVAL

There will be a Fall Festival for ages 4th grade and under on October 27, from 10:00 a.m.—12:00 noon. There will be games, crafts, and refreshments. If you would be willing to help with this event, please see Kaye Cottrell.



We will have a Block Party & Chili Cook-off on Saturday, November 3rd from 4:00-6:00 p.m. We are doing this in cooperation with the First Baptist Church and Hohenwald United Methodist Church. This event will be advertised to the public and proceeds will go to the Lewis County School System.