

Hohenwald Church of Christ Family News

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Honored to Serve in March:

Announcements:

Scotty Duncan

Song Leader: Steve Selby

Preside at Lord's Table:

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Lord's Table:

Lucas Clayton/Jerry Mercer/Lee
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Ryan Couch

Wing: Jeff Holbrook

Prepare Communion:

Misty Fite

Deliver Communion:

Paul Brown

Sunday, March 3:

Opening Prayer: Tom Gosser

Closing Prayer: Hayden Bass

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

Worship: 10:30 Sun PM: 6 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

From Greg: My friend, Patrick Mead, preaches at the Fourth Avenue Church of Christ in Franklin, Tennessee. I think this article challenges how we look at those with whom we disagree. We must always remember that when Jesus teaches us to love others, he meant *all others*.

Only the Publicans We Like...

Time after time, Jesus scandalized the religious and social world of his time by "eating with publicans and sinners." In his day, to eat with someone was to accept and fellowship them. That is why so much time is taken up in Paul's letters with the issues surrounding what we should eat, where and with whom we should eat, and how we should deal with those who disagree with our eating! Food and the table were life and revealed what you were doing with yours. The Book of Luke, in particular, is full of stories where Jesus met people at the table regardless of their standing or station.

Christians have gotten a lot better about eating with "the others" in our midst. It is far more common, today, to see Christians reaching out to the homeless, minority groups, and the disadvantaged and that makes my heart happy. We are not content to let Sundays remain, as Martin Luther King, Jr. described them, the most segregated day of the week. I am so glad I've lived long enough to see this sincere love and acceptance extended to those outside our religious tribe and our cultural circles. But...are we in the process of fixing one problem only to generate another one?

Josh Graves wrote a wonderful little book a few years ago entitled *How Not to Kill a Muslim*. He took the story of the Good Samaritan and applied it to our day, asking us to put another in the place of the Jew who was beaten or the Samaritan who helped him: place your greatest enemies, the kind of people who make you cringe, in that story. I would ask for you to do the same with the table stories about publicans and sinners.

We have moved to accept the fallen and those whom churches traditionally marginalized (long way to go, I know), but there are other groups we tend to judge first, shut down our ears and hearts, and refuse to join at the table: what about a Trump supporter wearing a MAGA hat? An Obama supporter wearing his visage on a T shirt and sporting a "Yes, we can!" button? What about racists, homophobes, knee jerk liberals or knee jerk conservatives? I'm so happy to see the baby steps we are making toward loving those in the LGBTQ community. But are we reaching out to some groups while banning others? Are we inviting to the table and into our lives only the publicans we like?

Remember: Jesus sat at the same table as prostitutes, traitors, and the poor...and also with religious leaders of the Pharisees and scribes. He touched lepers and embraced the hated, but he also moved quickly to help the ruler of the synagogue when that man asked for help.

When Jesus warned us against judging, he didn't mean just judging those outside our circles; he also wants us to quit judging those within our circles who are not where we are theologically, politically, or socially. Give them grace, too. They may be your Samaritans by the well. Let them meet Jesus when they meet you.

Patrick Mead

Prayer Requests:

Iva DePriest is in Williamson Medical Center with a broken pelvis.

Chanda Reeves has been in Maury Regional Hospital for the past two weeks with complications from flu and pneumonia.

Please be in prayer for the family of **Libba Cook**, a friend of **Lindsey Wayland's**, who passed on Friday.

Continue to remember in prayer:

Howard Spears, Bill Skelton, Lucy Skelton, Sarah Hallman, Jason Fite, Arelus Dye, Jenny Carroll, Harper Bastin, Judy Burton, Emily James, Bettye Ammons, Barbara Eglinton, Dawn Darden, John Beard, Lovada Burklow, Raylan Carroll, 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, Stephanie Fielder, Alan Kimbro, Ada Shelborne, Kenneth Carroll, Theresa Lynch, Amanda Dyer

Upcoming Events:

Today: High School Senior's pictures and info sheet are due

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

March 10: Daylight Savings Time begins

Wednesday: Classes for all ages at 7:00 p.m.

Still Wrestling

FAITH RENEWED
THROUGH BROKENNESS

You're invited to read John 13:1-30 and Mark 14:43-50 in preparation for Wednesday evening's class.



Sweet little Poppy is on her way. Let's celebrate with a special day! Big brother Ezra is happy to share toys and books, yet no diapers to spare! No need for a showering of gifts...just a sprinkle will do.

So let's bring some diapers, a pack of wipes or two! Join us at a "sprinkle" honoring the arrival of Poppy Hinson.

Come celebrate with Lain, Ally and Ezra. Sunday, March 17th at 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the HCoC Lobby

If anyone would like to make a donation to the shower fund, please see Kaye or Lindsey.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour, Daylight Savings Time begins next Sunday!

Pantry

**This week's items are:
Corn meal, sugar, flour,
brownie/cookie mix**



You are invited to join us this evening for Summit at 6:00 PM. Greg's devotional this evening will be from 2 Corinthians 1 regarding one of the benefits of the trials we endure. The focus of this Sunday evening format is on worship.