

Hohenwald Church of Christ Family News

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Honored to Serve in June:

Announcements:

Jon Jones

Song Leader: Hayden Bass

Preside at Lord's Table:

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Lord's Table:

Jeff Peery/Bill Lynch/Paul Brown/
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Ryan Couch

Wing: Jeff Holbrook

Prepare Communion:

Kaye Cottrell & Lindsey Wayland

Deliver Communion:

Jason Fite

Sunday, June 23:

Opening Prayer: Luke Roberson

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.

Acts of Creation

As many of you already know, I recently went with my mother and her school on a trip to Europe. Our tour group spent over a week exploring London and Paris, experiencing Buckingham Palace, the Tower of London, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Eiffel Tower, among many others. But of all the places I visited on the trip, I think the one that left me in the most awe was the Louvre Museum in Paris. The Louvre is home to thousands of works of art, most famously the Mona Lisa, and the Venus de Milo.

Seeing so many legendary pieces of artwork in a single building, I couldn't help but be reminded of the greatest artist of all: God, with galaxies as his masterpieces and the universe as his canvas. But of course, God's greatest works of art are his children, made in his own image. And as beings modeled after the Supreme Creator, we each have a spark of creativity in ourselves. God blessed us all with imagination, the instinct to create art of our own, just as He created the universe. Whether it's paintings, buildings, or stories, humans have always been driven to create things of beauty.

But, as beautiful as this instinct of creativity is, we must be careful to always use it wisely. I remember one work that stood out to me in the Louvre: a painting of a white man in extravagant European clothes, ones contemporary to the painting's creation. This wouldn't be odd, were it not that the painting was supposed to be depicting King David — a man who was born in ancient Israel rather than Renaissance-era Europe, and surely would have reflected that in his appearance. It's not uncommon for art of biblical figures to be subjected to artistic license — think of how many depictions there are of Jesus with Caucasian features. It reminds me of a modern Tower of Babel: an attempt to equate man and God, to bring the divine down to the level of the mortal.

Trying to reshape God and His word to shape our preferred view is a dangerous road to travel. While we should all embrace the creative spirit our Lord has blessed us with, we must always remember who the true creator is. It was God that created man, not man who creates God.

Barrett

**¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

**¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully
made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.**

Psalm 139:13-14

Prayer Request:

Sympathy is extended to **Jerry Mercer** and **Lovada Burklow** following the passing of their mother, **Estelle Mercer**, this past Thursday.

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, Steve Hopper, Debbie Durham, Jim Webb, Darrell Potts, Connye Karpel, Louise Tatum, Janie Ellis, Jane West, Mary Lou Morton, Doris Gildersleeve, Jimmy Griner, Barbara Nixon, Stephanie Fielder, Alan Kimbro, Ada Shelborne, Kenneth Carroll, Theresa Lynch, Amanda Dyer, Amber Runions, Leon Holbrook, Marian Yates, Angela Odom, Tom Lich, Freddie Holt



There are a few t-shirts still available. They are \$10.00 each and proceeds will go to the Hohenwald Church of Christ global mission fund. Sizes include S, M, and L. If anyone is interested, please see Kay Duncan.

⁸The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. ⁹He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; ¹⁰he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; ¹²as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Psalm 103:8–12

Pantry

This week's items are:

Cereal, oatmeal/muffin mix/pancake mix, peanut butter & jelly, pudding/jello

Upcoming Events:

July 1: Ladies' Brown Bag Lunch at 11:30-1:00

July 7: Devo at Lewis County Nursing & Rehab @ 2:00 p.m.

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



Summer Celebration

Lipscomb University's annual Summer Celebration will be taking place this week. This year's theme centers around the Holy Spirit. If you are interested in attending the classes or worship gatherings, see Greg as he plans to attend on Thursday and Friday.



Join us tonight at 6:00 as we equip ourselves for the challenges of

the week ahead. Greg will be speaking on Keeping the Golden Rule Shiny.