



GRETA GERWIG, DICK WOLF, VIDEO GAMES & ROB LIEFELD

CALL SHEET  
May 21, 2025

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## A Movement of Prayer for the Entertainment Industry

Dear HPN,

We hope your May has been full of beauty and blessings! We also hope you had a wonderful Mother's Day and are looking ahead to a meaningful Memorial Day. In the United States, Memorial Day is a time to honor family members and friends who served in the US military and remember those who have lost their lives in battle to protect our country. So, let's start by praying for the thousands of entertainment professionals who gave up their lives for our country. And then let's jump into the requests below, with great joy, that God is pleased with our faithfulness to lift up the creative artists and storytellers in the world!

Don't forget to scroll all the way through this newsletter, where we have exciting news in our FEATURES section. But first, let's get into this week's praises and prayer requests! LET'S PRAY!

### *Praises*



### THANK YOU FOR FIVE YEARS OF FRIDAY PRAYER

Since 2020, our international weekly Friday zoom prayer calls have opened doors, softened hearts, and released light into the heart of Hollywood. We believe heaven has heard — and is still moving. We are so

grateful to those of you who have faithfully prayed with us! But we're not done. *There's more to believe for, more to contend for, and more to see redeemed.* As Karen says, "*Hollywood is Nineveh, not Sodom and Gomorrah*" — it is redeemable, and prayer changes things. So we need to keep praying together!

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP US GROW OUR FRIDAY ONE HOUR PRAYER CALLS :

-Join us and Invite another intercessor to [JOIN US](#)

-Open a Friday call in praise and prayer, share a worship song or short video to close the hour—we'd love to have you involved. [Email Melody](#) to sign-up.

Let's keep pressing in. Your prayers matter.

#### HPN'S PDP MENTOR/MENTEE MATCHES

Our HPN Professional Discipleship Program (PDP) has officially started our 6 month Mentorship Matches. We are so thankful for the program's fearless leader, Jean Christen, who has worked tirelessly to match over 60 Discipleship Partnerships and 2 PDP classes in order to reach the needs of these extraordinary Mentees. Please keep praying that the Lord will bless these Mentor/Mentee relationships and that everyone involved will grow in their faith, their excellence, and their impact!



#### *Requests*



#### REMEMBERING GEORGE WENDT

We are saddened to learn of the passing of George Wendt, the beloved actor who brought warmth and laughter to millions through his iconic role as Norm Peterson on *Cheers*. George died peacefully in his sleep at the age of 76. A devoted family man and cherished friend, his presence brought comfort and joy both on and off screen. We extend our heartfelt prayers to his family, friends, and all who were touched by his life and legacy. May his memory continue to bring smiles for years to come.

[READ MORE HERE!](#)

#### THE CANNES FILM FESTIVAL

The Cannes Film Festival is in full swing, from May 13th – 24th, in France, and a lot of buzz is coming across the ocean from it! The first Nigerian film ever to be screened at the Festival, *My Father's Shadow*, directed by Akinola Davies Jr., grapples



**MORE ABOUT  
NIGERIAN FILM  
HERE!**

**MORE ABOUT  
DENZEL HERE!**

with the tension and fragility of masculinity in Nigerian men.

Denzel Washington was surprised with an honorary Palme d'or Honor at the Festival, for his amazing work in the Spike Lee Premiere *Highest 2 Lowest*. Let's pray for the hearts of everyone at Cannes—as they hobnob, get celebrated or overlooked, honored or ignored—in the usual celebrity Festival landscape! We want them to all know their value in JESUS as their creator, Lord and Savior. And then to celebrate the incredible gifts that God has given them to bless the world! Oh, may they all know that it's all about Him!

## **THE CHRONICLES OF NARNIA & GRETA GERWIG**

Let's keep praying for *The Chronicles of Narnia* feature, directed by Greta Gerwig. She is considering casting Meryl Streep to play ASLAN, and we know that this is a radical choice for Christians all over the world to embrace. We are praying that the Lord's best will come out on the screen and that Greta will represent the power and purpose of that beautiful book in the most honest and honorable way possible.



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**READ MORE ABOUT DICK  
WOLF HERE!**

## **PROLIFIC PRODUCER DICK WOLF**

Dick Wolf is a TV producer (known for *Law & Order* and all of the *Chicago* franchise series) who is worth over \$1 billion dollars! And most of it is through airing his series on streaming services. Read about this prolific producer, the power of streaming and please join us in praying about what the Lord could do if Dick found Him. USC has also just named their new Theatre school The Dick Wolf Drama Center, honoring him, his work and his donation to create a state-of-the-art USC Theatre Department. Dick is an influential producer whom we pray will find the love, hope and joy of the Lord in his own life.

**THE \$178 BILLION VIDEO GAME**

## INDUSTRY

Let's lift up in prayer the content of video games, the influence they carry, and the time gamers invest in playing them. The Gaming industry generates nearly 429,000 U.S. jobs annually, and it's one of the greatest influences now on the lives of gamers all over the world. *Grand Theft Auto*, a massively popular video game that entered the world in 1997, is ready to release the sixth installment, *GTA 6*, in 2026, almost 30 years later. And in the meantime, many other games have put a carbon footprint on our world, including *Minecraft*, *Pokémon Go!* and *Assassin's Creed*, to name just three of the 5 million+ games that have been produced. Let's pray for the game creators, the players and the impact that video games have on the hearts, minds and souls of players across the globe!



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### ROB LIEFELD, ONE OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST COMIC BOOK ARTISTS

Let's pray for Rob Liefeld, an amazingly talented comic book creator, writer and artist, who has created some of the most iconic characters in comics, including co-creator of Deadpool! We praise the Lord that Rob is a Christian and we want to pray for his faith, his craft and his global influence! May the Lord give him favor, a focus on Him, and a continued love for other people as he impacts the world through his gifts & talents and his heart!

[WATCH HERE!](#)

### "CREATIVES ARE ALWAYS ON THE VERGE OF DISASTER"

HPN has a huge heart for creative professionals and the struggles we all face to create, to pay our bills, and to be heard and understood by the world around us. Our friend and HPN member Phil Cooke wrote an insightful article about why artists often seem to be on the edge of disaster in order to create great works of art... Let's pray for the emotional and spiritual lives of the Hollywood creative community and ask the Lord to give us strength, peace and great creativity as we struggle to pay our rent, keep our jobs and have the time



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for family and the energy to create!

We want to thank you for praying with us this month. As we get into summer let us keep our eyes on Him first, then our family, and also to give a hug or a kind word to the people in our lives every day. Let us be Ambassadors of Christ as we pray for others to be the same. We send our love to you and look forward to experiencing the results of YOUR PRAYERS~

With love,  
Karen, Kelry, Myesha and Melody

### Quote

*“The gospel alone liberates you to live a life of scandalous generosity, unrestrained sacrifice, uncommon valor, and unbounded courage.”*

Tullian Tchividjian

### Scripture

*“You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.”*

2 Corinthians 9:11

## Weekly HPN Devotional: Comfort

We all live busy, hectic, stressful lives and sometimes we would do anything to just feel peace, rest, and comfort. God has sent us the Comforter to give us peace, He promises to take away our weariness, if we trust in Him. Let's look at how we can find comfort in our lives through the scriptures this week.



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Karen Covell

## Feature Presentations

### MAY KIDS AND TEENS PRAYER CALENDAR

**How to use the K+T Prayer Calendar:**  
Download it and print it off, or email to your kids, teachers, Youth Pastors and friends. Put it somewhere (like on the fridge or in your child's school planner) where you and your child can see it and PRAY THROUGH IT together each night. Then, watch your child's prayer life GROW!



This WONDERFUL MONTHLY RESOURCE is created by Sarah Sumpolec; a mother, teacher, author, and creative, who makes these every month! Email her a thank you or a question at [sarahs@hpnemail.org](mailto:sarahs@hpnemail.org)!

## HPN is Coming to Nashville!

We praise God that HPN will be back on the Red Carpet of the KLOVE Fan Awards in Nashville! Kelry and our HPN team will be interviewing and praying for some of the biggest Christian artists in the world and bringing encouragement to the carpet! We are also teaming up with Influence Women Nashville, where Kelry will be sharing at a women's brunch at this wonderful collaborative event. [LINK HERE TO RSVP](#)



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NOW!**

## Join us for a Free **HPN EXCLUSIVE** premiere screening of *The Life of Chuck*

Date: Thursday, MAY 22nd at 7:30 pm.  
AMC The Grove 14  
189 The Grove Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90036

*The Life of Chuck* is a life-affirming, genre-bending story based on Stephen King's novella about three chapters in the life of an ordinary man named Charles Krantz. HPN is offering a private free premiere of the film TOMORROW NIGHT before it opens in theatres on June 6th. It includes free popcorn for everyone and a Q&A afterwards with Jonathan Bock, the Founder & President of Grace Hill Media, a marketing company that the Studios hire to market their films to the Christian market. Don't miss this fabulous conversation with Jonathan and this opportunity to join our HPN community for this sneak peak screening, starring Carla Gugino, Karen Gillan & Mark Hamill at The Grove!

## Summer 7-Week Faith and Work Course

The summer 7-Week Faith + Work Course from @faithandworkla starts June 4th, and will be held at the Reality LA Offices, and runs for 7 consecutive Wednesdays in Hollywood. This course is the introductory level faith + work offering at the Center for Faith + Work Los Angeles for any professional, and will focus on biblically based topics in community to gain insight concerning God's intention for our work. Go to [faithandworkla.com](http://faithandworkla.com) to register today!



# THE SPITFIRE GRILL

BY FRED ALLEY  
AND JAMES VALCQ

Director Bonnie Hellman  
Musical Director Stephen Van Dorn  
Producer Kini Walker

MAY 2 - JUNE 8, 2025  
THE DAVID SCHALL THEATER  
TICKETS: 323-462-8460  
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Come see our own Actors Co-Op sing and act in "The Spitfire Grill" a musical play by James Valcq and Fred Alley – based on the original movie of the same name. The Actor's Co-Op is a multi-award winning Theatre company run by Christian professionals, and it's been on the campus of the First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood for 30 years. Support live Theatre in LA, and check out The Actor's Co-Op.

## A New Family Film on Angel!

Over the Easter season, Angel Studios' theatrical release of **THE KING OF KINGS** served as a powerful illustration that families love watching movies together. With a rousing endorsement from The Angel Guild, HPN friends and members, The Boylan Sisters' newest film, **IDENTITY CRISIS** is now available on the Angel app for Guild members! A great movie for the whole family, **IDENTITY CRISIS** is a powerful reminder that God creates the perfect version of each of us and gives us the courage to become that person. This fun film is especially great for teen-age girls and families.



**MORE INFO  
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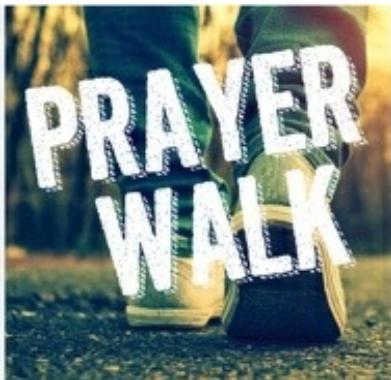
## Summer Songfest

Join us for a fun way to get your music out to others and flex your creative muscles. We're looking for 10 songwriters who want to get their music out there to be heard.

Write or pick a song you've written that celebrates something – relationships, connection with God, or even just good vibes -- and schedule a Sunday to play it for us at Reimagine. After that, just sit back while we share your song across our network. Then, on August 31, you could be announced as one of our three winners: two runners-up and the official **Song of the Summer!** **SUBMIT YOUR SONG NOW!**

**MORE INFO  
HERE!**

## Join our STUDIO PRAYER WALKS!!



If you are interested in participating in an HPN studio prayer walk, please register using the link below. We have small groups walk some studio lots and pray for the people, the projects, and the specific issues on those lots. Join us as we get the unique privilege of blessing the land on the lots of the world's major film studios.

**SIGN UP  
HERE!**



Use code HPN25 for \$5.00 off

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HERE!**

## New Book by HPN Member, Sean Gaffney

*Meta Story: What Marvel & the Messiah Can Teach Us About Great Storytelling.*

This fun-to-read, insightful book will enlighten audiences hoping to expand their view of Story, as well as guide aspiring writers. Designed for anyone of faith who likes movies, TV shows, or theatre, this book explores the hardwired universal patterns in Story and the effect those elements have on our souls. And it's written by HPN member, dear friend, and professor at Asbury University, Sean Gaffney!

## Upcoming Films and Books by HPN MEMBERS

[Here](#) is a list of faith-based movies, books and projects that have recently come out or are coming out soon and we want to let you know about them! HPN does not endorse any films, but we do want to support our creative friends and let our members know about what's happening both in the secular and faith-based entertainment worlds, including TV, music, video games, internet content, and even books and journalism. **CHECK THESE OUT...**



**CHECK OUT THIS  
LIST!**

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We love being a NET that WORKS! Our APP is growing, so don't miss the latest community events, with the EASIEST WAY to RSVP and share events with friends through text or social media. You can also add your event to our APP calendar! Email us the details, and we will post it for FREE! But you have to get the APP! There is SO MUCH to discover! Apply for your prayer partner, join a community group, and more!

## HPN EVENTS CALENDAR

### **MAY 2025**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1 National Day of Prayer Celebration	2	3
4	5	6 Upside Down Comedy 7PM	7	8	9 Friday Prayer Calls 12pm PT on ZOOM	10 KWA Group Screenwriters Measure For Measure Upside Down Comedy Show
11 Mother's Day	12	13 Upside Down Comedy 7PM	14	15 <u>HPN MONTHLY MEETUPS 11 AM</u>	16 Friday Prayer Calls 12pm PT on ZOOM	17
18	19	20 Upside Down Comedy 7pm Inbetweeners Animation Gathering 7PM	21	22 <u>HPN EXCLUSIVE Screening: The Life of Chuck</u>	23 Friday Prayer Calls 12pm PT on ZOOM	24 Prologue Writer's Group 1:00-3:00 PM HPN Nashville/ Influence Women's Brunch
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

HPN at the KLOVE Fan Awards in Nashville	Memorial Day	Upside Down Comedy 7pm	Documentary Filmmakers Zoom 12:00 PM/ PST 3:00 PM EST		Friday Prayer Calls 12pm PT on ZOOM
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## Events

### See All Local Events – [HPN EVENTS CALENDAR](#)

*Support our Community by Attending or Praying for these Events!*

#### HPN Weekly Friday Global Prayer Call

Fridays | 12 – 1 p.m. Pacific | ZOOM or Phone

Join us for a powerful hour of praise and prayer for our industry, where HPN members call in from around the globe and pray for the industry and each other. Links are updated weekly, so please email us to get the latest.

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#### HPN Upside Down Comedy

Every Tuesday Night | 7:00pm | IN PERSON

Join our community group of Christian comedians, comedy writers, and humorists that are **meeting every Tuesday night of the month at 7pm** at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood Campus! Learn more by following Upside Down Comedy on [Instagram](#) or email [jen@hpnemail.org](mailto:jen@hpnemail.org)

#### KWA - Kingdom Writer's Association: Hollywood Chapter for Screenwriters

Monthly 2nd Saturdays | 1:00pm-3:00pm | IN PERSON

The Hollywood Chapter of Kingdom Writer's Association is a prayer gathering for Screenwriters and is led by Anthony and Kaylah Cantu. **KWA meets EVERY MONTH on the 2nd Saturday at 1pm at the Library on the FPCH campus.**

[Contact Anthony Cantu](#)

#### InBetweeners Animators Gathering

Monthly 3rd Tuesdays | 6:30pm -9:30pm | IN PERSON

Inbetweeners Animators group will meet IN PERSON with leader Sam Vest! Join your fellow animators and other professionals in animation, for a night of prayer, sharing, and community building!

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## Email Inbetweeners To Attend!

### **HPN Meetups**

**Monthly on 2nd OR 3rd Thursdays| 11:00am | IN PERSON**

These gatherings are for people who are NEW to HPN, the industry, or LA! This is a great time to meet Karen and Kelry, have a light breakfast, share your story, and get prayer! **If you have attended previous meetups, we now CHALLENGE you to INVITE A NEW FRIEND when you visit us again so that the community is ALWAYS growing!**

### **Prologue Writers Gathering**

**Monthly 4th | 1:00pm - 3:00 pm |IN PERSON**

This Community group is for ALL WRITERS - poets, fiction, non-fiction and graphic novelists! Led by Rebecca Russell, this group will bring prayer, fellowship, and readings of works from members of the group! Connect today via email at [prologue@hpnemail.org](mailto:prologue@hpnemail.org)

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