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## Hollywood Walk of Fame 2024, Strike Updates, Summer Blockbusters, and AI

**CALL SHEET**  
July 5th, 2023



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## A Movement of Prayer for the Entertainment Industry

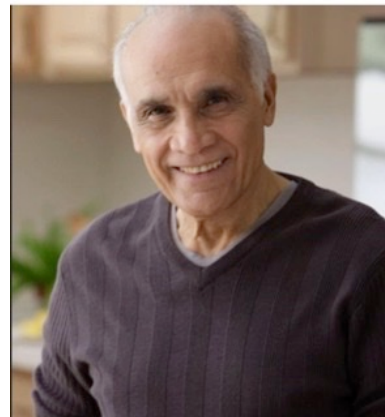
Dear HPN,

Happy 4th of July yesterday! We have so much to be thankful for in our country! We hope you had a great day of celebration and you are having a wonderful summer! For those interested, here is a great article on the [history of America's Independence Day](#). We also want to highlight an article from HPN member Kimberly Katiti, who has a fascinating perspective after God opened her heart when she [used to hate July 4th](#)! We love the way God continues to liberate minds and hearts, that we can all go to Him about everything!

LA has finally crossed into summer, and at least all of the writers who are striking at all of the studios are staying warm. But let's pray for the tension in our industry due to layoffs and as we wait for the SAG/AFTRA negotiations to hopefully finish before mid-July in order to avert another strike! We so appreciate your prayers and thank you for praying through this week's HPN Prayer Call Sheet with us....

## Honoring a Longtime HPN Friend and Local Chapter Director (LCD)

Our amazing New York and then Pennsylvania LCD, CARLOS ORTIZ, went to heaven on June 21st and we want to honor this creative, faithful servant, leader, friend, pray-er and visionary. Carlos served HPN for almost 20 years and we miss him already! We ask that you please be praying for his family and loved ones, and especially his devoted wife Lee, whom we love!



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## Praises



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### HPN CELEBRATES 22 YEARS WITH GLOBAL LCD SUMMIT!

Our HPN Local Chapter Director's SUMMIT is August 3-5th. Over 65 volunteer Local Chapter Directors from 9 countries are gathering in Hollywood for panels, prayer walks and a movie premiere. Please pray that everyone gets to Hollywood safely and that we have a joyous time together as we show all that God is doing in the entertainment industry. We're praying that everyone leaves with more vision to pray for Hollywood than they came with!

## HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME CLASS OF 2024 LIST

We want to celebrate this diverse list of talented industry professionals, who have achieved recognition for their work in the 6 categories possible for receiving a Star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame! The HPN offices are only 1 block north of this world-famous strip, and we take this opportunity to cheer on those who have worked so hard, and inspired so many! Let's rejoice in the many creative talents that make up our global industry!



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## Updates

### THE WGA WRITER'S STRIKE



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The WGA Strike is now in its 9th week and we need to continue praying for negotiations, peace and wisdom amongst both the negotiators and the strikers. Here is a good description of what the issues are and how the process is going:

### SAG/AFTRA NEGOTIATES TO AVOID STRIKE

SAG/AFTRA has just announced that they will extend their negotiations to mid-July in order to try to avoid a strike. Let's pray that they can come to terms within the next two weeks and that it will also speed up the writer's negotiations. We all need to get back to work and your prayers for a fair, mutually beneficial decision can make the difference!



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### DISNEY-OWNED ESPN LAYS OFF TOP EMPLOYEES

Disney's massive layoffs have not stopped. As part of their 7,000 corporate layoffs, ESPN employees are now feeling the cuts. 20 top ESPN anchors and executives were let go on Friday. Please pray for the employees and their families who have to find work during this difficult time in our industry.

## Requests



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## COMIC-CON IS COMING!

The huge 53rd annual international convention, Comic-Con, opens in San Diego, CA on July 20th – 23rd and the attendee badges have already sold out! They are expecting over 130,000 guests from around the world throughout the 3 day conference, and many will be dressed in costumes (called cosplay) and ready to watch and buy anything that has to do with comics, graphic novels, science fiction, fantasy and super heroes. Let's pray that Christians will bring the love and Jesus to the convention and that people will surprisingly find their identity in Christ there, not in their characters, graphic novels or heroes!

## TRAJECTORY OF SUMMER BLOCKBUSTER FILMS

The 2023 summer film attendance is low and professionals tell The Hollywood Report why: "This summer is a stress test," says one top studio executive, adding that 15 percent of moviegoers still haven't returned to cinemas amid the rise of streamers and financial worries." One example is the decline in enthusiasm for Super Hero movies. *The Flash* is a disappointment and the Studio is starting to question what the public wants to watch. Let's pray for the industry decision-makers and the Christians across America, who have a strong say in what movies these studios will make.



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## *Barbie* BANNED IN VIETNAM

One of the summer blockbusters coming out in July is *Barbie*, starring Margot Robbie and Ryan Gosling. Authorities in Vietnam have banned the film in their country, saying that "The film contains a scene that depicts a map with the 'nine dash line,' a representation of China's territorial claims in the South China Sea, which Vietnam says violates its sovereignty." This just points out the power of films and how they can impact global political relations! Let's pray that American films can bring unity and not division across the globe. HPN is asking that the Lord turns this into good and that *Barbie* will start conversations amongst believers



about the power of entertainment and what our responsibility is.

## AI IS BECOMING MORE OF A REALITY

We are now in the world of AI (Artificial Intelligence) and Chatbox GPT has changed the trajectory of our industry. Please pray that the handling of Artificial Intelligence will be dealt with by wise, discerning leaders who understand the future of AI and the effects it can have on our world. AI can be used for good or for evil and so we want the Lord to be in charge.



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Thank you so much for praying for us this week. If you have any industry requests or praises, we love to hear from you. And we look forward to seeing God's answers to your faithful prayers! And, of course, we send you love from Hollywood!

Karen, Kelry and Myesha

### *Quote*

"There is not a square inch in the whole domain of our human existence over which Christ, who is Sovereign over all, does not cry, Mine!"

-- Abraham Kuyper

### *Scripture*

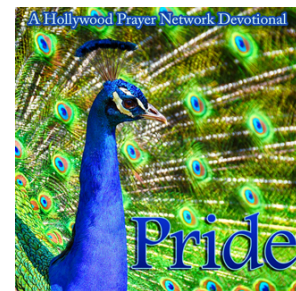
"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and those who dwell therein."

-- Psalm 24:1

## *Weekly Devotional: God's Heart on Pride*

"Pride cometh before the fall." What a well-known quote that we have all used at one time or another to judge prideful people. We're going to spend this week looking into pride and how we can be proud of our choices, proud of God, and proud of others, yet not prideful about our accomplishments, traits, etc. Let's celebrate God being proud of us while changing any prideful thoughts...

-- Karen Covell



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## *Feature Presentations*

## JULY KIDS AND TEENS PRAYER CALENDAR

**How to use the K+T Prayer Calendar:** Print it off, or email to your kids, teachers, and friends. Put it somewhere (like the fridge or 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 creates these every month! Email her a thank you or question at [sarabs@hpnemail.org](mailto:sarabs@hpnemail.org)!



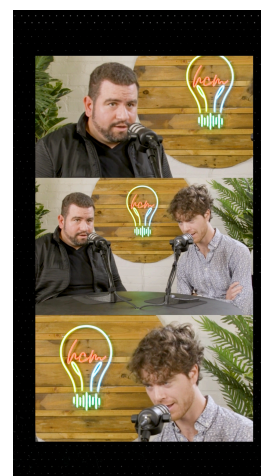
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## HPN Hollywood Changemakers PODCAST EPISODE: Experiencing God in Dark Encounters

In this powerful episode, our special guest is Los Angeles native and producer, MacKenzie Shea Lee. She joins HPN director Karen Covell to discuss her spiritual encounters; both the good and the bad. MacKenzie's vulnerability is an encouragement for others who are going through a dark time in their spiritual journey, as she honestly discusses her difficult yet hopeful year.

## TEASER TRAILER – HCM Ep 16 – "Castaway Tracks" [WATCH NOW](#)

Check out the hilarious Teaser Trailer for our next Hollywood Changemakers Podcast episode – hosted by Hollywood Prayer Network members and musicians Andres Sotomarin and Ryan Whyman. The full episode will be released on July 15th, featuring a light-hearted conversation with our esteemed hosts, and actor/singer Marlaina Smith, who is asked to choose 8 songs she'd take to a desert island!



**Prayer For Hollywood**  
July 20th, 2023 | IN PERSON  
**Bel Air Church | 7PM**

Bel Air Church and The Hollywood Prayer Network (HPN) invite you to join Hollywood professionals and all who are impacted by the WGA strike for an



## evening of discussion and prayer.

The evening will begin with a panel of industry professionals familiar with the issues, led by Rev. Kim Dorr-Tilley, who will help us understand the details of the current strike and negotiations. We'll then spend the second part of the evening in prayer together for the strike and everyone who is affected by it. No RSVP is needed. Just come join us at Bel Air Church.



### Creating With God

An Influence Women event featuring guest speaker, filmmaker Amanda Miess. This virtual event will be held on Tuesday, August 1st at 5:30pm PST. Register Now!

[More Details Here!](#)



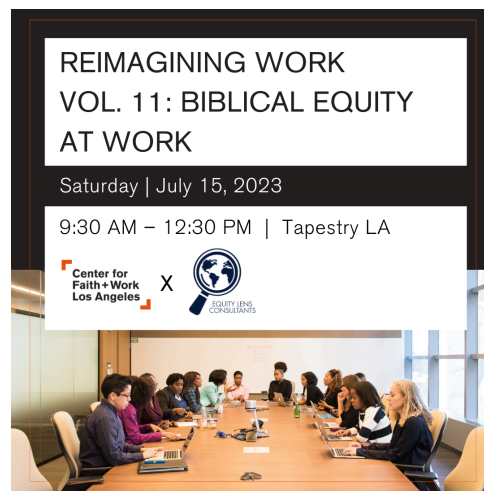
Vacation Bible School 2023 @ FPCH!  
July 17-20th from 5:30-8:00 P. M.  
Dinner Provided! Sign up Now!

[Email to Register!](#)

## Biblical Equity at Work

Saturday, July 15th | 9:30am | IN PERSON

CFWLA will co-host Reimagining Work Vol. 11: Biblical Equity at Work on Saturday, July 15th at Tapestry LA in partnership with HPN Member, Myesha Reynolds of Equity Lens Consultants. This event is for anyone wanting to gain an understanding of equity from a Biblical perspective, those committed to fair and right treatment of all people, and anyone desiring to confront the misconceptions about diversity, equity, and inclusion in order to change the current landscape. This event will also feature Spoken Word Artist, Chanelle Contreras.



[Details and Registration Here!](#)



## Hard Faith Film Festival!

HARD FAITH FILM FESTIVAL. July 22nd at CineLounge on Sunset in Hollywood. Tickets \$12. 10am–7pm. As a new Christian Faith–Based Film Festival, Hard Faith™ exists to reach people between the church and the world. We attract the outcasts, the lost sheep, and sometimes the most broken of the truth seekers. Be sure to join and support the Hard Faith™ movement of art, discussions, and theology. Buy your tickets online and plan to attend our first annual event. Thanks to the Hollywood Prayer Network for being one of our sponsors!

[\*\*FIND OUT MORE HERE!\*\*](#)

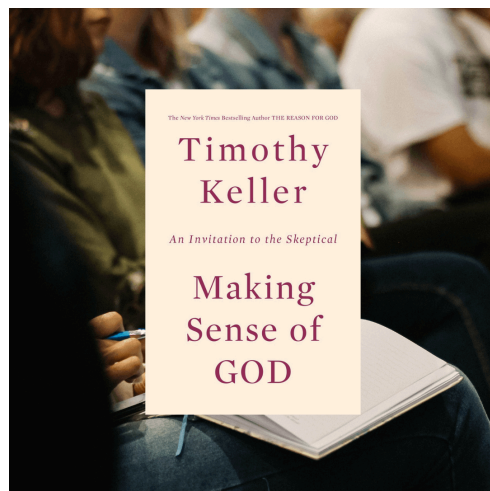




***SOUND OF FREEDOM*** was released in theaters nationwide yesterday, July 4th. Don't miss this incredible film that supports global Anti-Human Trafficking efforts!

As of today, *SOUND OF FREEDOM* has surpassed 10 MILLION pre-sale tickets and reached over 1 MILLION 'Pay-It-Forward' tickets, helping everyone to see this impactful movie

[More Info Here!](#)



## Just Show Up Book Club

Just Show Up Book Club for Media Professionals:

Join your colleagues and invite friends to a bi-weekly discussion for media professionals of New York Times best selling author Tim Keller's book "Making Sense of God". No prep needed. We'll listen to the book and discuss it online for six sessions on Mondays starting July 17. Invite friends and skeptics. All are welcome. Sponsored by Navigating Hollywood.

[Register Here](#)



## Stand-Up Comedy Showcase

Saturday, July 29th at 7:00 PM

This showcase is being presented by HPN's very own Upside Down Comedy Group!

If you're ready for a night of fun and laughter, this showcase is for you! Invite your friends, your church group or anyone who could use a good laugh!

Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased at the door! If you have any questions, please email [jen@hpnemail.org](mailto:jen@hpnemail.org)

## Events

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

## SEE ALL ACTIVE HPN COMMUNITY GROUPS AND SCHEDULES!

### ***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).

### **Arts & Industry Bible Study**

**Every Thursday Night | 7:00pm | IN PERSON**

Weekly teaching/bible study for creatives who want to grow in thier faith. Learn more by following DSM Hollywood on [Instagram](#) or email [dsmhollywood@gmail.com](mailto:dsmhollywood@gmail.com). Come at 6:30 PM every week for snacks and Fellowship! Worship or prayer starts at 7pm.

### **Media Life Group**

**Every Sunday Night | 4:00pm | IN PERSON & ONLINE**

Media Life Group is a Bible study made up of creative professionals who consider the Entertainment and Arts Industry to be our mission field. We occasionally gather in person for food, fellowship and community-building events. We discuss the Word of God and pray for one another, but our top priority is to follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

To Join, email Derek: [Medialifegroup2022@gmail.com](mailto:Medialifegroup2022@gmail.com)

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

**Sat. July 8th | 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](#)**

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## **Montage: Christian Community and Prayer for Screen Editors**

**Sun. July 9th | 1:00pm| IN PERSON**

HPN'S Community Group for Film Editors is now launched! Gathering monthly, this group offers prayer and encouragement for those that work in the secluded world of TV & film editing! This is an IN-PERSON gathering where editors can share hopes and hardships in the industry. If you are or know an editor, email to join or find out more details!

**[Contact Nicole](#)**

## **HPN Meetups – EVERY 2nd THURSDAY**

**Thurs. July 13th | 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!**

Email Myesha to join : **[myesha@hpnemail.org](mailto:myesha@hpnemail.org)**

## **InBetweeners Animation Gathering**

**Tue. July 18th | 6:30pm –9:30pm | IN PERSON**

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

**[EMAIL INBETWEENERS TO ATTEND](#)**

## **One Song Community Group**

**Wed. July 19th | 7:00 PM PDT| IN PERSON**

One Song is focused on unifying believers in the music industry, whether mainstream, Christian, or worship, for we are all on the same team. We desire to foster long-lasting connections between those who minister "outside the church" and "inside the church" in our city. Come for encouragement, equipping, and like-minded people as we seek to influence our industry for Christ.

**[Contact One Song](#)**

## ***Prologue Writers Gathering***

**Sat. July 22nd | 1:00pm – 3:00pm | IN PERSON**

HPN is delighted to partner with a NEW Community group 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 in the group! Connect today via email at [prologue@hpncemail.org](mailto:prologue@hpncemail.org)!

## **Hollywood Prayer Network Dance Fellowship**

**Mon. July 24th | 6:45 PM PDT | IN PERSON**

HPN's new Dance Fellowship will meet at First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood. This group is for professional dancers who want to explore and express movement in the context of prophetic dance. This is a space for dancing, freedom, prayer, and fellowship!

To register, please email [dance@hpncemail.org](mailto:dance@hpncemail.org)

## ***StageLight* Actors Group**

**Tue. July 25th | 6:45 PM PDT | IN PERSON**

We strive to bring the actor community together both physically and spiritually with our monthly bible study and bi-monthly city hangouts. All are rooted in Christian faith to provide a space to share testimony, learn more about the bible and connect with other Christians in Los Angeles. Email [stagelight@hpncemail.org](mailto:stagelight@hpncemail.org) to join!

## **Service of Song Worship Leader's Gathering**

**Friday, July 28th, 2023 | 6:30pm | IN PERSON**

Join our quarterly gathering for WORSHIP LEADERS. If you are a worship pastor, worship leader, or worship director, we are creating a quarterly gathering to encourage and build up those who have been called to the "Service of Song" to the Lord. This gathering is for those who want to grow in the knowledge of leading others by a lifestyle of worship.

**REGISTER HERE** to join, or email [tim@hpncemail.org](mailto:tim@hpncemail.org)!

## **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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Don't miss all of our other local events on our Hollywood Community Calendar, or if you have an event to add, let us know and we'll add it! This page is the most ACTIVE page on our website, and THE PLACE to see what's coming up!

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