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CALL SHEET July 18th, 2023

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A Movement of Prayer for the Entertainment Industry

Dear HPN members,

HAPPY SUMMER! We are so glad that you are back with us for this new Call Sheet! This past week was a hot one in LA; both the weather and the tension surrounding ongoing strikes, upcoming movie releases, and entertainment news!

Our summer is flying by as we prepare for our 2023 Local Chapter Director's SUMMIT on August 3-5th, and as we anticipate Kelry's baby girl, who is arriving the last week of August! But for now, would you join us in praying for the people, the projects and the issues in the global entertainment industry. THANK YOU for your prayers!

Also, AT THE END OF THE CALL SHEET is where we post all of the AWESOME events and community group gatherings happening at HPN, including our Global LCD Worship night on August 4th! So Please KEEP READING!

Praises

A Mighty Warrior Attack Sheep: HPN Local, Ryan Bethea

This month we are highlighting a “normal” guy, a faithful Christian industry professional who’s working in Hollywood: Ryan Bethea. He’s not a celebrity but he’s making an eternal difference. Let’s pray for our friend and HPN member Ryan Bethea!



Ryan is a producer, writer and podcast host. He needs our prayers because he is currently producing a powerful podcast, telling true stories about Exorcisms. He is co-hosting with a known Catholic Priest and Exorcist, Father Carlos Martins. Ryan and Father Martins welcome our prayers, due to the intense spiritual battle involved in this series as they tell true accounts of regular people being delivered from demonic possession.

As Paul wrote in Ephesians 6, we know our battle is not just against flesh and blood but against the powers and principalities in the heavenly realms. That is why today we are excited to highlight Ryan and his work, and ask you to pray for him, Father Martins, and their podcast team. In January of this year, Ryan's new podcast, [The Exorcist Files](#), debuted and quickly rocketed up the charts, earning the #1 spot on Spotify's Religion and Spirituality list and a top 10 spot on Apple charts. The show, which features 3D sound and dramatizations of the real case files of Father Martins, has reached over 2.5 million downloads and features a deep dive and exploration into the topic of spiritual warfare. We ask that you pray for protection and blessing over Father Martins, Ryan and his team as they embark on their journey to produce season two. One thing we also love is that despite the seriousness of the topic, Ryan has added humor to his hosting, and he and Father Martins stress time and time again that all believers share in Jesus' victory over darkness. If you'd like to get in touch with Ryan or send him a prayer, feel free to email them at Exorcistfiles@gmail.com and make sure to [subscribe to the show here!](#)

Updates

HOLLYWOOD STRIKE UPDATES!

Even though we prayed it wouldn’t happen, SAG/AFTRA joined the picket lines this past Friday, because the actors and the AMPTP (Association of Motion Picture and Television Producers) couldn’t come to an agreement. So, now both the WGA and SAG/AFTRA are striking until they can come to a fair outcome for this next union contract. This is

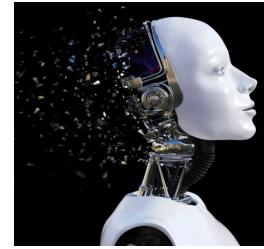


one of the most tense times in our industry as people are wondering when we will ever get back to work! So, we ask for your prayers. Now, more and more people are out of work, not able to start jobs they thought they had, and wondering how much longer they can last with monthly bills, rent or mortgages. Your prayers can literally clear the minds and hearts of the negotiators, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide their decisions. So, let's PRAY!

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AI and the Music Business

AI is starting to take over the music industry and we have to pray that real, paid musicians don't get replaced by AI music. The problem is that AI can take music from known songs, combine it with phrases from other songs and create a new song that has no particular "writer" so the one who created the AI gets paid! Musicians are starting to lose income from songs that they have actually written themselves! It's too easy now to create a song from other sounds and through Artificial Intelligence, the song becomes YOURS when you didn't write it! What do we do? How do we handle it, control it or stop it? This needs our prayers so that actual, talented, experienced, hard-working musicians can make a living from music they have actually written! It's a new world that needs God's guidance, wisdom and discernment to navigate.



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SOUND OF FREEDOM Controversy:

We are saddened by the controversy around the new film, *Sound of Freedom*, starring Mira Sorvino and Jim Caviezel, which tells a brutal story of child trafficking. This movie, which is reaching \$100 million in global box office sales, is based on true stories of families in Mexico who have lost children to sex-traffickers. Because of our nation's political division, we ask that you pray that the truth of this story comes out and that the politics around the

film doesn't take the focus away from its important message. We are asking the Lord to have Christians see the film and pray for the children. The truth is: Over 2 million children go missing each year and we believe that the power of film can help to expose the problem. Here's the official trailer for Sound of Freedom:

SOUND OF FREEDOM TRAILER

***Jesus Revolution* streams on Netflix**

We have asked you to pray for the film *Jesus Revolution* and it has not only taken off at the boxoffice, but Netflix just picked it up and it will be streaming on their service as of July 31st. We are thankful that true stories like this can be available to a global audience (even though it may not stream in Australia), and we thank you for your prayers for it to get noticed and celebrated at the box office around the world, and in our industry!

[READ MORE](#)***Requests*****JAKE JOHNSON TAKES A DIFFERENT HOLLYWOOD PATH**[READ MORE](#)

We want to pray that Christians across the world understand that people in Hollywood don't just come here to find fame and fortune, but they are passionate about the process of storytelling and the joy of creating art. Today we want to point out actor, Jake Johnson, who was one of the stars in the TV series *New Girl*, and is the voice of Peter B. Parker (Miles Morales' Spiderman mentor on *Spiderman: Spiderverse* films). Jake decided not to pursue a life of money and fame, but to produce projects that he was passionate about and to take time to be with his wife and twin daughters. It was the harder path, but he is creatively fulfilled, has a strong family and can walk down the street without fans and paparazzi's bothering him. Let's pray that Jake can not only continue to find joy and creativity in his work, but that he can meet the God of the Universe who gave him his talents and is celebrating his choices!

MATT DAMON: *OPPENHEIMER* PREMIERE, AND HIS FAMILY

Let's pray for Matt Damon as *Oppenheimer* opens on July 21st. He stars as Oppenheimer in this summer blockbuster, just after he told his wife he would take a break in acting, *unless* Director Christopher Nolan called him. Soon after, he did get a call and Christopher offered him the lead role in his new film. Let's pray for Matt and his wife of 18 years, Luciana Barroso Damon, and their 4 daughters. We want them to be examples of a strong, loving marriage and family in Hollywood and so we ask the Lord to bless them and their relationships with each other, their friends and family, and especially with the Lord, who loves them so much!



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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. 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

"If prayer stands as the place where God and human beings meet, then I must learn about prayer. Most of my struggles in the Christian life circle around the same two themes: why God doesn't act the way I want God to, and why I don't act the way God wants me to. Prayer is the precise point where those themes converge."

-- Philip Yancey

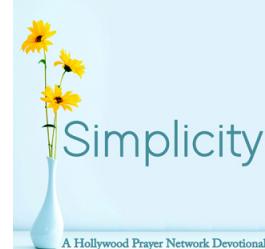
Scripture

"I love those who love me;
And those who diligently seek me will find me."

-- Proverbs 8:17

Weekly Devotional: God's Heart on Simplicity

Oh, how complicated and stressful our lives can be! Yet God tells us He wants us to live simpler, more peaceful lives. He MAKES us lie down in green pastures, which shows we're not very good at it on our own. Let's spend this week seeking simplicity in our lives and be free of the things that are weighing us down. He's offering us a simple life. Let's accept it! -- Karen Covell



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Feature Presentations



You're all invited to join HPN for an exciting Community Worship and Prayer Night at 7pm on Friday, August 4th, on the campus of Hollywood Presbyterian Church. We'll be celebrating 22 years of ministry in Hollywood with a 3-Day Summit for our Global Local Chapter Directors (LCDs). Come worship with 65 of our LCD guests from 9 different countries and meet them as they visit Hollywood to experience what God is doing in our industry!

[More Details Here!](#)

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-SAG/AFTRA strike for an evening of information, 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 from 7pm – 8:30pm.



JULY KIDS AND TEENS PRAYER CALENDAR

How to use the K+T Prayer Calendar: 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 creates these every month! Email her a thank you or question at sarahs@hpnemail.org!



First Love Testimonies

HPN member Jae Leeholland writes a weekly newsletter of powerful



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THIRD SPACE FILM REVIEWS

- MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE – DEAD RECKONING – PART ONE – (c) – Russ Matthews
- INSIDIOUS: THE RED DOOR – (c) – Richard Soo
- FALLEN LEAVES – (c) – Michael Walsh
- BEYOND UTOPIA – (c) – Michael Walsh



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!

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Get Tickets Here!

Stand-Up Comedy Showcase

Saturday, July 29th

Doors Open at 6:30

Show Starts 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 or [ONLINE](#)! If you have any questions, please email jen@hpnemail.org



AUDITIONS FOR LEWIS AND TOLKIEN at The Actor's Co-Op

Opening September 15– Oct 29

LEWIS AND TOLKIEN, written by David Payne and Dean Batali are accepting SELF TAPE AUDITIONS. Deadline is August 1, with callbacks the same week!

Roles Needed: Tolkien and Hattie (70 year-old actor-types)

Also Needed: Designer, Builder, Lights, Sound and Stage Manager

For more information email: [Dean](#)



A.C.T.S Film and Music Festival

A.C.T.S. (Anointed Christians Telling Stories) film and music festival

A.C.T.S. is looking for quality short films to showcase at our event. From the submissions, 4–5 short films will be selected for an audience choice winner.

The theme of our festival is “God in our everyday lives”, all genres accepted!

Submission deadline: August 14th

Submission fee: free (\$25 after August 14th)

Event date: Sept 3rd, 2023 4–7p

Where: Spirit Food Christian Center

Winnetka, CA.

To audition or apply for crew, be sure to include NAME, ROLE/POSITION & CONTACT NUMBER
NAME, OLE, CO-O

Email Dean!

[More Info Here!](#)

Events

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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

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Arts & Industry Prophetic Bible Study

Every Thursday Night | 7:00pm | IN PERSON

Weekly teaching/bible study for creatives who want to grow in their faith. Learn more by following DSM Hollywood on [Instagram](#) or email dsmhollywood@gmail.com. Come at 6:30 PM every week for snacks and Fellowship! Worship or prayer starts at 7pm. We especially want to pray for those who feel called to walk in great influence and great faith, and we LOVE to encourage you in what God has called you to in this industry!

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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.

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To Join, email Derek: Medialifegroup2022@gmail.com



One Song Community Group

CANCELLED TONIGHT: RESCHEDULED FOR AUGUST

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](#)

All Ralph's/Kroger community donors [MUST RE-REGISTER NOW](#) in order to have a percentage of your purchases go to HPN!

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@hpnemail.org!](mailto:prologue@hpnemail.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@hpnemail.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@hpnemail.org!](mailto:tim@hpnemail.org)

HPN Dance Fellowship

Mon. August 7th | 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@hpnemail.org

HPN Meetups – EVERY 2nd THURSDAY

Thurs. August 10th | 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

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

Sat. August 12th | 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 Animation Gathering

Tue. August 15th | 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](#)

Montage: Christian Community and Prayer for Screen Editors

Sun. August 27th | 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 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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