

What hurts worse, being stung by a bee or swatted by a shovel?



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attack. So, it's no wonder that when the Lord needed a special weapon to chase enemies out of the Promised Land he looked to the hornet.

The children of God had grown fearful of opposing armies. That's when the Lord reminded them of the great things he had done in the past to free them from Egyptian slavery, how he had opened a path across the Red Sea for them to escape Pharaoh's soldiers, how he had provided manna from heaven to eat as they traveled toward the Promised Land. The Lord was making the point that if he had done all that in the past, why should they doubt what he'd do in the future?

So, opposing armies were dug in. They had the high ground. The children of God saw themselves at a distinct disadvantage, but that was only because they had lost sight of just how awesome God is, that he had created everything, including his secret weapon, the hornet.

"The Lord thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are

left, and hide themselves from thee, be destroyed" (Deuteronomy 7:20).

When I was a little boy, I spent a lot of time roaming the mountains of eastern Kentucky. My parents taught me to be especially careful around three things, rattlesnakes, copperheads and hornets.

Hornets? Why would a little ol' insect be included alongside poisonous snakes in that warning? When I threw my first rock through a big hornet's nest, I quickly learned why. They're absolutely vicious. I suppose I have never run so fast.

If you have ever had a run in with hornets, you'll understand that the Lord couldn't have chosen a more effective means to make soldiers get up and move... fast.

Can you just imagine, war-hardened soldiers running from those hornets? I can.

The moral to this story is this: When the Lord wants you to do something, go ahead and do it. You don't want to risk a run in with the hornets of God.

Hospital Foundation Events September 28th

Swing your golf club and add a little hula to support Mercy Health Foundation Irvine at the 5th annual golf scramble and Paradise Luau dinner at the Estill County Golf Club on Saturday, September 28.

Tickets to the golf scramble and luau are sold separately; you may play golf, attend the luau or both! Golf teams and luau attendees must register and pay prior to September 20. These events are presented by Citizens Guaranty Bank.

The golf scramble registration opens at 9:30 a.m. and the scramble begins at 11 a.m. Hole Sponsorships for the golf scramble are \$100 and golf teams (four members) are \$200. Golf scramble includes: lunch (provided by Steam Engine Pizza Pub/House of 'Cue), snacks and drinks, player gift/goodie bag, cart/green fees, closest to the pin con-

test, Tanner Chrysler Dodge Jeep Hole in One Challenge and longest drive contest. Putting contest, mulligans and skirts will be available for purchase. Prizes awarded to first, second and third place teams.

The Paradise Luau dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. Individual tickets for the luau are \$50 and table sponsors (eight tickets) are \$400. Ticket includes: buffet dinner, entertainment and more! Attendees will also have the chance to participate in an exciting live and silent auction with bidding on an array of experiences and items...including a week in an ocean-front Costa Rica house, a weekend getaway at a cabin, theme baskets and more!

This casual event invites you to dress in your island attire and Hawaiian shirts. The luau will celebrate 60 years of Marcum and Wallace Hospital "Blue Hawaii"

style, a popular theme when the hospital first opened in Estill County.

Sponsorship packages range from a \$1,500 Platinum sponsor; \$1,000 Gold sponsor; and \$500 Bronze sponsor. Sponsorships are due by September 18.

For more information, tickets, or sponsorship opportunities contact 606-726-2119 or arestes@mercy.com. Online event registration is available at foundation.mercy.com/irvine.

Proceeds from the events will be used to purchase new hospital beds for the Marcum and Wallace Hospital medical unit. Historically, these events have been successful, raising over \$180,000.

If you cannot attend the events, but wish to support the foundation, donations can be made online or mailed to: Mercy Health Foundation Irvine Attn: Arielle, 60 Mercy Court Irvine, KY 40336.

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