

COULD YOU MAKE A PEARL?

How do you handle people who irritate you?

God gave oysters and other mollusks a special way to handle irritants. When foreign objects intrude, these shelled creatures mix aragonite or calcite with a glue called conchiolin. That mixture is called nacre, and the oyster or mollusk coats the irritating object with layer upon layer of it. The coating process might take years, but the result is often stunningly beautiful—a pearl.

Again, how do you handle people who irritate you? What did Jesus do? “He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:22-

24). What did Jesus do when people like us irritated him with sin? He did not retaliate. He surrounded us with his sacrificial love, turned us to righteous life, and healed us. He made pearls!

Jesus wants us to make pearls, too. With his help, we can. “Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,” he urged (Matthew 5:44). Could you pray for the person who menaces you, pray that you might be more patient and forgiving, and pray that way again and again? Could you respond with one expression of love or one act of kindness and then make it a habit to act that way toward the person who bothers you? You could make a pearl.

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good” (Romans 12:21).

Danny Boggs



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His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14

In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Pam Babb, Fred & Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Ed & Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Jason Dodson, Joe Freund, Wilma Hill, Nadine Keith, Leopoldo Lizardo, Cheryl Neilans, Rachel Potter, Angel Rivera, Alondra Rivera, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson.



Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need, usually a local family. If you know someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

The **Summer Youth Series Devo** is tonight at 6:00 at the Giebler' home (7614 Maple Dr.). Boys bring chips and drinks, girls bring desserts. Also bring a lawn chair and wear dark shirts and shorts so you can enjoy the giant slip and slide. (August 13 - Kings' - last one for this summer)



The **Silver Dollar City Youth Trip** for grades 7-12 will be this Friday. We will be leaving at 8:00 a.m., returning at 9:00 p.m. The \$40 will be collected as you get on the bus. Bring enough money for one meal.

Neosho Christian School can use your help this Thursday. The playground fence was knocked down in the last flood. They also need help with some general cleaning around the building. If you can help, please talk with Kristi Berner, Carla Murray, or contact the NCS office at 451-1941.

Senior Saints Potluck Lunch will be at noon in the fellowship room this Saturday. Come for good food and fellowship!



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *What Stops Me from Being Baptized? Part 2*
(Acts 8:26-40, Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *Singing Night*

Promotion Sunday: All of the grade school students will move to their appropriate age groups this Sunday morning. Wednesday promotion will be August 14.

Bible Class Grades, Teachers, and Room Numbers:

4 yrs -Kindergarten (Jennifer Thomas, Carla Murray)	12
Grades 1 and 2 (Linda Scott, Susan Phillips)	27
Grades 3 and 4 (Coralee Risley)	28
Grades 5 and 6 (Kathleen Reiboldt, Becky Cobb)	19
Grades 7 through 12 (Caleb Boggs)	26

The **Back to School Ice Cream Social** is this Sunday after evening service. Hot dogs, chips, and cake will be provided. Please bring a side dish or homemade ice cream.

Back-to-school teacher appreciation luncheon: We'll honor area teachers Tuesday, August 13, in the activities center. Please sign up to bring food items or to help serve on the bulletin board. Thanks!

Men' BBQ Night: Meet at the Hillcrest parking lot at 6:00 next Monday night for a trip to Big Ben's BBQ Station in Carthage.



See Lowell McInturff or one of the staff if you can provide financial help for a student to attend **Neosho Christian School**.

The 25th Annual **Green Valley Bible Camp golf tournament** is this Saturday! All proceeds from this event are used to fund camper scholarships and camp improvement projects. The 4-person scramble tournament will take place at the Creeks Golf Course in Cave Springs (shotgun start at 8 AM). The cost is \$65 per person (\$260 per team). Lunch and festivities to follow at Flagstone Church of Christ in Bentonville. Sign up at: flagstone.church/gvbcgolf. For event announcements, follow the tournament's Facebook page at GVBC Golf Tournament Presented By Forward Engineers .

*Thank you for your help and prayers. Love,
Deli Wince*

*Hillcrest Family,
Your love and care have sustained us through a difficult month. We appreciated so much the food, cards, prayers, and visits. It was a great help for our daughter and granddaughter who were our caregivers! We love and appreciate each and every one of you. God Bless You!*

Fred and Carolyn Bukowich

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, August 11

- AM Opening: Glen Honeycutt
- AM Closing: Bryan Reiboldt
- PM Opening: Ethan Murray
- PM Closing: Aaron Wilson

Wednesday, August 14

- Opening: Bob Murray
- Closing: Kaed Thomas

RECORDS

	08-04-19	08-05-18
Bible Study	167	151
AM Worship	214	207
PM Worship	113	133
Wednesday	153	136
Contribution	\$9,501.06	\$7,267.46
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58