

## *A Wise Investment*

A huge industry has been developed in “first-world” nations pertaining to money and investments. You don’t have to wait long in television programming before you’re exposed to various companies competing for your investment dollar. Much ado is made over the question of whether or not we will have enough funds to support us in our retirement, so great thought and time is put into researching, planning, and implementing a strategy that will pay off and carry us through our golden years. Hardly would one think of investing in a strategy that would certainly lead to monetary ruin or, at best, a weakening of our financial future.

Is this how we think spiritually? Can we say that the strategy we are using, spiritually speaking, is a carefully planned and diligently researched effort? Are we thinking long-term and looking into the future to see what benefits or consequences will likely result from today’s efforts?

Most investment advisers will suggest a consistent and continual approach toward financial freedom, even if the contributed funds seem very small, knowing that this long-term effort will likely reap great rewards.

Psalm 127: 3 states, “Behold, children are a gift of the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward.” Surely, our children are one of the most precious gifts entrusted to us! Most people would say they would do anything for the well-being of their

children. In everyday life, though, is that mindset being followed? Are we investing wisely into our children’s futures? Are we living a life which reflects the importance of God’s word in our lives as parents? Are we making sure our children see their family as a unit attending Bible class where God’s word is honored and studied? Perhaps too often we choose a short-term investment strategy for our children, focusing rather on other things less important and more worldly in nature.

If we believe our world is becoming scarier and crazier as the years go by and we believe that is a result of families falling apart, morals not being taught, and God being left out, then the conviction of our belief should be seen in the diligent efforts to strengthen our families, investing wisely in our kids so that no matter what the future may hold, they will be salt and light.

I believe we will be held accountable for how we treat one of God’s most precious gifts. Why not insist (if you don’t already) with the beginning of our new school year, that your child(ren) will be present for all Bible classes, proving your belief that, little by little, this training will carry THEM through THEIR golden years. Prov. 22:6--”Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.”

*Tim Murray*

### **Elders**

John Deffenbaugh  
Wayne Douthitt  
Glen Honeycutt  
Rick Hyder  
Bill Reiboldt

### **Deacons**

Pete Babb  
Carl Cobb  
Barry Flint  
Casey Flint  
Josh King  
Mike Kidwell  
Tim Murray  
Bryan Reiboldt  
Jim Scott  
Peter Wald

### **Local Evangelist**

Danny Boggs

### **Youth & Family Minister**

Caleb Boggs

### **Worship Assemblies**

10 a.m. Sunday  
6 p.m. Sunday

### **Bible Classes**

9 a.m. Sunday  
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# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



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

**Time to Rejoice:** We rejoice with **Tim James** and his family. Tim was baptized last Wednesday. He joins his wife, Sarah, who has been a member here and their three children; Conner, Colton, and Liddie. Their address is 10313 Nighthawk Rd. Neosho. Tim: 417-699-2233, Sarah: 417-337-2420.

**Welcome:** **Emily Garton** wishes to place her membership with us. We are happy to welcome her to the Hillcrest family. Her address is P.O. Box 273, Neosho. Her phone number is 417-569-6492.



**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 last **Summer Youth Series Devo** for this year is tonight at 6:00, hosted by the Kings in the activities center. Boys bring chips and drinks, girls bring desserts.



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



## This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *The Basics of a Biblical Worldview*  
(Danny Boggs)

P.M.: Caleb Boggs

**Girls Night Out** for grades 7-12 will be from 7:00-10:00 p.m. this Friday at Bethany Boggs.

You can encourage and be a blessing to the residents of the **Medicalodge** by participating in a devotional there this Sunday at 1:30.



The first **Devo and Donuts** will be next Tuesday at 7:00 in the activities center. Make it a part of your Tuesday schedule and bring your friends.

The **Show-Me-Youth Conference** is Saturday, August 24. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return by 9:00 p.m. Bring money for lunch at Lamberts. Sign up on Caleb's door by August 21.

Mark your calendar: Our fall **gospel meeting** is a little more than a month away - September 22-25 with Spencer Furby

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

NCS could use some **snacks** for the after-school program. Leave your donations in the box in the Ladies' Corner.

Ladies, please pick up your **dishes** from the funeral in the fellowship room. Some other dishes are in the Ladies Corner.

**VBS 2020:** We are already making plans to have another successful vacation Bible school next year. We are taking a survey over the best time to schedule it. Please pick up a survey from the welcome desk, complete it, and return it to the box.

*.Dear Family of Hillcrest Church of Christ,  
My father, Glen Crumbliss, was blessed to have had your love and care for many years. May your ministry continue to reach others in your community.*

*Thank you,  
Cheryl Jones*

## Wednesday Bible Class Grades, Teachers, Room Numbers

4 yrs -Kind	(Jennifer Daniels, Kristi Deffenbaugh)	12
Grades 1 & 2	(Whitney Thomlinson, Maddison Fehring)	23
Grades 3 & 4	(Linda Haught, Julia Fehring)	14
Grades 5 & 6	(Carla Murray, Bethany Boggs)	24
Grades 7 - 9	(Caleb Boggs, Tim Murray)	30
Grade 10-12	(Danny Boggs, Jared Thomas)	26

## PRAYER LEADERS

### Sunday, August 18

- AM Opening: David Fehring
- AM Closing: Trace Wilson
- PM Opening: Rick Hyder
- PM Closing: Miles Wolgamott

### Wednesday, August 21

- Opening: Alec Fehring
- Closing: Harold Speir

RECORDS	08-11-19	08-12-18
Bible Study	155	139
AM Worship	192	200
PM Worship	141	161
Wednesday	142	136
Contribution	\$7,710.54	\$7,717.60
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58