

YOU'RE TWICE MINE

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

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9 a.m. Sunday
7 p.m. Wednesday

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A young boy spent many hours building a little sailboat, crafting it down to the finest detail. He then took the boat to a nearby river to sail with it. Once he put the sailboat in the water, however, it moved away from him very quickly. Though he chased it along the bank, he couldn't keep up with it. The strong wind and current carried the boat away. The heartbroken boy knew how hard he would have to work to build another sailboat.

Farther down the river, a man found this boat, took it to town, and sold it to a shopkeeper. Later that day, as the boy was walking through town, he noticed his very own boat in the store window. Entering the store, he told the owner that the boat belonged to him. It had his own little marks on it, but he couldn't prove to the owner that he made the boat. The owner told him that the only way to get the boat back was to buy it. Because of all of the work the boy put into making this boat, the boy wanted it back badly, so he paid the money to purchase his boat. As the little boy took this boat from the hand of the shopkeeper, he looked at it and said, "Little boat, you're twice mine. I made you and bought you."

In a spiritual sense, God is like this boy and Christians are like the sailboat. God has made us in His image to live on His globe (Genesis 1:26-27; 5:1; Psalm 8:5; James 3:9). When we came into this world, we belonged to God (Matthew 18:3; 19:14). But, because of our sin, we separated our-

selves from God and no longer belonged to Him (Isaiah 59:1-2).

But God doesn't want us to remain in that separate state, much like the little boy didn't want to remain separated from His creation of his sailboat. God wants us to come back to Him. II Corinthians 5:18 says, "All this is from God, who **through Christ reconciled us to Himself** and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." He wants us to be made a new creature after His will. II Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, **he is a new creation**. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." He wants to purchase us back through the blood of Christ. Acts 20:28 says, "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, **which He obtained with His own blood**."

To the Christian, God has said, "You're twice mine". To the non-Christian, God has said, "I want to buy you back." Are you twice God's possession or have you only formerly been God's possession once? Have you contacted the blood of Christ through being baptized in water for the forgiveness of your sins (Romans 6:3-4; Acts 2:38)? If not, please don't wait until a time when you can never be bought back again. God is certainly a God of patience (Psalm 86:15; II Peter 3:9), but God's patience will eventually run out (Isaiah 55:6).

Luke Yates

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



Pam Babb, Betty Ball, Jack Brodie, Pete Conrow, Ed Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Louise Faules, Mary Jane Flint, Joe and Teresa Freund, Phyllis Goins, Faye Haught, May Hill, Wilma Hill, Doris Jones, Guy Lewis, Max Naramore, Price Naramore, Ron Naramore, Mark Strohl, Helen Swem, Corin Thomlinson, Bobbie Tuggle, Margaret Wald, Ruth Ann Wilson, Treva Wolgamott, Velda Wood, Neosho Christian School and Honduras mission work.

- Wayne Douthitt is home recovering from knee surgery.
- Bobbie Tuggle is at Mercy hospital in Joplin.

We extend our **heartfelt sympathy to Jonas Yost** in the passing of his grandmother last week.

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Thank you for your prayers and comfort during the loss of my sister, Mildred.
 God Bless you,
Billie and family



every **ONE** counts!

Remember to give an extra dollar every Sunday to help someone in need. For a couple of weeks we are helping a family in our congregation who could use some help with various expenses. Thank you to all who have contributed a dollar to this ministry each week in the offering! Every "One" Counts!

This Sunday we aim to make a big dent in the debt on our new building! Please make prayerful plans to give generously. Everything given above the regular weekly budget amount of \$7,630.58 will help to pay down the balance on our construction costs.



This Sunday's Sermons:



- A.M. The Right and Left Hand (Luke Yates)
- P.M. *The Cursed Fig Tree?* (Casey Flint)

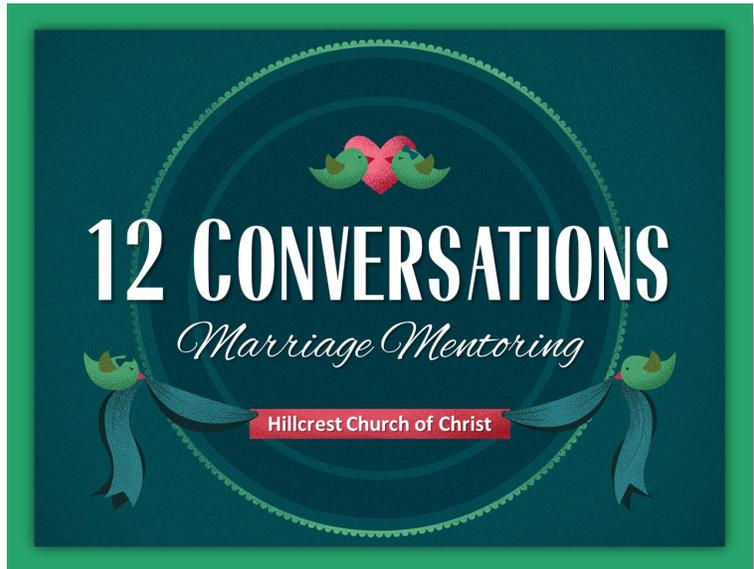
There will be **no youth devotional this week** on account of the business of VBS and so many people being gone. We will pick back up next Thursday at the Honeycutts' household.

The **Vinita church of Christ** is hosting a Wednesday night Summer Series called "Faith in the Furnace." Rick Hyder, Richard Chambers and John Johnson are some of the speakers. See the bulletin board for more details.

There is a table in the back hallway with **items being taken out of the library**. Go by and see if you'd like to give any of them a new home.

August Calendar:

- August 3: Men's breakfast at Braum's at 7:00
- August 6: Tri-State Youth Series at Cassville
- August 10: Ladies' bible marking study
- August 12: Senior Saints meet at noon
- August 13: Back to school ice cream and desserts
- August 17: Men's BBQ night
- August 20: Medicalodge Devo
- August 26: Show Me Youth Conference in Conway



Would you like to build a friendship with a couple married 25 years or more and learn from them how to make your marriage stronger than ever? See Danny to get involved in our *12 Conversations* marriage ministry.

ASSIGNMENTS

Prayers Sunday, July 30

- AM Opening: Eldon Morgan
- AM Closing: Miles Wolgamott
- PM Opening: Charles Phillips
- PM Closing: Kaed Thomas

Scripture Reading Sunday, July 30

- John 1:9-13, Bob Murray
- Prayers Wednesday, August 2**
- Opening: Trace Wilson
- Closing: Josh King

RECORDS	07-23-17	07-24-16
Bible Study	128	144
AM Worship	194	199
PM Worship	158	201
Wednesday	133	135
Contribution	\$7,892.05	\$6,749.25
Budget	\$7,630.58	\$7,075.67