

## The Sluggard

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If the Bible had a comics page like a newspaper does, “The Sluggard” would surely be the title of a strip. Yet, if the sluggard were your provider or your employee, you wouldn’t think it’s funny. And if reading about him is like looking in the mirror, it’s time for a change.

The wise writer of Proverbs knew the sluggard’s type. “I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, then poverty will come upon you like a robber and want like an armed man” (Proverbs 24:30-34). The sluggard’s minimum daily requirement of sleep is just ten minutes more (cf. 6:9-10). He fails to see what is growing up around him or the poverty that lurks behind the weeds.

If the sluggard would enroll at BYU—Back Yard University—he could learn a thing or two. “Go to the ant, O sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise. Without having any chief, officer, or ruler, she prepares her bread in summer and gathers her food in harvest” (Proverbs 6:6-8). A sluggard lacks initiative and foresight. Without a supervisor hovering over him, he never gets a thing done.

“As vinegar to the teeth and smoke to the eyes, so is the sluggard to those that send him” (Proverbs 10:26). He irritates his boss. He disappoints his spouse. “How did I end up with someone like him?” they think.

“The soul of the sluggard craves and gets nothing, while the soul of the diligent is richly supplied” (Proverbs 13:4). The sluggard is a wishful thinker. He has dreams—lots of them since he is always lying around—but he never follows his dreams. “The desire of the sluggard kills him, for his hands refuse to labor” (Proverbs 21:25).

“The way of a sluggard is like a hedge of thorns, but the path of the upright is a level highway” (Proverbs 15:19). When he finally rouses himself, every task is harder for the sluggard than it has to be.

“The sluggard buries his hand in the dish and will not even bring it back to his mouth” (Proverbs 19:24, cf. 26:15). Now, that’s lazy!

“The sluggard says, ‘There is a lion outside! I will be killed in the streets!’” (Proverbs 22:13). His excuses are legendary and worn out. “The sluggard says, ‘There is a lion in the road! There is a lion in the streets!’” (Proverbs 26:13).

“As a door turns on its hinges, so does a sluggard on his bed” (Proverbs 26:14). Don’t hold your breath. He’s not turning out of bed, just turning over.

“The sluggard is wiser in his own eyes than seven men who can answer sensibly” (Proverbs 26:16). He thinks he has it all figured out, but he only fools himself.

Don’t be a sluggard! “In all labor there is profit” (Proverbs 14:23). Homes, churches, communities and societies all prosper when people aren’t afraid to work.

Danny Boggs

# In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Carol Bessman, Allan Brazzel, Jack Brodie, Fred and Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Betty Fogarty, Joe and Teresa Freund, Ervin Hill, Glen Honeycutt, Gael Jackson, Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Monwell Magee, Sherry Merrill, Mebyl Privett, Andy Rasbury, Baelyn Rasbury, Linda Roark, Rylee Schroeder, Edith Toney, Ryan Wall, Cheryl Williamson.

The grandfather of Kelsi and Payton Matthews is in the hospital. Please pray for this family.



**Every "One" Counts:** When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. This week we helped a man who is going through cancer surgery. If you know someone who needs help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

If you are not able to be at church, continue to visit our Facebook page, website or YouTube channel to see or hear our services **online**. Services will be at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm on Sundays and 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

**Singing in the Park:** This evening our 6:00 service will convene at the pavilion at the north end of Morse Park. Bring a lawn chair. Folding chairs will be provided for those who don't bring a chair. Bring a side dish, dessert and/or homemade ice cream. Meat and drinks will be provided. Please sit under the pavilion or really close so that our singing can be vigorous and coherent. Invite friends and family!



The King Family invites you to join them as they celebrate **Brylee King** this afternoon from 2:00-5:00 in the activities center. She is graduating from Neosho High School and will attend Freed-Hardeman University in the fall.

**Worship leaders** meet in room 7 before morning services.



## Today's Sermons

A.M.: Jesus and His Bible, Part 3  
(Danny Boggs)

P.M. : Singing in the Park

The Bryan family would be honored to have you join them in celebrating the graduation of **Morgan Bryan** from Seneca High School. There will be a come and go party on Friday at 6:30 in the activities center. RSVP on Facebook or contact Rachel. Join us in celebrating his accomplishments.

**Summer Kickoff Singing:** Grades 7-12 and their families will head to Bill and Kathleen Reiboldt's after evening services next Sunday to get a great start to the summer and welcome Kaden back as our summer youth intern!

**Neosho Christian School** has an opening for an elementary teacher beginning this fall. See the bulletin board or Amanda Flint if you are interested in this position.



**Green Valley Bible Camp.** Our week begins 3 weeks from today. Register on the GVBC website. Invite your friends with the printed application and return it to Danny so they can go free.

Congratulations to our **graduates!** Please sign the books in the foyer for our graduates. They will receive them on June 6.

- Morgan Bryan - Seneca High School
- Brylee King - Neosho High School
- Karson Thomas - Neosho High School
- Trace Wilson - Neosho High School
- Jackson Collinsworth - Northwest Arkansas Community College - Associates in Fire Science
- Ashlea Norman - Northwest Missouri State University - MBA with emphasis in marketing
- Meghann Winchester - Crowder College - Occupational Therapy Assistant
- Hailee Webb - Missouri State University - Elementary Education



Save the date: **Vacation Bible School** is July 18 - 21. Plans are being made for a wonderful week.

*Hillcrest Church,*

*Thank you for your help with my toilet I will never know how to thank you enough. Please keep me in your prayers.*

*Debi Wince*

*Here are some thanks from recent EIC recipients:*

- *We want to thank the church members. We're amazed at how much kindness we have received from the community. My mother wants to send a million 'thank you's to everyone who gave money. She said, "it came at a time when I needed it the most and God bless everyone".*
- *We had no idea, we're both in tears. We feel so blessed! Let everyone know we are so thankful for what they have done for us.*
- *So greatly appreciative for all your thoughts and prayers.*
- *I want to thank all those who helped my son.*

### WORSHIP LEADERS

#### Today

#### This Wednesday

AM Opening Prayer: Miles Wolgamott  
AM Closing Prayer: Harold Speir  
Communion Prayers: Pete Babb

Announcements: Bob Murray  
Singing: Peter Wald  
Invitation: Mike Kidwell

PM Opening Prayer: Morgan Bryan  
PM Closing Prayer: Tim Wald

Opening Prayer: Jason Bryan  
Closing Prayer: Carl Cobb

### RECORDS

#### 5-16-21

#### 5-17-20

Bible Study	150	
AM Worship	189	180
PM Worship	139	
Wednesday	138	135
Contribution	\$8,875.40	\$8,691.82
Budget	\$8,000.00	\$7,864.15