



Luke 15:11-32

Parable of the Lost Son

11 To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: “A man had two sons. 12 The younger son told his father, ‘I want my share of your estate now before you die.’ So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons.

13 “A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. 14 About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. 15 He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. 16 The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything.

17 “When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, ‘At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! 18 I will go home to my father and say, “Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, 19 and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant.”’

20 “So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. 21 His son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.’

22 “But his father said to the servants, ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet.

23 And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, 24 for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.’ So the party began.

25 “Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, 26 and he asked one of the servants what was going on. 27 ‘Your brother is back,’ he was told, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.’

28 “The older brother was angry and wouldn’t go in. His father came out and begged him, 29 but he replied, ‘All these years I’ve slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. 30 Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!’

31 “His father said to him, ‘Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours. 32 We had to celebrate this happy day. For your brother was dead and has come back to life! He was lost, but now he is found!’”



Vitals for August 22nd

Weekly Need: \$3,200
Actual Given: \$1,836

Sunday School - 33
Worship Service - 83

3 easy ways to give:

1. 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
2. Go to newheightsconnersville.com/giving
3. Mail to the church office



Raymond Chew

Paul Tinch

Jared Robinson (Patty Robinson's son)

Cheryl Arn (Levi Monk's aunt)

Vicky Hull (friend of Levi Monk)

Elijah Rader (student of Diane Burks)

*Names are left on the prayer list for only three weeks; but if you wish for a name to remain longer, please let the office know. ***If you would like a copy of the long term prayer list, you can pick one up in the lobby.***



We're going digital! In an effort to be good stewards, we've decided to leverage the digital platform and start sending the newsletter to your email address. If you would still like to receive the 'Christian Connection' (New Heights monthly newsletter), please contact the office with your email. For those who don't have an email address, or would still prefer a hard copy, **we will have printed newsletters in the lobby.**

Looking for an opportunity to reach out to our community?

New Heights has partnered up with Indiana Department of Child Services in order to help support foster parents and kids in our district.

September is Kinship & Relative Care Month. This month DCS is focusing on helping support families who have had kids from their family placed in their care. These families did not sign up or expect to become foster parents. So, DCS is taking donations of the following items to help these families.

*Laundry Detergent (Free & Clear preferred)
Fabric Softener, Dish Soap/Dishwasher Pods
Toilet Paper, Clorox Wipes, and Sanitizer*

Please place donations in the box located in the Lobby by September 19th, 2021

Christian Standard magazines for October/September are available in the lobby.



Come join us for Bible study on Thursdays @ 7:15pm, looking at the minor prophets.

'WAVES of JOY'
Mahoning Valley Ladies Retreat
Saturday, September 11th | 8:30 am - 4 pm
Early Bird Registration (received by Sept. 4th) \$25
On Site Registration \$30