



# NEW HEIGHTS NEWS

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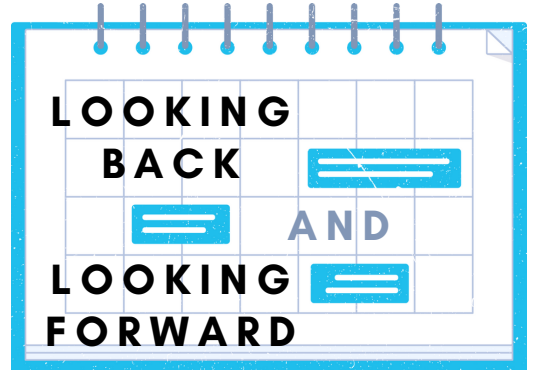
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It's truly hard to believe that 2022 is just days away from coming to its conclusion. And as we end this year, I think it's wise to LOOK BACK & LOOK FORWARD. In Joshua 4, as the Israelites were preparing to cross the Jordan and enter the Promised Land they are called to place memorials at the Jordan crossing to remember what God had done. *The Lord said to Moses, "choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Tell them, 'take twelve stones from...the middle of the Jordan. Carry them out and pile them up...'" We will use these stones to build a **memorial**. In the future your child will ask, 'what do these stones mean?' Then you can tell them, 'they **remind** us...' These stones will stand as a memorial among the people of Israel forever.*

In the same way New Heights, we need to remember. We look back on and remember the faithfulness of God in the past year. We have certainly experienced a number of transitions and changes, but through it all, God has been present and constant. What is it about this past year in your life that will serve as a 'memorial stone' when you look back one year, three years, five years from now?

The leadership at New Heights sat in our first meeting of 2022 and asked the question, 'what do you want to see New Heights be and do as the year unfolds?' And although the end of 2022 looks vastly different than any of us could have imagined, I believe that we grew in the areas that we committed ourselves to, and we will continue to grow in these areas in the next year.

2024  
2023  
2022



But as much as we want to look back, we also need to look forward to what God is planning to do in 2023. I feel like He has already given us a 'sneak peek.' This year we will conclude our Bible Engagement Project, Year 3, entitled LIVE. This is where the 'rubber meets the road' as we put everything together we have talked about for the last 2 years and seek to apply it in every way and every area of our lives.

We also continue to push beyond the walls of New Heights to meet the needs of our community. We have and continue to have conversations with organizations on how we can partner with them to help meet their needs while also fulfilling our mission. I ask that you continue to pray as the leaders seek to be faithful and proactive in doing what God has called us to do. Whether that is simply opening our building to welcome our neighbors, or creating an After School program that services children and families with quality tutoring, strong mentoring, and an overall safe space, we know that God has big things in store!

I want to close this LOOKING FORWARD & LOOKING BACK with some words from an article that I read recently. In an article on growing trends in churches under 250 in attendance, the author highlighted in his third trend that, one person can lead a dramatic and positive change in a standard church. That same article included a testimony from someone that said, 'I prayed for five visitors to come to church and ten came. I confess, I was shocked and so were the people in my small church. I have renewed zeal for what God calls me to do. I complained no one is doing anything to help our church and I heard someone say it starts with you!

In a similar way, a sermon I was listening to recently had these words that are complementary with the words from the article mentioned above. In the sermon was this little nugget: The only thing that will transform a culture is when an individual heart is transformed. What is it in this upcoming year? What is the ONE thing that you as ONE person can do that would change your heart, but also hearts around you? Whatever it is, go at it with all your might and the power and backing of the Holy Spirit! And when you look back in the last days of 2023 wouldn't you like to be able to say and see that God did what God always does?

He **SHOWS UP!**



# Prayer Requests



Lawrence Johnson  
Jean Tinch  
Theo Atwood (Donna Parrett's great grandbaby)  
Nick McCarroll (Rita Johnson's brother - loss of his wife)  
Harold Gordon  
Lynne Wilhelm—At home now

## Those battling cancer:

Manny Alvarez  
Rebecca Johnson (sister-in-law to the Johnson's)  
Richard Johnson (Lawrence Johnson's brother)  
Tom King Jr. (Johnson's family friend)  
Amanda Lunsford (Bekah Thompson's sister-in-law)  
Andrew Phillips (Carroll's nephew) brain cancer  
Kay Shawki (Johnson's friend) chemo  
Kelly Sherwood (D. Parrett's nephew) 3 different cancers  
Pete Taylor  
Laneia Thomas (Whitaker's niece) breast cancer  
Steve Todd (Bea Burgdoerfer's cousin)

Names are left on the prayer list for only three weeks. If you wish for a name to remain longer, please let the office know.

\*\*A weekly updated long term prayer list can be picked up in the lobby.

Dear New Heights family,

Thank you for the cards, calls and offers of help during my recent illness. Above all, thank you for your prayers on my behalf. I am so grateful for your kindness.

In Christian love,  
Beth Rowland

There are not enough words to express my gratitude for the love, prayers and kind words at the time of Kenny's passing. All of it was beyond belief. Thank you to everyone that sent their love, prayed for us, send cards with beautiful messages inside and for the delicious food. Thank you also for the beautiful wind chime. Bryan and Ryan did a super job on the service and Kenny would have been proud of their message. Once again – thank you.

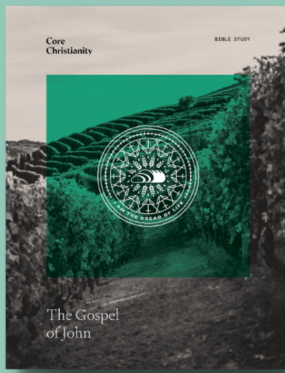
Pat Summan

What do you say to a church family you've been a part of for 23 years and served as their secretary for almost 18 years!? New Heights is a place I've grown in my faith. Dan and I have served in many ministries here. Dan serving as an elder for most of the time we've been a part of New Heights. Our kids have grown up here. Both were very active in youth group, both baptized, Aaron heard Gods calling into the ministry and was ordained by our leadership of New Heights, Amanda was married in this church, Levi and Amanda also served at New Heights and Levi ordained by the leadership and many more special moments. So to say New Heights is special to us is an understatement. I've seen people come and go over these years. Worked with many ministers, youth ministers, custodians. I've laughed and cried and prayed with many of you. You all are so special to me! Thank you for letting me serve as your secretary! It's sad to end my time here but looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in our new journey.

Love to you all,  
Brenda Milbourn

*Thank You*





### Thursday Night Bible Study

We are on a small break for Christmas. Please join us on Thursday, January 5th at 6pm. We will be finishing the last 2 lessons in the Gospel of John study.



## January is Sanctity of Life

The Hope Center is having their annual "Baby Bottle Campaign." Starting in January we will have the baby bottle in the lobby. Please be in prayer about a donation.



### Vitals for November

Weekly Need: \$3,200

- November 6 - 37/72, \$2,627
- November 13 - 43/71, \$2,175
- November 20 - 35/68, \$1,465
- November 27- 37/61, \$2,074

### 3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- [newheightsconnersville.com/giving](http://newheightsconnersville.com/giving)
- Mail to the church office

### PRAYER TEAM

The Care Ministry Prayer Team invites you to join them on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM as they lift up our leadership, church family and our community in prayer. We will meet in the fellowship room.



### Missions We Support

#### Hope Center

[www.hopecenterlife.com](http://www.hopecenterlife.com)

#### Mahoning Valley Christian Camp

[www.mahoningvalley.org](http://www.mahoningvalley.org)

#### TCM International Institute

[www.tcmi.org](http://www.tcmi.org)

#### Global Impact Missions

Dr. Charles Madinger

#### CRAM

C.Y. Kim

[www.cramworldwide.org](http://www.cramworldwide.org)

#### Kontaktmission USA

Derrick and Mikaela Shipley

[www.shipleynorway.com](http://www.shipleynorway.com)

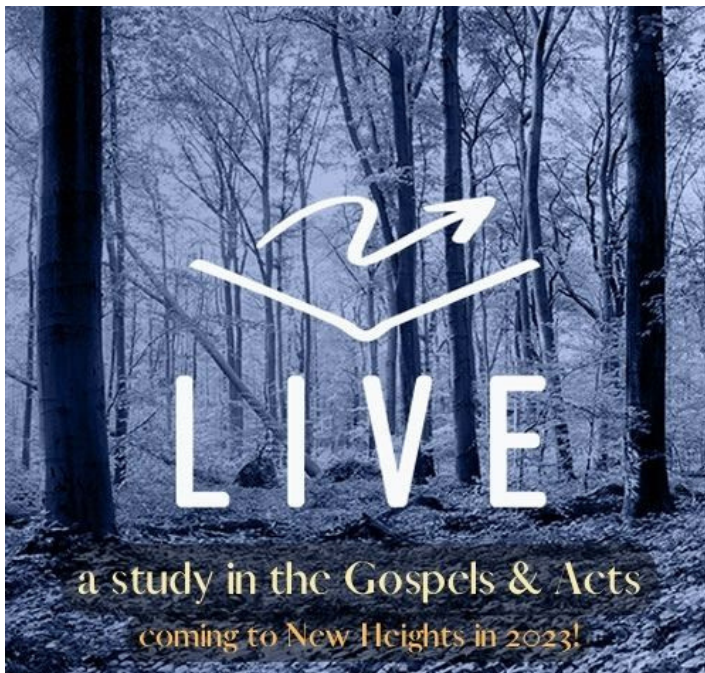
#### Ball State Christian Student Foundation

[www.ballstatecampushouse.org](http://www.ballstatecampushouse.org)

#### Hope for Home

Alvarez Family

[www.hopeforhome.org](http://www.hopeforhome.org)



Join us as we start the 3rd year of the Bible Engagement Project in January, LIVE- a study in the Gospels and Acts. We will learn how to Pursue Jesus in January as we look at how to faithfully:

- Show Up
- Listen Carefully
- Receive Grace
- Trust Him



# WORKER'S SCHEDULE



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

Kindergarten - 5th grade at 9:15am

### JANUARY

1 - Diane Burks  
8 - Alea Lucas  
15 - Marcia Clark  
22 - Danielle Clark  
29 - Alea Lucas

### FEBRUARY

5 - Diane Burks  
12 - Marcia Clark  
19 - Danielle Clark  
22 - Alea Lucas



## WEE CLIMBERS

Infant- 5 year old at 10:15am

### JANUARY

1 - Crystal Phelps, Alea Lucas  
8 - Karianna Clark, Danielle Clark  
15 - Bea Burgdoerfer, Marcia Clark  
22 - Robert & Beth Chalker  
29 - Linda Powell, Diane Jennings

### FEBRUARY

5 - Diane Burks, Becky Jefferson  
12 - Alea Lucas, Crystal Phelps  
19 - Danielle Clark, Karianna Clark  
22 - Marcia Clark, Bea Burgdoerfer

# SHAPEUP

A SERIES ON SPIRITUAL FORMATION

**January 1 - Prayer**

**January 8 - Acts of Service**

**January 15 - Worship**

**January 22 - Silence/Solitude**

A new adult Bible study coming on Sunday mornings in January