



Bulletin - July 16, 2023



## LIVE - Stand Firm

Week 2: 'Grow Deeper'

### Mark 4:1-20

#### Parable of the Farmer Scattering Seed

1 Once again Jesus began teaching by the lakeshore. A very large crowd soon gathered around him, so he got into a boat. Then he sat in the boat while all the people remained on the shore. 2 He taught them by telling many stories in the form of parables, such as this one:

3 "Listen! A farmer went out to plant some seed. 4 As he scattered it across his field, some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. 6 But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died. 7 Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain. 8 Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!" 9 Then he said, "Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand."

10 Later, when Jesus was alone with the twelve disciples and with the others who were gathered around, they asked him what the parables meant.

11 He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secret of the Kingdom of God. But I use parables for everything I say to outsiders, 12 so that the Scriptures might be fulfilled:

'When they see what I do,  
they will learn nothing.  
When they hear what I say,  
they will not understand.  
Otherwise, they will turn to me  
and be forgiven.' "

13 Then Jesus said to them, "If you can't understand the meaning of this parable, how will you understand all the other parables? 14 The farmer plants seed by taking God's word to others. 15 The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away. 16 The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. 17 But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word. 18 The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, 19 but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced. 20 And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

# Prayer Requests



Lawrence Johnson

Jean Tinch

Theo Atwood (Donna Parrett's great grandbaby)

Karianna Gibbs & baby

Becky Jefferson

Donna Parrett

Phelps' family -sale of home and move

Nathan Clark

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

## STAY IN THE WORD



### READ SCRIPTURE

Visit <https://www.readscripture.org>



### BIBLE ENGAGEMENT

Visit <https://bibleengagementproject.com/>



## Vitals for July 9

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$4,005

Sunday School - 30

Morning Service - 71

### 3 easy ways to give:

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

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## THANK YOU

Make sure to check out the thank you letter from Terran Jefferson on the wall in the cafe area. Especially if you donated to his Eagle Scout project!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are needing some more volunteers in the following areas:

Teachers for K-5th Grade class

Teachers for Children's Church

Audio and Visual team

Please see Alea if you are interested in helping in any of these areas.

## WEEKLY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Sam Clark 7-18

David & Diane Burks 7-17

Lawrence & Rita Johnson 7-17

