



Bulletin - March 23rd, 2025



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I have always enjoyed reading Jesus' parables. They have a fun way of fusing solid principles with the fun of a story. As a fan of stories, parables are right up my alley. There's a parable in Matthew 22 of a wedding feast where the guests who were invited to come fail to show up, and so the master of the ceremony invites anyone and everyone - warm breathing bodies - to come enjoy the festivities. Could you imagine that? Pretend it's your wedding, and you don't recognize any of the guests. But then you learn the reason why is that your "real friends" were too busy to come. At that point, I might feel better about cozying up to the current guests and making new friends. Here's the point - God wants people, ALL people, to come and celebrate his son, Jesus. So, the job before us, as we finish up our topic on evangelism, is to get out there and invite the guests to be a part of his great banquet that is coming. Come join us Sunday and we'll get into it.

-Zach, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon Cheat Sheet

Sermon in a Sentence

"God has prepared a _____, and he'd like us to _____ the _____."

Acts 3:6-8

Something Worth Quoting

Colossians 3:23-24 "God has sovereignly placed you in this world at this time with the abilities and gifts you have to bring glory to him and the joy of the gospel to others." - Alvin Reid

Matthew 22:2-10

Something Worth Noting

Colossians 4:2-6

"Evangelism isn't incumbent on my ability to be _____, but on my ability to be _____."

Three Weekly Challenges

- It's All Greek to Me!* Challenge #1 - Remember Who's _____ You
- "axios" - to be worthy, suitable Challenge #2 - Remember Who's _____ You
- "eimi" - to be, in a state of being Challenge #3 - Remember Who's _____ You

Prayer Requests

Donna Parrett
Eddie Kerr
Ruth Harrison
Sam Clark
Ron Scott

Marcia Clark
Angie Fowler
Mike Miracle
Myrna Carlson
Alexis Baldwin

Mona Nichols
Teresa Scott
Janet Winstead
Dale Scott

****A long-term prayer list with updates can be found in the foyer.**



Vitals for March 16

Weekly Need: \$3,200
Actual Given: \$1014
Sunday School - 24
Morning Service - 61

JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP!

3RD -12TH GRADES



YOUTH GROUP
SUNDAY NIGHTS @ 6:00 PM



WHAT IS KIDS HOPE USA?

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!

New Heights will begin partnering with Kids Hope USA in a school-based mentoring program. This program will provide our church with an opportunity to mentor students one on one, allowing us to share the unconditional love of Christ with children in need of support. **We would like to invite you to be a part of this opportunity to make a difference in the lives of the children in our community.**

Informational flyers are available in the cafe. Please see Carol Clark if you are interested in volunteering. There will be an informational meeting after service on **Sunday, March 23rd.**

The men of New Heights are invited to gather with us on the first Saturday of every month at 8:00 am for breakfast, fellowship, and time in the Word. Our first meeting is scheduled for
Saturday, April 5th at 8:00 am.

GOOD things ARE COMING

3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- newheightsconnersville.com/giving
- Mail to the church office

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NEW HEIGHTS PRAYER GUIDE

“Pray without ceasing”

Chicken or Fish?



Jesus also told them other parables. He said, “The Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a king who prepared a great wedding feast for his son. When the banquet was ready, he sent his servants to notify those who were invited. But they all refused to come! “So he sent other servants to tell them, ‘The feast has been prepared. The bulls and fattened cattle have been killed, and everything is ready. Come to the banquet!’ But the guests he had invited ignored them and went their own way, one to his farm, another to his business. Others seized his messengers and insulted them and killed them. “The king was furious, and he sent out his army to destroy the murderers and burn their town. And he said to his servants, ‘The wedding feast is ready, and the guests I invited aren’t worthy of the honor. Now go out to the street corners and invite everyone you see.’ So the servants brought in everyone they could find, good and bad alike, and the banquet hall was filled with guests. Matthew 22:1-10

Monday Mission: Whatever You Do

Colossians 3:23-24 NIV

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

This verse tells us to work at whatever we do with all our hearts. The Greek definition of “heart” (kardia) is stated to be the center of our being. It is the place where our desires and decisions originate. In ancient Greek culture, the heart was believed to be the place where God communicates with humans, and where faith and understanding are held.

Matthew 22: 37 says, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.”

Loving God is obeying and serving Him.

Ask yourself: Is God the center of my work? Is He the center of my Life?

Pray that we, the Church, live and work as if He is the center of everything.

CHALLENGE: PERSONALIZE & PRAY THESE SCRIPTURES THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.



Thanksgiving Tuesday

Acts 3:6-8

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We have been given a much greater gift than just a physical healing. Jesus gave up his life for us so we could be free from the bondage of sin and death. We have been adopted as sons and daughters of the Almighty God, and made royal priests that will rule as co-heirs with Jesus Christ! This is a gift worthy of uninhibited praise to God!

Take time to worship Him and give thanks for the freedom He has freely given to you.

World Wednesday -

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone. Colossians 4:2-6



Heavenly Father, I pray that New Heights becomes a church deeply committed to prayer. Help us remain vigilant against distractions that may draw us away from You, while also being attentive to opportunities to share the Gospel with our surrounding community. May our words be filled with love and truth, resonating clearly with all who hear them. Grant us wisdom as we carry out the work of Your kingdom. Let us not overlook any chances to fulfill the calling placed on each of us. Equip us and fill us with Your Spirit. May we always be prepared to speak the name of Jesus and share the Good News of the salvation found only in Him.

“For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives,...” Colossians 1:9

INVITED GUESTS OF THE KING

Transformation Thursday -

Matthew 5:14-16

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I pray that New Heights becomes a shining light in the Connersville community. Instill in each of us a desire to prioritize Your work over our own interests. We have all been blessed with unique talents and callings; may we use these gifts to honor You and fulfill Your purpose, rather than seeking personal gain. Don't let us be distracted by the artificial light that the world displays. It is meant to entice us with the material and temporary things that will only leave us empty and alone.

Focus our hearts and minds on You and the mission You have set before us. Unite us through Christ and let us engage in His mission of reaching and saving those who are lost.



Practice the PRAY Method

P- Praise
R- Repent
A- Ask
Y- Yield

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Matthew 22:8-10

Family & Friends Friday - It's not our job to judge the hearts and intentions of those we encounter when deciding whether or not to share the Gospel with them. This verse clearly states that we should be extending invitations to everyone.

Are we missing chances to reach out? Are we allowing a lost soul to struggle alone when we know the one truth that can save them? And that truth is Jesus.

Take time today to pray for those in your life who have yet to surrender their hearts and lives to Jesus. Ask that their eyes, ears, and hearts be opened to the truth of the Gospel, enabling them to genuinely experience a life transformed by its power.

Salvation Saturday -

God has called each of us out of darkness and into His wonderful light. We all have the chance to join His royal priesthood. Every day, we encounter individuals who are unaware of this opportunity. It is our responsibility to share this message with them. Pray for God to open your eyes to recognize these individuals in your daily life. Pray for opportunities to share your testimony and to love your neighbor as yourself, so they can experience the same joy of salvation that you have discovered.

Pray for revival! Pray for transformation!

Let's share our stories! Let's make sure everyone knows that Jesus Christ is Lord and that He is returning soon!



It's in Jesus' name we pray. Amen!