



Bulletin - April 20th, 2025



Psalm 16:10-11

For you will not leave my soul among the dead or allow your holy one to rot in the grave. You will show me the way of life, granting me the joy of your presence and the pleasures of living with you forever. NLT

"It just seems too good to be true. I absolutely can't believe it! You'll never guess what happened! Pinch me, make sure I'm not dreaming."

My guess is that most of us have said something along these lines at some point in the past. Sometimes, life can really knock us for a loop. And I think maybe that has us conditioned to think that truly wonderful, unexpected things just don't happen. So, when they do, we end up skeptical, or at least we're at something of a loss for words, not because we don't actually believe what we're seeing, but it seems a bit *too wonderful* to be real. That's just how the disciples felt when Jesus rose from the dead, even though the Hebrew Scriptures prophesy that it will happen and Jesus himself tells them plainly. But the news seems so incredible that it just couldn't be real...could it? Come on out Sunday and we'll see for ourselves!

-Zach, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon Cheat Sheet

Sermon in a Sentence

"It should come as _____ that God _____ you and has a _____ for you."

Psalm 16:7-11

Luke 24:25-32

Something Worth Quoting

"If you can believe the first verse in the Bible you won't have any trouble with the rest of it."

-Bob Russell

Romans 6:5-11

Romans 10:9-13

Romans 5:8

Three Weekly Challenges

1: Expect that God's _____ is _____

2: Expect that God's _____ is _____

3: Expect that God's _____ is _____

Jeremiah 29:11

Ephesians 3:18-21

Weekly Prayer Requests

Donna Parrett
Eddie Kerr
Ron Scott
Dale Scott

Marcia Clark
Angie Fowler
Dale Scott

Easter Blessings

Names will be left on the prayer list for only three weeks. If you wish for a name to remain longer, or be moved to the long-term list, please notify the office.

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



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.

Please see Carol Clark if you are interested in volunteering.

JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD
& FELLOWSHIP!

3RD -12TH GRADES



**NO YOUTH GROUP TONIGHT
SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!**



Vitals for April 13

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$1431

Sunday School - 31

Morning Service - 74

3 easy ways to give:

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

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Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp



**SUMMER IS COMING!
IT'S TIME TO GET READY.**

**EARLY BIRD PRICING
THROUGH MAY 17TH!**

DON'T WAIT!

CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR

MAY 10

VOLUNTEER CAMP WORK DAY

8 AM- 2 PM_ BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED



**Pasta with the
Pastor**

**April 27
6:30PM**

**If you would like to attend,
please sign-up in the Cafe.**

**There will be a
special
guest speaker
from TCM
on
Thursday, May 1st
During Bible Study
@ 6:00 pm**

**We hope you
will join us!**

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New Heights Prayer Guide

"Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17



CHALLENGE:
PERSONALIZE & PRAY
THESE SCRIPTURES
THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK.

This Week: "An Unexpected Guest"

I will bless the Lord who guides me;
even at night my heart instructs me.
I know the Lord is always with me.
I will not be shaken, for he is right beside me.
No wonder my heart is glad, and I rejoice.
My body rests in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
or allow your holy one to rot in the grave.
You will show me the way of life,
granting me the joy of your presence
and the pleasures of living with you forever. Psalm 16:7-11



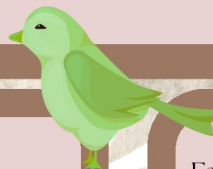
Monday

Take time to read all of Luke 24 before praying.

By this time they were nearing Emmaus and the end of their journey. Jesus acted as if he were going on, but they begged him, "Stay the night with us, since it is getting late." So he went home with them. As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them. Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him. And at that moment he disappeared! They said to each other, "Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" And within the hour they were on their way back to Jerusalem. There they found the eleven disciples and the others who had gathered with them, ³⁴who said, "The Lord has really risen! He appeared to Peter. Then the two from Emmaus told their story of how Jesus had appeared to them as they were walking along the road, and how they had recognized him as he was breaking the bread. Luke 24:28-35

In these passages, we observe the sadness and confusion of Jesus' followers as they traveled along the road. Their eyes were veiled by God, preventing them from recognizing Jesus. Although the living Messiah was accompanying them and sharing the living Word, they remained unaware of His presence. It was only after they welcomed Jesus to share in fellowship and break bread with them that their eyes and hearts were opened to the risen Savior. They then realized the burning desire they felt when they heard Jesus speak the living Word. The joy and excitement of their encounter propelled them to go and share with others about that they had met the Risen Savior!

Lord, I ask that my love and longing for You grows stronger each day. May the joy and excitement of being in Your presence and hearing Your Word fill my heart so completely that I cannot resist sharing it with those around me. Praise God! Jesus is our Risen Savior!



Tuesday

But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. Romans 5:8

Jesus, I am so grateful for your sacrifice on the cross that makes it possible for me to come into the presence of God Almighty. You bridged the gap that separated us, by covering the penalty for my sins. I thank you that I can now live and walk in peace, knowing that regardless of my circumstances on earth, I will spend eternity with you in heaven.

Wednesday

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Lord, this verse can often feel so familiar that it lacks power when we hear it. Please remind our hearts of the profound love you have for us—how you endured pain, humiliation, and death so that we could be reconciled with God and experience eternal life in Your presence. Thank you, Jesus!



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"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



Romans 6:5-11

Thursday

Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

Jesus, You are my Protector and my Redeemer! You went to the cross to conquer sin and death for me and for all humanity! You rose to life and sit at the right hand of God Almighty!

Thank you for freeing me from the power of sin in my life. Thank you for making me alive to God, now and for all eternity!

Jesus, help me to never take this gift of mercy and grace for granted. Grant me the strength, courage, and wisdom to live out Your word every day, and to share the Good News of the Gospel through my words and actions daily.



Romans 10:9-13

Friday

If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. As the Scriptures tell us, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced." Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. For "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Lord, I humbly proclaim that you are Lord! You have been resurrected from the dead and now sit at the right hand of God. It is only through you that I possess the hope and promise of eternal life.

I lift up those in my life that have yet to embrace this truth. I pray that their hearts and minds will be opened to hearing and believing the transformative message of the Gospel. I pray that you will give them a new heart and put a new spirit in them. Remove their stubborn, hardened hearts and give them tender, responsive hearts that are eager to understand Your Word and accept the gracious gift of salvation that You so mercifully and generously extend to them.

Let me never cease in praying for those who do not know you as their Lord and Savior.



Saturday

For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. Jeremiah 29:11

Lord, this reminds me of the saying, "Man plans, and God laughs." We often display arrogance when we create our own plans without seeking Your guidance, especially knowing that Your intentions for us are filled with goodness and hope beyond our wildest dreams. Instill in our hearts a longing for Your will above everything else. Let Your kingdom come, and may Your will be done in my life, and on earth as it is in heaven.

Memorize Scripture With Us

Recite or write down this verse three times a day for seven days. Let's commit to hiding God's Word in our hearts together.

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3: 18-21



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