

# Bulletin - May 25th, 2025



John 15:13 "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends." NLT

Did you know that Memorial Day used to be called "Decoration Day"? It referred to a holiday that used to occur on May 30th, and only in the last 50 or so years had it been reorganized to the holiday we know it as today. Decoration Day was a day for decorating the graves and headstones of those brave soldiers who gave their lives so that we could be free; whether they had fought to procure that freedom or to maintain it, on Decoration Day, it was clear to any who would pass by a cemetery who had given their lives for their country.

As kingdom citizens, I think we could learn something from that. What if we, in our dedication to be like Jesus, decorated our lives in a such a way that people could tell just by looking at us or spending a little time with us that we were citizens of his kingdom? Wouldn't that be something?

We'll talk a bit more about it on Sunday!

Zach - Your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

#### **Sermon Cheat Sheet**

Sermon in a Sentence
"I may not be able to \_\_\_\_\_\_ the sacrifice of others, but I can live \_\_\_\_\_ because of them."

3. \_\_\_\_\_ For the Kingdom

John 15:13

It's All Greek to Me!

"doxa" - to glorify, to act like
"ginomai" - to become, to come into existence

1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Three Weekly Challenges

1. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ For the Kingdom
2. \_\_\_\_\_\_ For the Kingdom



# Weekly Prayer Requests

**Donna Parrett Eddie Kerr** Lori Higgs & Family Marcia Clark

Steve Lynch (Bea Burgdoerfer's brother)



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

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



JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD & FELLOWSHIP! 3RD -12TH GRADES



ON SUMMER BREAK BUT. BE WATCHING FOR FUN. POP UP EVENTS!.





Join & Graduation Sunday June 1st

You are invited to help celebrate our 2025 Graduates.

Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - Terran Jefferson 4:00 - 6:00 pm @ New Heights Christian Church \*Amazon wish list is available. Please contact the office for the link.

Sunday, June 8th - Savannah Higgs 2:00 - 5:00 PM @ New Hew Heights Christian Church



### Vitals for May 18

Weekly Need: \$3,200 Actual Given: \$2,574 Sunday School - 28 Morning Service - 69

#### 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.

Don't wait to register! Contact the office for the New Heights Discount code for 2025

## JUNE:

#### K-2ND GRADES DAY CAMP

#### 1ST & 2<sup>ND</sup> GRADES

2ND & 3RD 16th & 17th 4th & 5th 18th & 19th

27th - 28th - OVERNIGHTER 13th - 14th- OVERNIGHTER

# JUNE:

#### 3RD & 4TH GRADES

#### 5TH & 6TH GRADES

22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Little Valley 1

22<sup>nd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> - Journey 1

9TH - 12TH GRADES

## JUNE:

#### 7<sup>™</sup> & 8<sup>™</sup> GRADES

1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Horse Camp 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Elevate 1 15<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Elevate 2

1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Horse Camp 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> Trade Skills 15<sup>th</sup> -20<sup>th</sup> Higher Ground

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# New Heights "Pray without ceasing" Prayer Guide 1 Thessalonians 5:17





# Decorating the Kingdom

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed, suffering terribly."

Jesus said to him, "Shall I come and heal him?" The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. But just say the word, and my servant will be healed. For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

When Jesus heard this, he was amazed and said to those following him, "Truly I tell you, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! Let it be done just as you believed it would." And his servant

was healed at that moment. Matthew 8:5-13

CHALLENGE:
PERSONALIZE & PRAY
THESE SCRIPTURES
THROUGHOUT
THE WEEK.

# Monday

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship. Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God. Romans 12:1-2 CSB

## # Weekly Challenge 1: <u>Present Yourself to the Kingdom</u>

Lord, I come before you, reflecting on the tremendous sacrifice you made for me and all of humanity. It is through your immense mercy that I approach you, humbly bowing my heart in your presence and offering myself to you. I dedicate my heart, mind, and life to your service. May my offering be holy and pleasing to You. I pray that my life, along with the lives of my fellow believers at New Heights, be lived in true worship of our King, Lord, and Savior, Jesus Christ.

I ask that you continue to transform us by renewing our minds, enabling us to discern your good, pleasing, and perfect will. May we shift our focus away from this world and set our sights eternally on Jesus.



## Tuesday

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God. Don't give offense to Jews or Gentiles or the church of God. I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved. And you should imitate me, just as I imitate Christ. 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 NLT

## Weekly Challenge 2: Stand Up for the Kingdom

Lord, may all my actions be for Your glory alone. May your will be at the center of everything I do. Grant me the heart and attitude of a servant, devoted to humbly serving those around me, just as Jesus did.

"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



## Wednesday

Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in everything; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18

Weekly Challenge 3: Embrace Gratitude for the Kingdom

Heavenly Father, I celebrate all that You have done to bring us closer to You! Grant me a heart filled with gratitude and guide me to live a life marked by thankfulness. Open my eyes to the many blessings You have poured out upon my life and help me to always be prepared to share the great hope I have in Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior.

May my life, along with the lives of my fellow believers at New Heights, shine brightly and direct others towards the Gospel of Christ!



There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. John 15:13

Lord, I am truly thankful that You have chosen to call us friends. Your love for us is immeasurable; You willingly walked the painful road to Calvary, bearing our sin and sacrificing Your life, even when we turned away from You. We are unworthy of Your mercy and Your sacrifice, yet You generously extend it to us.

I pray that we, as Your Church, will lead our lives by emulating You. May we be willing to lay down our lives for one another, serving each other as You have served us. Let our lives honor You and bring glory to Your name.



## Fríday

A Call for Prayer

Today, let's take a moment to pray for the members of our New Heights family who are facing various burdens or illnesses:

- Donna Parrett
- Marcia Clark
- Eddie Kerr
- Steve Lynch (Bea Burgdoerfer's brother)
- Lori Higgs and family

## 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.

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