



**John 6:28-29**

*Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" Jesus answered, "The work of God is this; to believe in the one he has sent." NIV*

Back in 2002, the Westlake Church of Christ where my Father-in-law Tim served as pastor had just celebrated 50 years in their building on the corner of Basset Rd and Hilliard Blvd in Westlake, and now, it was time to move. The church purchased a 15 acre lot that had once been the site of a driving range in the neighboring town of Avon, Ohio. I remember walking the property with Dad shortly after it was purchased, and several times thereafter as when we'd go and visit, we would see the church in various stages of development. That being a solid 20 years ago, it seems strange to think of that once empty lot, but now it's a solid structure that's stood for 1/5 of a century. Dad wanted Hebrews 6:19 etched into the side of building - "hope serves as an anchor for our souls." Hope Christian Church had it's first worship service in December of 2004, 21 years ago. Hope and Christmas seem to be synonymous with each other, which is good because the world needs hope at Christmas time. We'll talk more about Sunday.

See you then! - Zach

*Sermon in a Sentence*

"Even when life is difficult, we \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_."

*Today's Scripture*

**Psalm 95:6-7**

**Luke 2:11-14**

**Psalm 51:10-12**

**2 Corinthians 5:14-15**

**John 6:28-29**

*Three Weekly Challenges*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_ for Hope
2. \_\_\_\_\_ on your \_\_\_\_\_ of Hope
3. \_\_\_\_\_ in your \_\_\_\_\_ of Hope



## Weekly Prayer Requests

Guy Nichols  
Savannah Higgs  
Sam Clark  
Heather Hansen

Earl Whipple  
Lawrence Johnson  
Beth Rowland

\* Names will stay on the current list for three weeks. Please inform the office if you wish for a name to remain on this list or be transferred to the long-term list. Names marked with \*\* will be moved to the long-term prayer list the following week. The long-term prayer list is located in the foyer.



## Vitals for December 7

Weekly Need: \$3,200  
Actual Given: \$1706  
Sunday School - 15  
Morning Service - 84

### 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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December

What's Happening

January

12/24 Christmas Eve Service - 6:30 pm



1/4 MENTorship - 8:00 am  
1/18 Jesus Girls Ladies' Ministry - 12:00 pm

**Mahoning Valley Winter Retreats - Registration goes live on November 1st**

1. Little Journey - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades: **Jan 9-11**
2. Elevate - 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> grades: **Feb 6-8**
3. The Well- 9<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> : **Feb 13-15<sup>th</sup>**