



**Galatians 5:13**

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. NIV*

**Stop me if you're heard this one before:**

A man fell into a pit one day, and he struggled to find a way out. While he was there, a doctor came by and noticed he'd hurt himself when he fell into the hole. He prescribed some medicine for the pain of his bruised bottom from the fall, and then went on his merry way. Then a therapist came along. He pulled up a couch and asked the fellow how he came to be in the hole to begin with. The two began talking, but after the hour was up, the man folded up his couch, tossed a bill for his time down into the hole, and promptly walked away. Then a preacher came and offered to pray for the man who was in the hole. He shared some comforting words but ultimately, he walked away, too. Finally, a fellow came along and noticed his fellow man's plight. He jumped down into the hole with him. The first fellow then said: "On no! Now we're both stuck down here!" "That's ok," said the new guy." I've been down here before, and I know the way out."

This weekend at New Heights as we celebrate 250 years of freedom in America, we're going to talk about why it is that God set us free in Christ, and just what it is he'd like for us to be doing with it.

-Zach K, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

*Sermon in a Sentence*

"God set us free so that we might work to \_\_\_\_\_."

*Today's Scripture*

**Galatians 5:13-14**

**Ephesians 2:4-10**

**Colossians 4:10-11**

**Acts 21:10-15**

**Romans 10:13-15**

*Something Worth Noting*

"The \_\_\_\_\_ for human life is \_\_\_\_\_"

*Three Weekly Challenges*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Freedom
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Freedom
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Freedom



# Weekly Prayer Requests

**Diane Burks    Jeni Friend**  
**Ron Scott     Stacy Smith Borick (Diane Burks' daughter)**  
**Jane Gasser    Joan Miller (Randy Miller's mom)**

\* 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 June 28

Weekly Need: \$3,200  
 Actual Given: \$2453  
 Sunday School - 20  
 Morning Service - 68

### 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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MAHONING VALLEY CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP  
**Ladies Retreat**  
 — 2026 —  
**REGISTRATION IS Now Open!** ♥  
 Guest Speaker ♥  
**LOVE LOCKMAN**  
 — PSALM 113:3 —

 <b>RETREAT DATES</b> SEPTEMBER 11-12, 2026 9/11: OPTIONAL OVERNIGHTER 7 PM 9/12: 8 AM - 4 PM	 <b>LOCATION</b> MAHONING VALLEY CHRISTIAN SERVICE CAMP 3823 E 225 N RUSHVILLE, IN 46173	 <b>COME AWAY &amp; BE RENEWED</b> Worship, Teaching, Fellowship, Sisterhood, Spiritual Renewal.
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*You Are Invited!* ♥  
 Join us for a weekend of encouragement, connection, and spiritual renewal.

REGISTER TODAY!  
[mahoningvalley.org](http://mahoningvalley.org) ♥

### NHCC Portrait Directory Sign-Ups! 📷

We're excited to announce that we will be offering family portrait sessions for our upcoming picture directory! A photographer will be available to take portraits on **Sunday, July 26th**, and **Sunday, August 2nd & 9th**, from **12 PM to 4 PM** each day.

To ensure everything runs smoothly, please sign up for a time slot in advance. This will help us accommodate everyone and keep the process efficient. Don't miss this chance to be part of our New Heights Family Directory and to have a beautiful family portrait!

Sign up sheet will be available in the foyer. We look forward to seeing you there!



### Don't Miss Out On The Fun! Saturday, July 25th

**NHCC July Day Camp**  
 Time: 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**NHCC Drive-In Movie**  
 Time: Starting at 8:00 PM

### What's Happening

*July*

- 7/12 STEM Camp @ MVCSC-NH Office Closed
- 7/25 NH Day Camp & Drive-in Movie
- 7/26 - NHCC Directory Pictures 12-4 pm



- 8/2 - Directory Pictures 12-4 pm
- 8/9 - Directory Pictures 12-4 pm

*August*



**Mahoning Valley Christian Service Camp: Registration is OPEN!**

See Zach or Carol for the New Heights Registration Code



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

# NHCC Prayer Guide

*A daily rhythm to draw closer to God.*

*Explore the scriptures from this week's sermon and turn them into heartfelt personal prayers.*

July 5, 2026

Never stop praying.  
1 Thessalonians 5:17

## Monday

### Gratitude & Praise

Read & Reflect: Ephesians 2:4-7

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. So, God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of his grace and kindness toward us, as shown in all he has done for us who are united with Christ Jesus.

Today's Prayer Points:

- Thank God for blessings big and small.
- Praise Him for His love, mercy, and faithfulness.
- Recall moments where you saw His hand at work.

## Tuesday

### Personal Growth

Read & Reflect: Galatians 5:13-14

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love. For the whole law can be summed up in this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." NLT

Take time to focus on the freedom you have been given through Christ.

Ask God to reveal ways you can put this love into action this week.

Today's Prayer Points:

- Pray for wisdom, patience, and strength.
- Ask for help in overcoming struggles.
- Invite God to shape your thoughts, words, and actions.

## Wednesday

### Family & Friends

Read & Reflect: Colossians 4:10-11

*Aristarchus, who is in prison with me, sends you his greetings, and so does Mark, Barnabas's cousin. As you were instructed before, make Mark welcome if he comes your way. Jesus (the one we call Justus) also sends his greetings. These are the only Jewish believers among my co-workers; they are working with me here for the Kingdom of God. And what a comfort they have been! NLT*

God does not intend for us to walk alone in this world. He has provided us with brothers and sisters in Christ, who work beside us as we serve the Kingdom of God. This week, lift up your co-workers in Christ through prayer and seek out opportunities to show them love and support.

Today's Prayer Points:

- Pray for loved ones by name.
- Ask for unity, understanding, and love in relationships.
- Lift up those distant from faith or in hardship.

## Thursday

### Community & Nation

Read & Reflect: Acts 21:10-15

Following Christ can lead to pain and suffering, impacting us and those close to us. In this passage, Paul was ready to face that pain. It saddened him to think that his loved ones would suffer a great loss if he left, yet he felt a strong call from the Spirit and couldn't ignore it.

We are all called to surrender our lives and make disciples. This path may be difficult, but the eternal reward will be amazing!

Today's Prayer Points:

- Pray for local leaders, schools, and neighborhoods.
- Ask for justice, peace, and compassion.
- Remember those in positions of authority.

## Friday

### The World

Read & Reflect: 1 Corinthians 9:19

Even though I am a free man with no master, I have become a slave to all people to bring many to Christ.

Today's Prayer Points:

- Pray for global issues: poverty, conflict, disasters.
- Lift up missionaries and humanitarian workers.
- Ask for God's light to shine in dark places.

## Saturday

### Reflection & Repentance

Read & Reflect: John 15:13

"There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends."

Time to reflect: Am I genuinely sacrificing my life to love and serve those around me, or am I clinging to my own desires and living life on my terms? What part of my life am I holding onto that I need to surrender at the feet of Jesus?

Today's Prayer Points:

- Examine your heart and confess sins.
- Ask for renewal and a clean spirit.
- Reflect on lessons learned this week.

## Sunday

### Worship & Renewal

- Dedicate the day to worship and rest.
- Pray for your church and fellow believers.
- Ask for joy and purpose for the week ahead.

# Zach's Three Weekly Challenges

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Let's work hard to keep it."

## Challenge #1 EVOKE Freedom

That's a fancy word for "speak well of", or "promote the idea of" freedom. It's kind of hard to imagine this, but if you aren't aware, there are people in our country who are speaking ill of freedom and are trying to turn us in a different direction. By speaking well of freedom, and this country that God has blessed us with where we can be free, we can help improve opinions about freedom in general, and thus continue to enjoy its benefits moving forward.

Some folks might criticize me for being "too political" with this, but I don't think there's anything political about freedom, especially when the Bible tells us that it is for freedom that Christ has set us free, so again, let's work hard to keep it, and speak well of it as we do.

## Challenge #2 EMBODY Freedom

As free men and women, let's use our freedom for its intended purposes.

God's Word makes it clear that the purpose of freedom is to serve others in it. Use the benefits of freedom – the freedom of speech, the freedom to assemble, the freedom of religion – to embody the purpose of freedom, and to work out its purpose and help others attain freedom themselves.

## Challenge #3 ENJOY Freedom

Yes, there's a responsibility factor that freedom has with it, but there's also very much the reality that we were created to be free, to enjoy life, to pursue happiness and revel in our creator. This Independence Day weekend, I want to encourage you to do just that. Grill some meat, drink some cold "beverages", play with your kids, and thank God that you're here.

Prayer Request

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Answered Prayers

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