



Bulletin - August 2, 2026

A Long “Luke” at the Book of Acts

“Fancy a Swim?”
Shrewd Stewardship
Luke 16



A Study on the
Biblical Works of Luke
Luke 1:1 - Acts 28:31
8/2/26



James 1:17

Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens.^[a] He never changes or casts a shifting shadow. NLT

When I was a kid, there was nothing more fun than jumping in the ball pit at Chuck E Cheese pizza! Honestly, I could care less about the video games - I could play those at home - or the pizza (mom’s tasted better anyway). The ball pit was always a blast to swim around in, and when you got out, you always felt like you were still in there. Those little plastic spheres made an impression. Literally!

Another thing I always wanted to try - but kind of glad I never did - was swim around in a giant pool filled with money like Scrooge McDuck. Did you ever watch the old *Ducktales* cartoon and see him do that? He’d wear a bathing suit and literally swim around in a giant pool full of gold coins. Well, I’m glad I never did that for two reasons - for one, the coins aren’t liquid. They’re a very solid mass, so you would actually injure yourself hard when you dove in. Secondly, because if I hoarded my resources like that, I’d never have been able to put them to work for the kingdom.

This week at New Heights, we return our series on the book of Luke, and will see what chapter 16 has to say about stewardship and trusting God to provide the resources we need to keep his kingdom growing. Hope to see you then!

-Zach K, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon in a Sentence

“God calls us to be _____ with the _____ he _____.”

Today’s Scripture

Luke 16 - all of it!

Three Weekly Challenges

1. Steward _____
2. Steward _____
3. Steward _____



Weekly Prayer Requests

Diane Burks **Jeni Friend**
Ron Scott **Stacy Smith Borick (Diane Burks' daughter)**
Joan Miller (Randy Miller's mom)
Susie Oakes (Janet Suttles' 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.

Upcoming Events & Announcements



Jesus Girls Ladies' Ministry



MENTorship



5th Sunday Breakfast



New Heights Picture Directory



Ladies Retreat

What's Happening

August

8/2 - Directory Pictures 12-4 pm
8/9 - Directory Pictures 12-4 pm
8/11 - Jesus Girls Ladies' Ministry 6 pm
8/15 - MENTorship 8:00 am
8/22 - NH Day Camp 4-8 pm
8/22 - NH Movie Night 8:30 pm



September

9/8 Jesus Girls Ladies Ministry 6 pm
9/19 Mentorship (Men's Ministry) 8 am



Vitals for July 26

Weekly Need: \$3,200
Actual Given: \$ 2165
Sunday School -27
Morning Service -75

3 easy ways to give:

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

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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.

August 2, 2026
Never stop praying.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Monday

Gratitude & Praise

Read & Reflect: Luke 16:1-9

Lord, while the often seeks use of its possessions for personal gain. You have entrusted us with what we have to further Your Kingdom. Teach us to utilize our resources in a manner that not only brings honor and glory to You but also contributes to the growth of Your heavenly kingdom, allowing others to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

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: Luke 16: 10-12

"If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won't be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people's things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? NLT

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: Luke 16:13-17

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money." (Luke 16:13)

Lord, money and wealth are not evil in themselves, but they become idols that demand everything we have in exchange for more. This world tempts people away from You with material riches that satisfy only temporarily, but You offer treasure that lasts forever. Bring to mind those who do not yet possess this extraordinary treasure of salvation, and guide my heart to pray for each one of them.

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: Luke 16:19-24

Jesus said, "There was a certain rich man who dined splendid purple and fine linen, living in luxury day after day. At his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered in sores." (Luke 19-20)
Lord, please help me avoid becoming like the rich man who passed by the poor man daily without recognizing his needs. He never took the time to acknowledge, pray for, or care for him. Grant me the eyes to see the needs around me and a willing heart to step in and serve.

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: Luke 16:25-31

"But Abraham said to him, 'Son, remember that during your lifetime you had everything you wanted, and Lazarus had nothing. So now he is here being comforted, and you are in anguish. And besides, there is a great chasm separating us. No one can cross over to you from here, and no one can cross over to you from there.'" (Luke 16: 25-26)

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: Luke 16:25-31

Then the rich man said, "Please, Father Abraham, at least send him to my father's home. For I have five brothers, and I want him to warn them so they don't end up in this place of torment." (But Abraham said), "Moses and the prophets have warned them. Your brothers can read what they write." (Then the man replied, "No, Father Abraham, I am a prophet and I will teach them how to be a prophet." (But Abraham said), "If they won't listen to Moses and turn to God." (But Abraham said), "If they won't listen to Moses and the prophets, they won't be persuaded even if someone rises from the dead." (NLT)

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

Shrewd Stewardship

Challenge #1 Steward Wisely

Remember, as we just discussed, all good gifts come to us from our Father from above. James 1:17 helps us to remember that it's all his anyway. So, let's seek him when it comes to how he'd have us use even temporary, worldly resources. We can invest temporary resources in the kingdom and produce eternal results.

Challenge #2 Steward Faithfully

Acting in a faithful manner with the resources God allows to use reveals who is our true master. Are we valuing things more than the Father who provides them? Trusting in riches rather than their source? Or are we willing to trust that the Father will keep things coming if we're faithfully using our gifts and resources to Pharisees kaddishim. Don't forget that their relationship with their Father and their hearts were exposed. Be a faithful steward, and the source of your gift - the Father - more than the gift itself.

Challenge #3 Steward Compassionately

The rich man in the story failed - not because he possessed wealth - but because wealth actually possessed him. His lack of mercy and care for his fellow man revealed that he never truly understood what his possessions were for. Let's not make the same mistake.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 7 to seek his kingdom first, and all else will be added to us. So, keep his kingdom as the first priority, and you'll do alright.



Prayer Request



Answered Prayers

