



Bulletin - August 30, 2026

A Long “Luke” at the Book of Acts

“Are We There Yet?”

The Present/Future Kingdom

Luke 17:20-37



A Study on the
Biblical Works of Luke
Luke 1:1 - Acts 28:31
8/30/26



Revelation 11:15b

...“The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Messiah, and he will reign for ever and ever.” **NIV**

If you’ve ever taken a trip anywhere with a child in the car, odds are, you’ve probably heard the words that make up the title of this week’s sermon. “Are we there yet?” I’m not sure why my kids ask that question - though I’m just as guilty of asking it myself from time to time - because a simple look out the window will show that, no, we are not in fact, “there yet.” But boy, we’d like to be.

Jesus’ disciples make a habit of asking that question. throughout his ministry. He doesn’t give them a straight answer until the Pharisees ask him. That’s when he gives the answer that the kingdom of God is already here. So yeah, we’re “there yet” and also, no, we’re not.

Confused yet? If so, we’ll explain things a little more in detail this weekend at New Heights. Hope to see. you there!

-Zach K, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon in a Sentence

“The Kingdom of God has _____, and yet it is _____.”

Today’s Scripture

Luke 17:20-37

Luke 11:17-20

2 Thessalonians 3:11-15

Revelation 11:15

Something Worth Quoting

“Never be so heavenly minded that
you’re of no earthly good.”

- Oliver Wendell Holmes

It’s All Greek to Me!

“parateresis” - close observation, detect by watching

“epithymesete” - to long for, to yearn for, to desire

“apokalyptetai” - reveal

“zoogonesei” - making alive

Today’s Timeless Truths

Truth #1 - The Kingdom is _____

Truth #2 - The Kingdom is _____

Truth #3 - The Kingdom is _____

Weekly Prayer Requests

Stacy Smith Borick

Lyllian Gibbs

Diane Burks

Joan Miller (Randy Miller's mom)

Susie Oakes (Janet Suttles' Mom)

Jeni Friend

Janet Clavell

Ron Scott

Dennis Stang (Mona Nichols' brother)

Sam Clark

* 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



MVCSC Ladies Retreat - Saturday, September 12th

8 am - 4 pm

Registration is open



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

WITH PITCH-IN

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

ELDER PRESENTED FOR REAFFIRMATION:

BRYAN JENNINGS, BRIAN CLARK, BRIAN KENNEDY

DEACON PRESENTED FOR REAFFIRMATION: **ROBERT CHALKER**

Congregational Meeting

What's Happening



September

9/8 - Jesus Girls Ladies Ministry 6 pm

9/12 - MVCSC Ladies Retreat 8 am - 4 pm

9/19 - Mentorship (Men's Ministry) 8 am

9/27 - Congregational Meeting & Pitch-in
(Following morning service)

October

10/13 - Jesus Girls Ladies Ministry 6 pm

10/17 - Mentorship 8 am



Vitals for August 23

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$2733

Sunday School -

Morning Service -57

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 Deep Dive 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 30, 2026
Never stop praying.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

This Week's Sermon

Passage:

Luke 17:20-37

Monday

Gratitude & Praise

Read & Reflect: Luke 17:20-21

One day the Pharisees asked Jesus, "When will the Kingdom of God come?" Jesus replied, "The Kingdom of God can't be detected by visible signs. You won't be able to say, 'Here it is!' or 'It's over there!' For the Kingdom of God is already among you. NLT

**The Kingdom of God is present
wherever Jesus is present.**

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 17:22-25

Lord, as Christians, we all feel a deep longing for Your return and the fulfillment of Your kingdom. Help me wait with trust, knowing that Your timing is perfect. Please protect my heart from being misled. Give me the wisdom to see through any lies that come my way. I have faith that when You return, there will be no room for doubt or uncertainty. Your arrival will be as clear as lightning lighting up the sky. Help me remember that Your glory came through suffering, and as I look forward to Your return, grant me the grace to walk the path You did, accepting rejection and hardship as important parts of Your redemptive work.

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 11:17-20

Dear Lord, I humbly ask that You bring my family and friends together in Your name, guiding us away from any conflicts. Please tear down any walls we've built against each other. Help us focus on Christ, so we can stand united instead of divided. Open the eyes of my loved ones, so they can truly see Your presence in their lives. When they feel tempted to credit blessings to anything other than you, guide them to recognize Your hand at work. Free them from any spiritual confusion and deception. I believe that Your kingdom is stronger than any force that tries to divide us. Work through Your Spirit to mend what's broken, restore what's fractured, and unite us in Your love. May our family and friendships become a solid foundation of unity that reflects Your kingdom.

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 17:26-32

Dear Lord, I humbly ask that You help me align my heart with Yours and fill me with a genuine love for the salvation of those in our community. May this come from a place of true compassion rather than mere duty or judgment. Please open the eyes of those who are spiritually blind, and clear away the lies and distractions that keep them from seeing You. Let them see the light of Jesus breaking through the darkness.

Lord, as today's verses remind us that judgment will come unexpectedly, I pray that the people of this city feel an urgency and desire for salvation. May this longing bring them closer to You before it's too late.

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: 2 Thessalonians 3:11-15

Lord, a lot of people in the world are caught up in pursuits that don't hold lasting value. They take without giving back and point fingers instead of reaching out to heal and uplift others. Please help them see the importance of meaningful work as a gift from You, one that brings dignity and purpose. Strengthen those who continue to serve, even when it's difficult, and renew their spirit. Help the world to appreciate genuine goodness over superficial actions.

Grant wisdom to overcome idleness with compassion and responsibility, transforming lives with loving guidance.

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 17:33

**Whoever tries to keep their life
will lose it, and whoever loses
their life will preserve it.**

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 Truths

"Are We There Yet?"

Truth Number 1

The Kingdom is HERE

The kingdom is here because Jesus is here. And if you've joined up with him, the kingdom is "in you." The Pharisees missed this - the king was standing right in front of them, and they missed him.

I don't want us to be guilty of that. Keep at the work he's called you to do, and show people what it means to be citizens of his kingdom.

Truth Number 2

The Kingdom is COMING

Which is all the more reason to stay active. And it's okay to look forward to it as well. Jesus explicitly tells His disciples that they will long for "one of the days of the Son of Man." If this world was all we had to look forward to, I could see why you'd look for something else. The good news is, there is something still coming. And when it comes, it won't be subtle! So, let's get people ready.

Truth Number 3

The Kingdom is GROWING

This is the best news of all. There's still time to bring people with us. Peter tells in 2 Peter 3 that if it seems like God is taking his sweet time, we shouldn't interpret that as slowness, but as mercy - God is being patient with his coming so that we can convince as many people as we can to come and join it with us. So then, let us not be so heavenly minded that we're of no earthly good. So, live in light of the coming kingdom, working hard for the kingdom that's here, and bringing others into the kingdom to come.



Prayer Request

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Answered Prayers

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