



Bulletin - August 9, 2026

A Long “Luke” at the Book of Acts

“Life is So Unnerving...”

Modeling Servanthood

Luke 17:1-10



A Study on the
Biblical Works of Luke
Luke 1:1 - Acts 28:31
8/9/26



Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” NIV

We had a fight in our house this morning. I know what you thinking: “But, the pastor’s family can’t fight! They’re perfectly behaved all the time right?

Right?

Lol, wrong. I love my kids, but yeah. They fight like cats and dogs.

The subject of this particular fight was over who got to boss who around. Gracie (6) and Tristan (12) were locked in a battle of “whose the boss”. When I stepped in and made it clear that I was the boss, and they had both better knock it off, Tristan protested and said that since he was the big brother, he should be the boss. I then shared Mark 10's message with him where Jesus said that we don't lord our authority over those who are “under” us (as if his sister actually was under him), but rather, we use our position of authority to serve, and if we want to serve like Jesus, the first shall be last and the last shall be first. He didn't get it right away, but then again, neither did I. I'm guessing that might be something you have trouble with, too. I mean, we all get it wrong from time to time, don't we? Well, if you're anything like us, come join us at New Heights this weekend, and we'll talk about what it means to be a servant of Christ and to share that with others.

-Zach K, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon in a Sentence

“Jesus calls us to be _____ who show how to _____.”

Today's Scripture

Luke 17:1-10

James 3:1-5

Matthew 16:24-25

Job 42:5-6

It's All Greek to Me!

“Scandalon” - trap, snare

Three Weekly Challenges

Serve with _____

Serve _____

Serve _____

Weekly Prayer Requests

Diane Burks

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.

Jeni Friend

Janet Clavell



Vitals for August 2

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$1625

Sunday School -29

Morning Service -65

Upcoming Events & Announcements



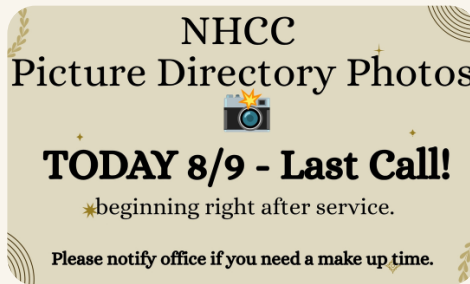
Jesus Girls Ladies' Ministry



MENTorship



5th Sunday Breakfast



New Heights Picture Directory



Ladies Retreat



Day Camp & Drive - In Movie

What's Happening

August

- 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
- 9/12 - MVCSC Ladies Retreat 8 am - 4 pm
- 9/19 - Mentorship (Men's Ministry) 8 am

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.

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Never stop praying.
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Monday

Gratitude & Praise

Read & Reflect: Mark 10:45

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Thank you, Lord, for being a God whose love for me is limitless. Your willingness to sacrifice Your own life to take the punishment for my sins fills my heart with gratitude. Your unconditional love for me is amazing. Thank you for the mercy and grace you have poured out on my life.

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 17:1-10

As Christians, we are called by the Lord to serve. Our identity should be that of a servant of Christ, living to serve without expectation of recognition or reward. Our inspiration to serve comes from His endless service to us; we forgive because He first forgave us, and we love because He first loved us.

We don't serve a master who is cruel and harsh. We serve a living God who is Truth, life, and love. In response to His sacrifice, we willingly offer our lives back to Him.

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: James 3:1-5

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

We all have the responsibility to share the Good News of Jesus with people around us. These verses remind us that what we say and do affects those we meet. Even if we don't think of ourselves as "teachers," we still influence others through our actions and words. So, it's important to make sure what we say and do matches God's Word. You never know who might be listening or watching.

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: Proverbs 19:17

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."

Lord, Your Word tells us that the poor will always be among us. Please help me maintain an open heart and open hands toward those in need. Remind me that by giving to others, I am returning what You have graciously given to me. May I always give from a joyful heart and may each gift I offer reflect Your love for those who receive it.

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: Hebrews 6:10

For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.

Lord, may the visible work we do for the world around us be a testimony to Your character. May the faithful service of New Heights be a compelling witness that draws others towards You. May we, as a Church, offer prayers for the communities around us to experience peace and godliness that comes from knowing and following You.

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: Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it." NIV

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

"Jesus calls us to be MODEL SERVANTS who show how to FOLLOW HIM."

Challenge #1

Serve with *INTEGRITY*

No one's perfect. I get that. We all sin and mess up from time to time, but what we want to do is show people how to live without. What life can look like when sin isn't habitually involved. Model life for others without sin; show them what it's like to live for Jesus, free of the restraint of sin, and lead them away from temptation when you can. Share stories of your own struggles and how you've overcome them. If you know the way to help someone overcome their battles, by all means, give them a hand.

Challenge #2

Serve *MERCIFULLY*

As we just said, we're not perfect. We can't expect others to be either. People are going to surprise us, disappoint us, even hurt us. That's going to happen. That's life, and we're doing life together, right? Expect there to be spikes from time to time. But when that happens, be prepared to let it go. I'm trying to teach this to my own kids right now. They're reporting every little minor infraction as if it's a high-level crime. I've been saying "Guys, let one go once in a while. Learn to absorb the little ones." And that's what we need to do, too. It doesn't mean that we don't adjust relationships depending on the level of hurt levied against us, but we can't properly model faithful service to Christ if we're also harboring hurt and bitterness. It may take some work, but we need to learn to let things go and forgive.

Challenge #3

Serve *THANKLESSLY*

Again, some people may not always appreciate your help. Some may not even know how to be thankful, depending on where they are in their walk. But even if men won't notice your work, God still does, and he is keeping track of what you're doing for him. He'll reward what you do, don't worry about that. Just keep at it, and know that you're serving him as well as others.



Prayer Request

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Answered Prayers

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