



Bulletin - September 13, 2026



Leviticus 25:22

“While you plant during the eighth year, you will eat from the old crop and will continue to eat from it until the harvest of the ninth year comes in.” NIV

Where were you when you first heard about the September 11 terrorist attacks back in 2001? I had just walked into chapel on the campus of Johnson Bible College. Appropriately, we prayed for our nation, and then abruptly dismissed and cancelled classes for the day as we received word that the second tower was hit, and it was clear that something unprecedented was happening in our nation.

I am reminded of Acts 16. In the chapter, Paul and Silas have entered Philippi on their second missionary journey. The pair were bringing the gospel message to a new area that was rife with pagan practices and the worship of foreign gods. For their trouble of bringing the gospel, Paul and Silas found themselves taken to jail. Might sound unfair to our ears, but that’s what happened nevertheless. However, despite this, verse 25 tells us that at midnight, they were singing praises to God, when the Lord caused an earthquake to free them from their cell and their chains. Midnight represents a few different things. It’s dark, we can’t see, and there’s something almost poetic about midnight representing a very uncertain time. But you know, it occurs to me that midnight also begins the start of a brand new day, and is therefore appropriately when we can expect God to move. Remember, even when moments seem their darkest - like that day back on 9/11/01 - God is still in control and still working for you.

-Zach K, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon in a Sentence

“Tragedy may _____ our _____, but our _____ is not _____.”

Today’s Scripture

Leviticus 25:1-7

It’s All Greek, er, Hebrew to Me!

“zakar” - to remember



Something Worth Noting

Leviticus 25:18-22

“_____ does not change God’s _____.”

Leviticus 26:14-21

Three Weekly Challenges

Leviticus 26:40-42

1. _____ God’s Faithfulness
2. _____ Your Commitment to God
3. _____ to Trust God’s Plan

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

Donna Parrett

Loretta McDonald

Allen McDonald

* 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

Men's Ministry -
Saturday,
September 19th
at 8:00 am

New Heights

MENTorship

Step into the journey to becoming
the man God has called you to be.



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

9/19 - 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

10/24 - Danielle Clark - Baby Shower
(Times TBA)



Vitals for September 6

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$1558

Sunday School -

Morning Service -

3 easy ways to give:

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

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NHCC Deep Dive Prayer Guide

September 13,
2026

Never stop praying.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

Sermon in a sentence: Tragedy may **RATTLE** our **FAITH**, but our **GOD** is not **SHAKEN**.

Monday Gratitude & Praise

Read & Reflect: Leviticus 25:1-7

Lord, this passage reveals so much about Your character and provision. You are sovereign over all, including the land. Thank You for entrusting us with the care of Your creation. Thank You for providing a time of rest and rejuvenation, designed to sustain our lives and prevent burnout.

These verses remind us that You alone can deliver us from bondage, and You ensure that we receive all we need for life, whether we are poor or rich.

When we are obedient to this time of rest, we do not experience loss; instead, we are blessed with abundance. Thank You for being our Provider!

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: Leviticus 25:18-22

Lord, I pray you deepen my trust in You and break any cycles of anxiety that I may fall into through self-reliance. Show me if striving has overshadowed my faith in You. Teach me how the balance of work and rest, sowing and trusting, creates a stability I cannot achieve on my own. Remind me that the fruits of my labor will not appear immediately but will grow over time.

Help me understand that rest, reflection, and waiting are vital for growth, and it's not necessary to be constantly active.

May my heart find peace in knowing that my security comes from obedience rather than control. Guide me to release to You what I cannot control and to trust in all Your ways.

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: Leviticus 26: 14-21

Heavenly Father, I humbly ask for Your divine protection over my friends and family. Shield them from the spiritual confusion and inner turmoil that can arise when they resist Your loving guidance. May their hearts be open to recognizing Your early warnings, sparing them from deeper consequences. I earnestly pray that those who have yet to follow You will pay attention to Your gentle promptings, rather than needing harder lessons to find their way. Grant them the wisdom to choose obedience, so they may never feel the full weight of their choices. Let them walk in alignment with Your design, embracing the peace and security that come from following Your path. My heart especially aches for those who are drifting away from You. Please, lovingly redirect their steps before they encounter the natural consequences of their decisions.

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: Leviticus 26: 40-42

Lord, our nation has strayed from Your values. There's a lack of ownership for our sins and an absence of true repentance. I pray for humbled hearts among our leaders and citizens, both in our community and across the nation. May there be a brokenness that inspires change, not hopelessness.

When Your people humble themselves, pray, seek Your face, and turn from their wicked ways, You hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land. I pray that Your Church will embrace these actions wholeheartedly on behalf of our community and nation.

God, please awaken the people in communities everywhere to recognize injustice, racial division, exploitation, and spiritual compromise as collective failures that demand collective repentance. I pray that this nation will experience renewal instead of punishment, that confession will open the door to healing, and that You will transform our communities into a people defined by justice, mercy, and genuine devotion to You.

Friday The World

Read & Reflect: Leviticus 25:21

"I will command my blessing on you in the sixth year, so that it will produce a crop sufficient for three years."

Dear God, with hope in my heart, I ask that people everywhere come to know the true freedom of trusting in Your endless abundance, rather than relying on worldly possessions. Please help wealthy nations and individuals see that both land and people are precious gifts, not to be used for personal gain. May we all find the courage to let go of the constant need for more and instead embrace a life of trust in Your care, appreciating what we have and believing in Your provision for the future. Grant us the deep peace that comes from knowing Your promises are forever, reaching every nation and generation.

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: 1 Peter 5:7

"Give all your worries and cares to God,
for he cares about you."

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

"Remember"

Prayer Request



Challenge Number 1

REMEMBER GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

I don't want to forget the lessons we learned on 9/11 or whenever tragedies strike. In fact, as we said before, there are number of people in the house today that weren't around or weren't old enough to remember when 9/11 took place. It's up to us to pass the stories on - not just to communicate the horrible tragedies, but to remember the stories of the heroes who ran into harm as others were running from it, to remember the unity that our country found in a common purpose in caring for others. But also, we cannot forget - we must remind each other - of the good things God did for us on that day in fueling those heroes and the good things he's done for us since as our nation has worked to heal. God will continue to be faithful to us if we remain faithful to him.



Challenge Number 2

RENEW YOUR COMMITMENT TO GOD

As great as it is to remember, if it doesn't lead us to make a change in our lives, it doesn't do us much good. Maybe you're someone who isn't having much trouble in this area. But if you're someone like me who forgets from time to time, and needs to that reminder, it might also be time consider renewing your commitment to doing life God's way. You read the benefits of what happens when you do. And yes, Leviticus 25-26 is written to a specific group at a specific time, but the same God calls you home to him, so you can expect similar results.

Answered Prayers



Challenge Number 3

RESOLVE TO TRUST GOD'S PLAN

We don't have all the answers. And we couldn't have all the answers if we tried. This sermon isn't written to answer questions about why God allowed 9/11 to happen, but rather it's written to help us trust him despite the fact that it did. God has a good plan - in fact, that's part of what helps us take comfort in a world where things like this happen. We know that in the end, God has a plan to take evil, suffering, and crying out for good. Trust his plan, and know that he's got you firm in his hand if you do.

