



Bulletin - September 20, 2026

A Long “Luke” at the Book of Acts

“I’m Wearing You Down!”

The Posture of Discipleship

Luke 18:1-17



A Study on the
Biblical Works of Luke
Luke 1:1 - Acts 28:31
9/20/26



Luke 18:8

“I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” NIV

There are few television shows that stick in my brain quite as well as the ones I grew up watching. And while you might think I’m about to talk about some kind of cartoon or superhero tv show, here, I’m actually going to talk about one that you might well remember too. That show is *Family Matters*. What started out as the exploits of Carl and Harriet Winslow and their three children soon became more about their geeky neighbor kid Steven Q. Urkel and his relentless pursuit of their daughter Laura, who likes Steve as a friend but has no intention of dating him. But that doesn’t stop the young man from trying, as he asked her on a date in nearly every episode over the course of about ten years of television goodness.

There’s a story in Luke 18 where Jesus tells his disciples about a widow who goes to an unjust judge for justice against her enemy. The judge isn’t interested in hearing her case, but because she keeps pursuing him without giving up, he finally grants her justice just to get rid of her. Jesus makes the case that that’s how we ought to pray - persistently, consistently, and with all the intensity of a nerdy next-door neighbor who don’t know how to take “no” for an answer. Come join us at New Heights this weekend and we’ll take a deeper look together.

-Zach K, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

Sermon in a Sentence

“Christ _____ us and will _____ if we will _____ him.”

Today’s Scripture

Luke 18:1-8

Its All Greek to Me!

“Ekkakein” - *losing heart, becoming discouraged, becoming faint*

Deuteronomy 24:17-18

Luke 18:9-14

Luke 18:15-17

Three Weekly Challenges

1. Pray _____
2. Pray _____
3. Receive _____



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



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



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DIANA MESCHER
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Saturday,
October 17, 2026.

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Event starts at 6:00 PM

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Groups of 10 or more:
\$25

Please see Carol Clark if
you would like to order a
group ticket.
Single Tickets: \$30
At the Door: \$35

What's Happening

September

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



October

10/13 - Jesus Girls Ladies Ministry 6 pm

10/17 - Mentorship 8 am

10/17 - Ladies Night Out - ASPIRE - 6 pm

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



Vitals for September 13

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$2280

Sunday School -64

Morning Service -22

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 20, 2026

Never stop praying.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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

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

"I'm Wearing You Down!" The Posture of Discipleship

Monday **Gratitude & Praise**

Read & Reflect: Luke 18:1

Lord, I am deeply grateful for the gift of coming to You with our prayers at any moment, day or night. I understand that You always know what is best for me. Please help me cherish this privilege and trust in Your wisdom and care. Sometimes it feels like my prayers go unanswered, and I start to doubt. Guard my heart against discouragement and help me persevere in prayer. Give me the courage and strength to continue praying, even when it feels difficult. Help me cultivate a spirit of prayer throughout my day and teach me to listen for Your voice, so I don't miss Your answers.

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 18:2-5

Lord, I'm truly thankful that You never grow weary. You're always ready to listen to our prayers, eager for us to come and be near, sharing our hearts with You. Grant me the courage and strength to bring every burden to You, understanding I can't bear them alone. Remove pride from my heart, so I don't attempt to solve my problems by myself. Give me a humble spirit that seeks You above all else, returning to You repeatedly until You respond. You, Lord, are just and compassionate in all Your ways. Remind me of this as I wait patiently in prayer. Help me to stay hopeful even when Your answers take time. Let me trust in Your perfect timing.

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: Deuteronomy 24:17-18

Lord, I remember how You saved me. Just like You freed Your people from Egypt, You have freed me. This memory guides how I treat those I love. Please protect my loved ones from harm and unfairness. Keep them safe from those who might exploit them. Help me see their dignity as You do—as cherished individuals You have redeemed. Because You have shown me mercy, help me show it to others. Give me the courage to stand up for my family and friends against injustice. Help me never take advantage of their vulnerability. Let me protect their interests and honor their worth. And Lord, let Your justice and compassion flow through me to all who are vulnerable. Let my redemption inspire me help lead them towards theirs.

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 18: 9-14

Lord, I see pride and self-righteousness in our nation. We often think our opinions are more valuable than others, whether individuals or other countries. Our good deeds are overshadowed by pride and self-interest. I believe You see our nation with sadness and anger. Your Word says that if we humble ourselves, pray, and seek You with sincere hearts, You will heal our land. Lord, I ask for Your mercy on our nation. Forgive us for our sins. Work through Your Church to show Christ's love to those in need. Turn our hearts and minds toward You. Heal our land. Give us leaders and citizens with humble hearts, who recognize our national sins and seek Your forgiveness. I pray that as we humble ourselves, we will heal as a community and nation, becoming a blessing to the world.

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 John 1:9

"But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness."

Lord, this world is filled with darkness and judgment, where people are quick to condemn rather than forgive, and self-promotion overshadows service. Lies are embraced while truth is denied. Break through these falsehoods, Lord, and open hearts and minds to Your truth. Let Your light reveal the darkness. Soften hearts to recognize sin and turn to You in repentance. Your salvation is available to everyone. I pray for a revival that will lead hearts and minds throughout the world to accept You as their Savior and Lord.

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 18:15-17

"I tell you the truth, anyone who doesn't receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it."

Luke 18:17

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

"Pray & Receive"



Challenge Number 1

PRAY **PERSISTENTLY**

"Like Steve Urkel pursuing Laura Winslow, don't rest until God has heard your prayer and given an answer. He urges us to come to him persistently and consistently, so keep going; even if it feels like your prayers are bouncing off the pearly gates and not making it to God's ears. He promises they are, so when God seems silent, keep talking!"



Challenge Number 2

Pray **HONESTLY**

"The Pharisee in the second story had an inflated sense of who he was. That's not who he was. God knows who we are, so we don't need to trump up some story of our own righteousness. God didn't accept the tax collector over the Pharisee because he was more or less impressive, but because he was honest. That's what God is looking for. Honesty, sincerity, and a pure heart. Pray this way, display this kind of posture, and God will surely hear your prayer."



Challenge Number 3

RECEIVE **HUMBLY**

"Remember, this sermon isn't just about prayer, but having that posture of discipleship. And a humble posture that's ready to receive something that you can't earn - something that's freely offered to you - is a large part of what that means. Jesus straight up tells the disciples - the apostles - his closest friends: "You cannot enter the kingdom unless you receive it like a little child." So, humbly receive the gift that Jesus offers, and trust him with the rest."



Prayer Request



Answered Prayers

