



## Bulletin - September 27, 2026

### A Long "Luke" at the Book of Acts

#### "Where's Your Bracelet?"

Responding to Jesus

Luke 18-19



A Study on the  
Biblical Works of Luke  
Luke 1:1 - Acts 28:31  
9/27/26



#### 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*

This little blurb doesn't necessarily have anything to do with this week's message. Just had some thoughts I wanted to get out and figured this might be a good place to do it. This week, we saw the first official day of fall in 2026. I know we say this kind of thing alot, but, doesn't it seem like we just put away our New Years decorations, and now people are already starting to decorate for Halloween... time just flies. Fall is a fun time of year for me. Probably my favorite if I'm being honest. As much as I love Christmas in December and warm weather in the summer months, fall feels to me like a time of reflection, slowing down, cooling off and generally taking time out from day-to-day life and reflecting on the wonderful things God has done for us. It's also the third anniversary of the week I did my trial sermon at New Heights, so it feels kind of like "completing a lap" for me, as it were. It occurs to me that this weekend, we'll have our annual congregational meeting, and, I just wanted to say that I really have enjoyed being a part of the New Heights Church family. Honestly, other churches that I've served in the past have been wonderful, but none of them have felt like family - felt like home - in quite the way that New Heights has. I just wanted to say "thank you" for allowing my family and I to serve among you, and we look forward to many more years of service together. Oh, and this weekend we're talking about discipleship, so yeah.

-Zach K, your Friendly Neighborhood Lead Pastor

#### Sermon in a Sentence

*"To be a \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, you must \_\_\_\_\_ Christ."*

#### Today's Scripture

**Matthew 5:46-48**

**Luke 18:18-24**

**Luke 18:35-43**

**Luke 19:8-10**

#### Its All Greek to Me!

"Teleios" - to work to perfect or to complete; allow to fully mature

#### Three Weekly Challenges

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Like Jesus
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Like Jesus
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Like Jesus



# Weekly Prayer Requests

Stacy Smith Borick

Lyllian Gibbs

Ron Scott

Joan Miller (Randy Miller's mom)

Susie Oakes (Janet Suttles' Mom)

Donna Parrett

Janet Clavell

Allen McDonald

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.

Loretta McDonald



## Vitals for September 20

Weekly Need: \$3,200

Actual Given: \$1065

Sunday School -24

Morning Service -51

## Upcoming Events & Announcements



**It's a boy!**  
**Baby Shower for**  
**Autumn Burns**

**Sunday, October 4**  
**1:00 PM**

Location:  
New Heights Christian Church

3 easy ways to give:

- 'Tithes & Offerings' box in the lobby
- [newheightsconnersville.com/giving](http://newheightsconnersville.com/giving)
- Mail to the church office

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**Join us for an**  
**amazing**  
**ladies night out.**

**Saturday,**  
**October 17, 2026.**

**Doors Open at 5:00 PM**

**Event starts at 6:00 PM**

**3 Hours**

**Ticket Information**

**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

**10/4** - Baby Shower - Autumn Burns

**10/13** - Jesus Girls Ladies Ministry 6 pm

**10/17** - Mentorship 8 am

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

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

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# NHCC Deep Dive Prayer Guide

September 27, 2026

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

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

*Never stop praying.*

1 Thessalonians 5:17

*"Where's Your Bracelet?" Responding to Jesus*

## Monday Gratitude & Praise

*Read & Reflect: Matthew 5:46-48*

Lord, thank you for showing kindness to those who don't deserve it, for loving without keeping score, and for extending your grace to enemies. Thank you for adopting me into your family, for calling me to reflect Your character, and for the privilege of sharing this redemptive love with others.

The standard of perfection you seek comes only through wholehearted love and devotion to You, not through following strict rules. Thank you for the transforming work you are doing in me that will bring me to this perfection through Christ.

### *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: 18-24*

Turn to God with an open heart and ask Him to reveal anything you might be holding onto too tightly—be it status, security, relationships, or achievements. Consider what might be pulling you away from fully committing to Him. Pray for the insight to see what truly matters in your life. Ask God to guide your heart, so that following Him becomes your greatest desire.

Reflect on the story of the ruler who felt sorrow because he struggled between serving two masters; pray for the strength to choose a wholehearted devotion. Remember, God assures us that what seems impossible for us is possible with Him. It may seem impossible to let go of everything we have and are, but pray for the freedom that comes from valuing Christ above all else. Seek to become someone who naturally places God first in every aspect of your life.

### *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 18:35-43*

The blind beggar showed incredible persistence and faith by calling out to Jesus for mercy. We should follow his example when we pray for our friends and family. Ask Jesus to heal any spiritual blindness they might have. Whether they struggle to understand God's character, see His purpose, or recognize harmful patterns, keep reaching out on their behalf. Don't lose heart if change comes slowly. Pray specifically. Mention the spiritual clarity you wish for them: understanding their identity in Christ, breaking free from deception, discovering their calling, or healing from past wounds. Pray with the hope that when your loved ones experience Christ's healing touch, their transformation will inspire others to come to Him.

### *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 19:8-10*

Pray for the leaders and decision-makers in our community to have life-changing experiences, like Zacchaeus, where material wealth loses its importance. Ask for the truth to come out about injustices in national systems and for those who benefit to change their ways. Pray for a commitment to help those who have been hurt, to focus on healing, and to break down unfair systems. Seek real change instead of just surface-level actions, allowing unexpected individuals to become agents of renewal. Pray for a community where everyone, especially the marginalized, feels welcome and included, leading to a transformation that aligns with God's vision of justice.

### *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: Matthew 25:29*

Pray for people and groups to see their potential to grow what they have and share it for good. Encourage them to move from keeping things to themselves to taking bold steps, turning fear into faith. Pray for those who feel left out or unheard, reminding them that not following God's purpose can weaken the spirit. Even small, faithful actions can make a big difference. Pray for the powerful impact of sharing, growing, and serving together, changing communities and justice systems, and spreading the Gospel. When believers act as caretakers of what they've been given, they help grow God's Kingdom.

### *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: Ephesians 2: 8-10*

*"God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."*

### *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

**Sermon in a Sentence:**  
**"To be a  
DISCIPLE OF Christ,  
you must  
BECOME LIKE Christ."**

## "Be Like Jesus"



Challenge Number 1

### TEACH LIKE JESUS

In the first story, Jesus doesn't hold anything back from the rich young ruler. Notice, Jesus doesn't tell him "no, you can't follow me." He simply requires him to surrender before he does. The young man doesn't like this answer, and he walks away sad.

It seems to me that it's likely that people won't like the honest answers to the questions they might ask, but don't let them stop you from presenting the truth of the gospel. It's important, of course, that we present this truth in love as Jesus did, but the point is, preach the full Word of God and don't hold back.



Challenge Number 2

### SERVE LIKE JESUS

"I love that even though the blind man's friends were trying to stifle their buddy Archie Bunker style, Jesus doesn't let them stop him. In fact he calls out and demands them to bring their friend to him. I don't have the gift of healing. I couldn't do that. But I love the story in Acts 3 where Peter and John where the beggar they encounter is asking for gold. They don't have gold, so they share what they do have - the name of Jesus.

Jesus sets an example for us to follow in Luke 18 - serve others, even the people of "low status." We may not be able to offer gold or healing in certain cases, but we can always share Jesus with folks, and trust him to do the rest. "



Challenge Number 3

### RESTORE LIKE JESUS

"This one is a bit of a stretch, too, but hear me out. When Jesus went to visit Zacchaeus, he was well aware of the fact that A. he had wandered and B. he had become an outcast. Notice that all Jesus had to do was spend just a little time with Zacchaeus and the man repented of his sins and was restored to Israel.

I wonder if there are people in our lives who would benefit from just having some attention paid to them by a godly person. I'm not saying to move in with someone, but maybe something as simple as sharing some kindness with them over lunch would be enough to get the ball rolling. Jesus doesn't do much in Zacchaeus' case, but it was enough to restore him to his proper identity."



Prayer Request

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Answered Prayers

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