



SERMON THIS MORNING:

Lord,
Increase My Faith!

LUKE 17:1-10

JANUARY 4, 2026

9:00 AM
Worship Service
Streaming Live on YouTube

10 Minutes After Service
Sunday School
45 Minute Classes

6:30 PM
Evening Service
& Youth Groups

OUR MISSION: To preach and teach the word of God so that all people can recognize the need for salvation and having a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ. We seek to meet needs as they arise and provide opportunities for service in God's Kingdom so that those who are saved will be encouraged to continue to grow in their relationship with Him.



SOMETHING FROM SAM

Good morning! —

Let me begin with a very sincere “**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**” As we start the New Year of 2026, one of the things that many Christians think about is that we want to grow in our faith. There is everything **RIGHT** with that thinking, so for this first Sunday of the year, I want to look at a passage in Luke 17 where Jesus’ disciples ask of Him, “Lord, Increase My Faith”. We will look at the circumstances that caused them to ask Jesus to increase their faith and make some applications that will help us to ask Jesus to increase **our** faith!

As you can see by looking at the bulletin event calendar, the month of January is already filled with many activities. The one I want to address again today is our annual Sanctity of Life and Baby Dedication Sunday, which we will celebrate on Sunday, January 18th. If any parents have a young child that you would like to dedicate to the Lord, please contact me no later than next Sunday, January 11th. Also, our annual New Member Appreciation Dinner will be on Sunday evening, January 25th at 6:00 PM. I will be contacting all of our new members from 2025 about what will be taking place that night. This dinner is not just for the new members, but for **everyone** who attends Meadow View! May we all continue to **STAY FAITHFUL** and keep **PRAISING THE NAME OF JESUS!**

Sam

SERMON TONIGHT

Beginning a new sermon series from the book of Malachi: **The Unchanging Love of God**
Malachi 1:1-5

SERMON NEXT SUNDAY

God is Bigger than any Problem
Romans 8:28-30

WORSHIP SERVICE

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER

Sam Dunn

PRAISE & WORSHIP

COMMUNION MEDITATION

Jim Martin

Christians partake in **silent** meditation.

(Communion cups are available in the lobby)

OFFERING

(An offering box is located in the hallway outside of the sanctuary or online giving is available on our website)

SERMON

Sam Dunn

(Jr. Church, Wee Church, and Nursery are dismissed)

INVITATION

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CLOSING PRAYER

Tyler Watson

NURSERY (*Infants-2 yrs*)

<u>This Sunday:</u>	<u>Next Sunday:</u>
Jennifer & Kiersten Hough	Alyssa Sensibaugh, Kelly Jayme Barrell, Alaina Lacy
Watson, Theresa Efaw	Matthews

WEE CHURCH (*3 yrs-Kindergarten*)

<u>This Sunday:</u>	<u>Next Sunday:</u>
Rachel & Amelia	Stacey Dawkins
Watson, Carly Morton	Kim Wilson

JR. CHURCH (*1st-5th Grades*)

<u>This Sunday:</u>	<u>Next Sunday:</u>
Tyler Watson	Matt & Brittany West

SOUND ROOM

<u>This Sunday:</u>	<u>Next Sunday:</u>
Colleen Griffith	Colleen Griffith

JANUARY COUNTERS

Doug Felumlee & Steve Murray

Communion Meditation Next Sunday: Richard Watson



TYLER'S COLUMN

Good Morning and Happy New Year!

This evening, we are beginning a new series with our teens titled "Familiar Stories - Deeper Truths." In this series, we will revisit well-known stories from Scripture, stories many of us remember from childhood, and explore them on a deeper level. To kick things off, we will be looking at the story of Jonah and the fish. While it's easy to focus on the miracle of the fish, our goal is to dig deeper. As we do, we discover the mercy and grace of God and the deep love He has for His people. It's easy to think about Jonah and remember the good he did, but we want to look at everything, even the parts of his life that weren't so pretty. Doors open at 6 PM, with the lesson and games beginning at 6:30 PM.

On the 24th, we will be heading to WinterJam. Any teen interested in attending should sign up in the teen room. The cost is \$15 at the door. We will leave in the early afternoon and return after the final band performs. This is one of the best concert experiences for the price. As in past years, we will stop for fast food on the way to the venue to help keep costs down while there.

Any questions, please ask.

Tyler

TEEN YOUTH GROUP (6th-12th Grade)

Familiar Stories - Deeper Truths

ELEMENTARY YOUTH GROUP (K-5th Grade)

6:30-7:30 PM

MISSION SPOTLIGHT



Heartbeats is a life affirming pregnancy resource center serving the people of Licking and Muskingum counties with the love of Christ. They have been active in the Newark community since 1969 and in Zanesville since 2013.

heartbeats.org

BABY DEDICATION Sunday

SUNDAY JANUARY 18 | Contact Sam if interested

New Member Banquet

Sunday, January 25
6:00 PM

EVENT CALENDAR

January

4	Sun	5:00 PM	Outreach Team Meeting
11	Sun	5:00 PM	Worship Leaders & Sound Room Team Meeting
11	Sun	7:45 PM	Board Meeting
16	Fri	11:00 AM	Blood Drive
18	Sun	9:00 AM	Baby Dedication Sunday
24	Sat	3:00 PM	WinterJam Trip
25	Sun	6:00 PM	New Member Banquet
31	Sat	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

February

1	Sun	7:45 PM	Elders Meeting
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For more details on upcoming events, visit our website meadowviewchurch.com and "Like" us on Facebook

Lord, Increase My Faith

Luke 17:1-10

In Luke 17:5, the Apostles asked Jesus to, **“Increase our faith”**. What were the circumstances surrounding this special request? What did Jesus say that caused these twelve hand-picked men to ask for more faith? What can we learn that should cause us to pray, “Lord, increase MY faith”?

- I. Be careful that you do not become a stumbling block to others. – Luke 17:1-2
 - A. Even very committed followers of Jesus are not immune from causing people to stumble.
– Matthew 16:22-23 (the example of Peter); Luke 17:2
 - B. There are those who not only do sinful things, **“...but also** approve of those who **practice them.”** – Romans 1:32
- II. Be careful so that you are always willing to forgive. – Luke 17:3-6
 - A. Forgiveness is not a matter of ability but of willingness. – Luke 17:5-6; Mark 11:23
 - B. You can forgive others because Jesus forgave you!
- III. Be careful to remember that we are all unworthy slaves. – Luke 17:7-10
 - A. To be humble and faithful in ordinary tasks is what our Lord expects. – Luke 17:7-9
 - B. We must never have the attitude that God owes us. – Luke 17:10; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
 - C. God rewards faithfulness not because He has to but because He wants to. – 2 Timothy 4:5; 1 Peter 5:4; Revelation 22:12

As a result of the teachings of Jesus, we can and should pray: Father, increase my faith in You, that in the best of times as well as the worse of times, I will remain faithful to You; to **Your way, to Your truth, to Your Word, and to Your will for my life. In Jesus' name,** AMEN!

Continuing Prayers

Our Church
Our College Students
Our Nation & Leaders
Meadow View Preschool Ministry
Kids Hope USA Ministry
LifeWise Academy
U.S. Military Troops
Unspoken Requests

Grieving

The David Barrell family
The Maxine Crawmer family
* The Ted Crozier family
The Dick Errow family
* The John Hindel family
* The Ashley Huber Miles family
The Ticky Palomino family
The Charles "Cork" Rey family
* The Linda Rucker family

Other/Unknown

Kolten Hanby
Sandy Wolfe

Missions

AIM Outreach Food Pantry
ARM Prison Ministry - Joe Garman
Bolivia - John Lecey
Christian Children's Home of Ohio
Christian Missions of South India - Lydia Abbott
CRAM - C.Y. Kim
The Crossover Cups Mission -
Dominican Republic - Mike Williams
Heartbeats Muskingum County
Herko Family Mission - Jamaica
KYOWVA - Rase Martin
New Zealand Rechurch -
Nate & Whitney Hutchison
Ninos de Baja
NPEA
Overcomers in India - Binoy &
Rebecca Thomas
Teach Beyond - Riley Hanby

Military & First Responders

Tim Baker
Annie Brock
Seth Brock
Aubrey Brocklehurst
Alan Cass
Carol Cass
Cooper Cass
Brittany Curry
Gage Dinan
Dominic Dotson
D.J. Eclebery
Giddeon Eddy
Dustin Eveland
Heath Hall
Keith Hane
Marcus Hawkins
Claire Henry
Major Henry
Jeremiah Hindel
Aran Jamison
Najwa Jamison
Adam Kapfhamer
Kaden Lawler
Tristan Martin
Hayden Meek
Ryan Metcalf
Jeremy Montgomery
Dean Moore
Conner Moran
David Parmiter
Matthew Parmiter
Levi S. Patterson
David Perry
Cody Rankin
Joshua Richardson
Naomi Romaine
Enrique Sealy
Trevor Smith
Bre Strock
Nate Strock
Kaine Tignor
Jesse Timmons
Damien Vickers
Hallie Vickers
Steven Walker

Health Problems

Mary Lou Ashcraft - hip issues
Kason Brooks
* Terry Conley - cancer
Neal Dailey - Guillain Barre' Syndrome
Sarah Davison - stage 4 liver cancer
David Hanby - recovering from surgery
Jayla Hess - Juvenile Dermatomyositis (JDM)
* Dyson Hough - recovering from tonsils surgery
Kurt Hough - cancer treatments began 11/12
Kathy King - recovering from shoulder surgery
Lee Kirk - lung issues
* Linzee Knox - cancer
Cindy (Rector) Lucas - cancer
Cheree Lybarger - recovering from surgery
Travis Lybarger - recovering from liver
transplant surgery
Tanner McDonald
Eric Miller - recovering from heart surgery
Gloria Miller - recovering from a fall
Lindsay Moore
Andy Moran - cancer
Lisa Motsch - breast cancer
* Steve Murray - recovering from shoulder
surgery
Tom Newland - recovering from surgery
Bud Porterfield - recovering from surgery
Karen Potts - cancer
Pete Rapol - triple by-pass
Harleigh Rhae (Newborn) - Incontinentia
Pigmenti (IP)
Ken Seaman
Don Rohrer - low blood pressure
* David Sears - recovering from back surgery
Marilyn Spiker - recovering from breast cancer
Marlene Swartz - leukemia
Eric Waltemire - leukemia
Anne Watson - recovering from foot surgery
Clark Watson - hernia

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Adults | Bill Harper (*New Classroom in Teen Room on the Left*)

The Book of John

Adults | Dan Painter (*Far Back Hallway Classroom*)

Pharaoh Lets the Israelites Go

Adults | Jason Postle (*Fireside Classroom—Middle of Back Hallway*)

Apostolic Examples in Acts

Young Adults (UNDER 30) | Tony Barrell (*New Classroom on Right*)

The Book of Judges

6th-12th | Tyler Watson

Finding Jesus in the Old Testament

4th-5th | Teresa Watson

1st-3rd | Traci Hanby

PreK-K | Christi Ridenour

Nursery | The Houghs

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

The Bible teaches that salvation and the forgiveness of sins is achieved only by the grace of God through the blood of Jesus Christ. *Matthew 26:28; Romans 5:9; Ephesians 2:8-9; 1 Peter 1:18-19; 1 John 1:7*.

The Bible teaches that one receives God's grace by:

- 1) **Having faith in Christ, trusting Him as both Lord and Savior.** *John 3:16; Acts 16:31; Hebrews 11:6*
- 2) **Repenting from sin.** *Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38, 17:30; 2 Corinthians 7:10; 2 Peter 3:9*
- 3) **Confessing Christ.** *Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37; Romans 10:9-10*
- 4) **Being immersed (baptized) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins and to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.** *Mark 16:16; Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:3, 5; Acts 2:38, 22:16; Romans 6:3-11; Galatians 3:26-27; Colossians 2:12; 1 Peter 3:21*

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LAST WEEK:

Church Attendance: 288

Last Year's Attendance: 232

Church Offering: \$12,899.60

Sunday School Attendance: 91

Sunday School Offering: \$35.00

Weekly Need: \$11,116.00

New Building Fund: \$420,793

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