

WORSHIP *SCHEDULE*

9:00 AM

Song Leader:
Thom Steger

Scripture Reading:

Bill Duryea
John 1:1-5

Prayer:
Bailey Steger

Lesson:
Mike Roy

Closing Prayer:
Alex Bansemer

Wednesday, October 30
Song Leader: Bailey Steger
Invitation: Thom Steger
Prayer: Alex Bansemer

Lord's Supper Preparation
October: Thweatt
November: Baker

Change Sign Message:
October: Stubblefield
November:

11:00 AM

Song Leader:
Alex Bansemer

Scripture Reading:

Andrew Durham
1John 1:1-4

Prayer:
Wayne Baker

Lord's Supper:
David Bansemer
Jim Barton
Al Cotten
John Fix

Lesson:
Mike Roy

Announcements:
Doug Thweatt

Closing Prayer:
Kevin Hayes

Usher for This Week:
Louis Long

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Take Courage

There is enough evil in this world to depress the most cheerful person. However, the words of Jesus give us encouragement: "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

To Our Visitors:

We are encouraged by your presence with us and your interest in the things of God. We welcome you into our assemblies today and always.

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SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAYS:

WORSHIP: 9:00 AM
BIBLE STUDY: 10:00 AM
WORSHIP: 11:00 AM

WEDNESDAYS:

BIBLE STUDY 7:00 PM

Remember the Lord and Fight

Around 444 B.C., Nehemiah obtained permission from the Persian king Artaxerxes to go to Jerusalem and oversee the reconstruction of the city's walls. Those walls had been destroyed in 586 B.C. by Nebuchadnezzar, who carried the Jews into captivity in Babylon. The Babylonians had later been overthrown by the Persians, and a few Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem beginning in 538 B.C. Over time, they had built a new temple and some new homes, but they failed to rebuild the city's walls. Therefore, Nehemiah was commissioned for this purpose.

The task of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls was difficult. The Jews faced considerable opposition from the Samaritans and other people who lived in the area. These opponents ridiculed and then threatened the Jews. In Judah, it was said, "The strength of the burden bearers is failing, yet there is much rubbish; and we ourselves are unable to rebuild the wall" (Neh. 4:10).

Nehemiah was undaunted. He received word of their opponents' plans to ambush Jerusalem and kill the people, so he set up guards and armed whole families with swords, spears, and bows. Then he spoke to the people in Nehemiah 4:14:

When I saw their fear, I rose and spoke to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people: "Do not be afraid of them; remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses."

The enemies of the Jews learned that "God had frustrated their plan" (Neh. 4:15), and the Jews returned to work with renewed courage. With armed guards protecting the workers and the workers themselves carrying their own weapons, construction of the walls continued and was completed in only fifty-two days. This was an amazing feat that even the enemies of the Jews noticed according to Nehemiah 6:15-16:

¹⁵So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. ¹⁶When all our enemies heard of it, and all the nations surrounding us saw it, they lost their confidence; for they recognized that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God.

There are many lessons to be learned from this history, but let us focus on one main point. God helps people who believe in Him and work to accomplish His will. In the case of these Jews, He did not send an army of angels to protect them, and He did not miraculously construct the walls for them. They had to stand guard with weapons ready to fight, and they had to build the walls by their own labor. Nevertheless, it was God who frustrated

the plans of their enemies, and it was God who helped them complete the walls. They could not have succeeded without their own effort or the help of God.

The same principle applies to us. If we believe in God but do nothing in His service, then nothing will be accomplished. If we see our families under attack from the devil and do nothing to defend them, then the devil will capture them. Nehemiah's words still ring true: "Remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses." Let us not stand by idly while our families and fellow Christians are carried off by Satan's temptations and lies. Instead, let us remember God, who arms us for the battle (Eph. 6:10-17), and let us "fight the good fight" (1Tim. 1:18). Let us work so that much can be "accomplished with the help of our God." May God help us, and to Him be the glory!

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news & notes

- Chris Huffines and Leah Wright were married yesterday. We pray they may have many blessed years together in God's service.
- We are thankful for Mike Roy coming to preach both sermons today.
- Please keep the following members in your prayers: Barbara Atkins, Kay Cook, Donella Jones, and Kay Lanius. Also remember Wayne Wright, Peggy Bailey's daughter Sherry, and the Fix's son-in-law Jody Baize.

reading plan

Sunday- James 1-3
Monday - Deuteronomy 4-6
Tuesday - 2Chronicles 25-28
Wednesday - Psalms 122-124
Thursday - Ecclesiastes 1-2
Friday - Habakkuk
Saturday - Acts 9-10

meetings

Warfield Blvd – Oct. 27
Memorial Blvd. – Oct. 27-
Nov. 1
Rock – Nov. 2*
Skyview – Nov. 3-6
Millersville – Nov. 10-19

*song service