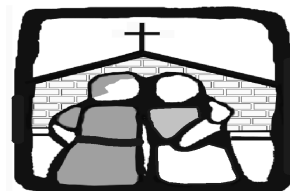


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The Lord's Day

July 18, 2021

So, the wall
was completed...
When the enemy
heard about this,
they lost
their confidence.
They realized
the work
was done
with God's help!
(Nehemiah 6)

Prelude
Worship Music
Scripture #705
Prayer
Kids Korner
Hymn #38
Bible Message
Hymn #315
Benediction

TODAY

Worship and Preaching – 8:30 and 10:45

Sunday School classes – 9:50

Spiritual Care Commission – 3:30

WEDNESDAY

6:00 – Snak Shack available

6:30 – Bible Study for adults and COMMON GROUND youth

* Next Sunday – HOLY COMMUNION

It is probably impossible to love any human being "too much."
We may love them too much in proportion to our love for God;
but it is the smallness of our love for God, not the greatness
of our love for man that constitutes the inordinacy.

C. S. Lewis, The Four Loves



** To live to be 100 is no wish of mine.
But I'm not sure it won't be, when I'm 99!
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Alma Hoffman*

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Last Week	7/11/2021
Attendance	194
General	\$ 4,215.00
Missions	\$ 1,821.50
Building Fund	\$ 800.50
Sunday School	\$ 97.00

	<i>This Week</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
1st Nursery	Thomas & Lori Clopper	Becky Sipes & Bethany Elliott
2nd Nursery	Cindy Rawley & Sara Witmer	Stephanie Rife & Susan Adams
Acolyte	Caitlin Horner 1 st Zion Lance 2 nd	Blake Witmer 1 st Sophia Harvie 2 nd
Prelude	Emma Burkett	Grace Akers



The altar flowers are to celebrate
Deb Cline's 71st Birthday on 7/16!

Hey... for the fall... we still need a teacher for the 2-3 year old class. Curriculum provided. 2 x a month. This is an amazing opportunity to experience LIFE! Contact Heidi Myers at (717) 597-1502 to start your adventure!

If you requested a sermon subject, please note these dates that will correspond with that topic.

July 18 (Nehemiah)	July 25 (Unity)
August 1 (Children)	August 8 (Jonah)
August 15 (Hell)	August 22 (Idols)
August 29 (Faith/Fear)	

REMINDER

- Our prayer chain is a vital tool for communication and awareness of needs. We are told to "ask others to pray with you." (James 5:14) Send info. to vstayman@comcast.net
- Looking for a devotional thought or moment of challenge during the day? We're on the radio at 9:25 and 5:25 (93.7 – Greencastle). Short and specific! We pray these OUB spots will change hearts.
- Offering baskets are near the sanctuary door in the upper entrance lobby. THANK YOU for continually giving to the Lord in such a generous way. OUB Missions Faith Promise is currently exceeding our goal!

I want to express my gratitude and appreciation for all the volunteers and help with VBS and the Fun Fair. What a blessing it was to watch the children listening to Miss Jackie's teaching and then to see them so excited to sing the songs. The turnout for the Fun Fair was amazing and enjoyed by everyone. The week would not have been possible without the hard work and support of many people, too many to name. We are blessed to be part of such a caring and dedicated church family. Thank you again to everyone that volunteered your time and talents to make VBS & Fun Fair happen.

Holly Ressler (VBS Director)

GUARD THE GAP

Nehemiah came to Jerusalem (445 B.C.) to rebuild the city wall and establish security so that homes could be rebuilt in the burned-out city. He faced:

- emotional trauma
- physical work.
- social need.
- enemy attack

RUBBLE TROUBLE (4:10). Physical ILLUSTRATION/Spiritual PRINCIPLE

a) When the past _____ the present, it must be _____

b) Growth requires "letting go" _____ "hold on"

Removing rubble is _____,
_____ work!

When clearing rubble or debris from the past:

- cannot be _____, or

_____ (Mt. 5:27-30)

- must be _____ by a clear _____ (Phil. 3:7-15)
- each _____ is _____ (success takes time) (Neh. 4:6)
- not everyone is going to be your _____ (Neh. 4:2)

STANDING IN THE GAP

The objective was to build a complete, protective wall around Jerusalem. This meant adding height to some sections and closing complete gaps in other areas. Both repair and replace (4:7). Threat was real and imminent (4:7-8, 11-12, 17-18).

* Nehemiah assigned _____ to guard the gap and do repair near their _____ [future] residence (4:13-14, 3:10-12). They were also expected to be _____ to assist others who had _____ needs (4:19-20).

Every community, family, and individual has areas of moral strength where the wall is high and heavy. But there are also gaps where their _____ is _____. Future well being is determined by the willingness of someone to stand and guard that gap! This is the attitude of radical _____ and protective _____.

The long-term goal was to fill the gap with _____ i.e. transform its very nature into a place of strength. But the immediate need was to fill the gap with _____ simply to block the entrance of the enemy. Such

is the passion of love (*Heb. 2:14-18*). ARE YOU WILLING TO DO THIS FOR ANYONE?