



Rebuilding Blocks! (Ezra-Nehemiah)

Sunday mornings 10:00

Mar 17	Turn & Pray for Turn Around Nehemiah 1
Apr 7	Leverage Prayer into Action Nehemiah 2
Apr 14	Mobilize Hearts & Minds Nehemiah 2-3
Apr 21	Lean into God during Opposition Nehemiah 4
Apr 28	Live Out Integrity & Justice Nehemiah 5
May 5	Persevere to Get to Completion Nehemiah 6
May 12	Sustain Completion Benefits Nehemiah 7-8

Crossroads Church

Discovering Life Connected with God!
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Sustain Completion Benefits!

God helped his people **reclaim** their identity and **rebuild** God-centered lives thru a faith & following relationship with him. **Jesus continues** to offer us **God's love** today!

Together with God, God's People Overcame...

God & Kings / 586-432 BC: Nebuchadnezzar - Cyrus - Darius - Xerxes - Artaxerxes

Destruction Painful Exile Broken Dreams Loss of Identity Lack of Resources
Long Road Fear Inconsistent Success Opposition Fear Discouragement
Distraction Intimidation Callousness Selfish Corruption Conspiracy

¹⁵ So the **wall was completed** on the 25th of Elul, **in 52 days**.¹⁶ When all our enemies heard about this, all the surrounding nations were afraid and lost their self-confidence, because they realized that this **work had been done** with the **help of our God**.

Nehemiah 6:15-16

➤ **Finish work to ___honor God, affirm team & shake critics___!**

¹⁷ Also, in those days the nobles of Judah were sending many letters to Tobiah, and replies from Tobiah kept coming to them. ¹⁸ For many in Judah were under oath to him... ¹⁹ Moreover, they kept reporting to me his good deeds and then telling him what I said. And Tobiah sent letters to intimidate me. ¹ After the **wall** had been rebuilt and I had set the **doors** in place, the gatekeepers, musicians and Levites were appointed. ² I put in charge of Jerusalem my brother **Hanani**, along with **Hananiah** the commander of the citadel, because he was a man of **integrity** and **feared God** more than most people do. ³ I said to them, "The gates of Jerusalem are not to be opened until the sun is hot. While the gatekeepers are still on duty, have them shut the doors and bar them. Also appoint residents of Jerusalem as guards, some at their posts and some near their own houses."

Nehemiah 6:17-7:3

➤ **Stay centered ___on God & vigilant to vulnerabilities___!**

➤ **Entrust & empower ___the right people & voices___!**

² On the first day of the seventh month **Ezra the priest** brought the Law of Moses before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ **He read it aloud** from daybreak till noon... in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people **listened attentively** to the Book of the Law. ⁴ **Ezra the teacher** of the Law stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion... ⁵ Ezra opened the book... and the people all stood up. ⁶ **Ezra praised the LORD, the great God**; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁷ The Levites...**instructed** the people in the law... ⁸ making the meaning clear so people understood.

Nehemiah 8:1-8

➤ **Respond to ___God's Word with humility & worship___!**

Crossroads Connection

Welcome to Sunday Worship! – May 12, 2024 - 10:00 am

Happy Mother's Day!

Glad You Are Here We hope & pray you connect with God in and come back soon!

Childcare Available Use our excellent childcare! Children's Church (First-Fifth grade) during message until end of service, Staffed Childcare (infants-kindergarten) during whole service, Parent/Child Crying Room for parents with hungry/fussy babies, can stream message to TV.

Welcome Bag If you are visiting Crossroads, we have a small gift bag for you. Thanks for worshipping with us! Pick up one, handing in a yellow communication card after the service!

Upcoming Opportunities

Church Picnic & Baptism Celebration!	Wed, July 17 / 4:00-8:00 pm
Calendar this! Fox Brook Park- games, swimming & potluck picnic supper (6pm). After supper, baptism celebration at beach. If you have <u>interest</u> or <u>questions</u> re baptism, talk to Pastor Steve!	

Grow in Faith & Friendships

Men's Wed AM Group (at Crossroads)	Wed, May 15 / 6:30-7:30 am
We're discussing Esther 4 this week! Join in and jumpstart your <u>Wed. mornings</u> with good coffee, praises/prayers, & great discussion! Contact Pastor Steve 262-751-9259 for more info!	

Men's Wed PM Group (Zoom)	Wed, May 15 / 6:45-7:35 pm
We're discussing Esther 3 this week! Join in and boost your <u>Wed. evenings</u> over Zoom with Praises/prayers, & great discussion! Contact Pastor Steve at 262-751-9259 for more info!	

Women's Summer Book Group	Starts, Wed, Jun 12 / 7:00-8:30pm
We're discussing " Forgive " by author Tim Keller, who shows readers why it's important, how to do it, & much more! Join in 3 Wed. evenings (6/12, 7/24, 8/21) of great discussion!	

Sharing Jesus Together - Local & Global

Hope Center Waukesha meeting physical, relational & spiritual needs offering hot meals, practical clothing closet, toiletries, used furniture delivery, and compassionate advocacy!

Pewaukee Food Pantry meeting food scarcity needs with compassion, Wed & Sat 10-11am!

Sawyer & Sarah Caldwell (*Navigators-SDSU*) reaching & equipping university students to trust & follow Jesus as disciples and to help others be disciples on into their futures!

Derrick & LaShawn Dobbs (*Ethnos 360-TN*) coach, encourage, & equip missionaries from their 15+ years of serving Jesus among tribal peoples in Papua New Guinea!

Bryan & Jan Thompson (*OMF International-CO*) mobilize, prepare & encourage new missionaries to live & share the good news of Jesus cross-culturally in Japan-Asia!

Financial Update (thru 5/5/24)

2024 Weekly Budget	2,423	Sunday Offering (5/5/24)	652
2024 Monthly Budget	10,500	May 2024 Offerings	652
2024 YTD Budget	43,614	2024 YTD Offerings (78%)	34,199
2023 Total Expenses	130,490	2023 Total Offerings (92%)	119,775