

Keep Up The Good Work

(From the Book of Nehemiah)

Dan Murphy

Nehemiah had been given the task of rebuilding the ruined wall around Jerusalem. God paved the way for him to do this remarkable work, but it was not without obstacles. At the start of reconstruction Sanballet, Tobiah, and company mocked, ridiculed and despised them (Neh. 2:10, 19, 20; 4:1-3). Then when the wall was halfway completed, these same adversaries threatened to attack and kill the workers in order to stop the work (Neh. 4:6-23). The enemies' final attempt was made by spreading a rumor to discredit Nehemiah and his endeavor. Despite all this, he and his fellow workers labored until the wall was erected — they did not quit! (Neh. 6: 1-15). Nehemiah kept up the good work. We can be encouraged by their example to finish God's commission despite constant difficulty.

Nehemiah and the men of Jerusalem achieved their goal because they believed it was the work of God. It was an answer to Nehemiah's prayer and a fulfillment of God's promise to His people (Neh. 1, 2). He knew God was behind it all for "God had put in [his] heart to do: (Neh. 2:12). As leader, he addressed the future laborers and foes by saying the God of heaven made this opportunity possible and He would prosper them (Neh. 2:18, 20). Nehemiah referred to the rebuilding of the wall as a "good work" (2:18), and as "a great work"(6:3), but more significantly he and even his enemies acknowledged "this work was done by our God" (6:16).

The undertaking we are involved in is His valuable work. It is by the Lord's design and is accomplished through the gospel (Eph. 2:10, Matt. 28:19, 20). We are the vessels through which He endeavors to bring glory to His name and to save souls (2 Cor. 4:7, Mark 16:16).

Another reason Nehemiah and the people completed the job of erecting the wall of Jerusalem was because "the people had a mind to work" (Neh. 4:6). They continued the task until they accomplished it, even though there were hindrances tempting them to give up and quit.

At times we may want to throw up our hands in disgust and frustration. We may feel defeated by the obstacles in our path, but we must be determined to finish God's essential labor. Like Nehemiah we must remain, "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:58.

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Privileged To Serve

If you can not serve as assigned please contact
Jerry Willis, James Burden, or Bobby Davis as
early as possible.

Sunday A.M. August 10

Song Leader: Jim Kelley

Reading:

2 Cor. 8:7-15 & Prayer: David Ingram

Acts 2:38-42 Zach Donaldson

Prayer: Don Wilson & Tom Caudill

Foyer Assist : Lena Ingram

Greeters: G.D. Donaldson, C. Justice, P. Sutton

Sunday P.M. August 10

Song Leader: Doug Frazier

Prayers: Aaron Imel & Allen Johnson

Wednesday P.M. August 13

Song Leader: Josh Moore

Prayer: Bobby Davis

Sunday A.M. August 17

Song Leader: David Donaldson

Reading:

Matt. 19:21-22 & Prayer: Mike Donaldson

1 Cor. 10:14-17 Gerald Ingram

Prayer: Ken Webb & James Cody

Foyer Assist : Becky Willoughby

Greeters: C. Murphy, S. Willis, D. Mansfield

Sunday P.M. August 17

Song Leader: Everett Donaldson

Prayers: Jerry Willis & Johnny Johnson

Wednesday P.M. August 20

Song Leader: Rob Frederick

Prayer: Lindsey Back

Serve Communion During August

Earl Collins Rob Frederick

Brent Wilson Kenney Gulley

Kenneth Donaldson Michael Wills

Dwayne Goldy (rear) Tom Tipton

Close Building August: James Burden

Announcements August: Charles Willis

Contact elder in Aug: Mike Donaldson

Remember These In Prayer

“The fervent prayers of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16

Sick or In Need of Prayers

Bobby Davis had 2 stents placed during a heart catheterization Wed. and will have to get more in about 4 weeks.

Eureva Donaldson is having a great deal of pain in her legs and is unable to walk. Cards and calls would be appreciated but visits are discouraged because she can't answer the door.

Patty Welch is having problems with swelling of her leg, a complication from the recent heart catheterization.

Owen Cox, grandfather of Keri Welch (Jim & Patty's daughter-in-law), is critically ill at St. Clair Hospital.

Wanda Flannery, mother of *Frank Lewis*, was in the hospital but is now home.

Barbara Rudd, Sharon Willis' aunt, was to have surgery this week.

Little **Delaney Wills** has been sick with pneumonia but is improving.

Remember **April Vernon & baby, Bobby Davis, Albon Thompson, Dallas Sutton, Brenda Kimbrell, Ruby Lawrence, Patty Barrett, Willie Thompson, Pearl Thompson, Roy & Naomi Horseman, Pauline Cockrell, Tom & Ann Cody, Dorothy Justice, and Vicky Rogers (Stephen's wife),**

Serving in the Military: Brandon Coats, Chris Newkirk, and Ray Frederick.

Remember those in the nursing homes.

For the Record

Budget: \$6800	Aug. 3 : \$ 8601	
Sunday	Aug. 3	Last Year
Bible Class	180	184
Sunday Worship	314	331
Sunday Evening	173	185
	Aug. 6	Last Year
Bible Study	179	163

Baby Shower for April & Wes

Since April is now on bed rest until the baby comes, in lieu of a shower gift anyone who wants to contribute to the purchase of things on April's wishlist can give money to Rosanne Evans, Frances Moore, or Cicely Amburgey by Wednesday, August 13th.

Speaking of April and Wes.....

There is a signup sheet on the bulletin board in the foyer for those who wish to prepare and take meals to them during April's confinement.

Congratulations to Emily Hawkins who was chosen as one of 3 talent winners at the 2008 Junior Miss Montgomery County.

LOST & FOUND: A ladies ring in a ring box was found in the former clothing room. If you think it may be yours, please see Bettye Garrett. If not identified and claimed in a month, it will be given to the person who found it.

We have two **2XL 2008 Camp Shirts** left. If you want one, you can purchase it in the church office for \$5.

Attention All Ladies

Betty Collins will be teaching two special sessions of the Wednesday evening Ladies Bible Class on August 13 and 20. The purpose of this study is to encourage women who live alone and to inform all women of the issues that confront them during difficult times. The study will be centered around Biblical examples of women who had to assume sole responsibility for their households. **All ladies** of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

Ladies Singing Night will be held on Monday, August 11th, at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Nancy Cooper will give the devotional. All ladies (and girls) are invited to attend. It is always inspiring and encouraging.

Visitation Group 2 will meet in the fellowship hall after Sunday evening worship.

Our sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Raymond Spencer** who passed away this week after a long battle with cancer. He was the uncle of Sharon Willis and a member of the Lord's church at Kendall Springs.

Church Directory Update

We will be taking photos on Sunday after morning and evening worship. Everyone who attends Rolling Hills is invited to be part of the directory. The schedule for photos is:

Date	Last Name
August 10	Begins with C and E
August 17	Begins with D and F
August 24	Begins with G and I
August 31	Begins with H and J
Sept. 7	Begins with K, L, O, & P
Sept. 14	Begins with M and N
Sept. 21	Begins with R, S and T
Sept. 28	Begins with V, W, & Y
Oct. 5	Missed scheduled date
Oct. 12	Missed scheduled date

We will be making elders and deacons group and individual photos in October as well. These will be posted on the church website.

Teachers' Appreciation Dinner

Teachers, mark your calendars for Saturday, September 6th. That is the date of our annual Teachers' Appreciation Dinner. The dinner will start at 6 PM in the fellowship hall. Jerry Carmichael will be our guest speaker. All teachers of Bible classes and Bible Hour are encouraged to attend the dinner with your spouse or *date*.