

THOSE TO SERVE

Coordinators: Jim Keith/ Curt Williamson

Ushers: Todd Foster/Paul Puckett

A/V System: Gary Smith

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements: John Burch

Scripture: Rodger Cobia

Lead Singing: Charles McPeak

Lord's Supper: Daniel Jones

1st Prayer: Ron Kochik

Sermon

Bill Robinson

Closing Prayer: James Powell

Wednesday Bible Study

Ushers: Doug Williamson/Gary McDaniel

Announcements: John Burch

Lead Singing: Curt Williamson

Opening Prayer:

Invitation: Ragan Ingram

Closing Prayer: David Turner

A/V System: Harold Mustin

Records You Helped Make

For the Week of

July 11, 2021

Sunday A.M Worship 127

Wednesday Bible Study 92

Contribution \$ 4,849

Wifi

Password auditorium

john316yes and classroom annex john3162

Upcoming Events

Charlotte McPeak

Birthday 07/22/2021

Johnna Beth Sims

Birthday 07/25/2021

Olivia Kent

Birthday 07/26/2021

Ron Kochik

Birthday 07/29/2021



July 26-29, Time 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
Classes for all ages, Toddlers to Adult. - 'Please check your email for VBS REGISTRATION if you have children. -



PERRY HILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST



Bulletin

News & Information
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The Character of a Godly Leader

Nehemiah led the third group of Jews who returned from Babylonian captivity in about 445 B.C. His mission was to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Although he was the cupbearer to King Artaxerxes, he demonstrated tremendous wisdom and leadership in his role not only in rebuilding the walls but in spiritual and moral reform.



The qualities of Nehemiah's character serve as a great example to spiritual leaders among God's people today. Consider these attributes we ought to emulate.

(1) He Manifested Genuine Concern for the Welfare of the People.

In chapter one we read about his empathy for those in his homeland. The state of his people caused him to weep for many days. He expressed his concern and petitioned the King to return so he could help.

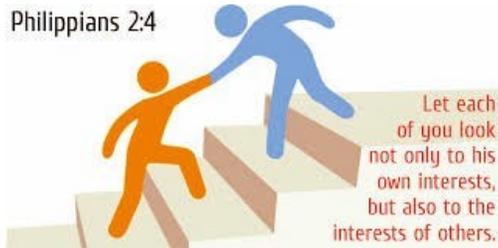
Leadership begins with feeling a burden for the needs of people. To serve. To help. To guide. To make a difference in their lives.

(2) He was a man of intense, heartfelt prayer.

For Nehemiah, prayer was not an exercise for a certain time, but an integral part of his everyday life before God. His fervent prayer in chapter one demonstrated his attitude of reverence toward God. He praised God with thanksgiving. Acknowledged the sins of the people. Manifested a humble spirit. And based his prayer on the scriptural promises God had made.

Leaders are people of prayer. J. Oswald Sanders said, "In nothing should a leader be ahead of his followers more than in the realm of prayer." *Continued inside*

Philippians 2:4



PRAYER LIST - AS OF 07/15/2021

Sharon Kochik was recently diagnosed with a torn labrum in her right hip and is now scheduled for arthroscopic surgery in Birmingham on Tuesday, July 20. Please remember her in your prayers.

Pray for our **VBS** that it might be successful. Pray for all of our teachers working so hard to make it so.

Vaughn Thayer CANCER FREE. Chemo complete, Radiation to follow

Susan Smiley, Carrie Burks' youngest sister - Stroke - now in Rehab

Neal Smith continues to be weak after all his health problems.

Sawyer Burch- serious rare genetic digestive problem (Trifunctional Protern Deficiency) (TFP). Getting needed medication. Pray for research to find cure.

Sundee Mahone asks prayers to protect Tillman who is away at school.

Thomas Brewer's mother now home from rehab. Keep in your prayers.

John Demas' mother, Janice Lindner- Cancer

Grace Meyers - in KY - friends of Bill's daughter - leukemia.

Marsha Williamson - Parkinson's - Pray for her return to near normal.

Beth Beasley (Marsha's sister) - fractured shoulder, final stages of COPD, Hospice

David Thacher, Marsha Williamson's brother - recovered from COVID-19 - chronic lieucemia

Agnes Kochik (Ron's mother) home now.

Susan Kochik - (Ron's niece) -

Don Pennington, Kaye McDonald's brother. Dialysis, in nursing home rehab. Better, but very sick man. Iron infusions.

Please pray for all of our Bible Correspondence Course students (**about 99**)

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK. IF YOU HAVE NEWS THAT SHOULD BE SHARED IN THIS WAY, PLEASE CALL, TEXT OR EMAIL JOHN BURCH OR RONALD MCDONALD.

(3) He exhibited keen Foresight

The narrative describes the specific things he did before the project. He secured the favor of the king. He asked for letters to the governors whose territory he was to travel. He requested letters to the keeper of the king's forest to obtain timber. Nehemiah did not go back on a whim, with no idea or plan. It is obvious that Nehemiah possessed a vision of what he wanted to accomplish.

We need leaders today with foresight and vision. If you are going to be a great leader you must learn to think ahead, to plan, not just fly by the seat of your pants. As E. Paul Hovey said, "A blind man's world is bounded by the limits of his touch; an ignorant man's world by the limits of his knowledge; a great man's world by the limits of his vision."

(4) He demonstrated proper caution before beginning his project

Alexander Pope said, "fools rush in where angels fear to tread." Nehemiah used good judgment in not prematurely beginning the work. Upon returning to Jerusalem he spent 3 days surveying the situation. He did not announce his plans to anyone. He only took a few men to help. And then they do so under the cover of darkness. (Neh 2:11-12).

Leaders today can learn from this. Too often we get excited about something and rush in before checking out the situation. Think. Study. Plan. Prepare. Before beginning a big project.

(5) He displayed courage in the face of opposition and great danger.

The book relates how his enemies opposed through ridicule, the threat of force and then tried to arrange a meeting that would have resulted in compromise (Neh 4:3; 4:8; 6:2). Nehemiah responded: "I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?"

When his enemies threatened to kill him because of would not give in to their threats he said, "But I said, "Should a man like me run away? Or should one like me go into the temple to save his life? I will not go!" (Neh. 6:11)

We need leaders today with the courage to withstand opposition. We may be opposed by criticism. Pressure. Ridicule. Or passive attitudes. Yet, we must stay focused on the work and remain faithful to our spiritual commitments.

The study of Nehemiah from the standpoint of leadership is fascinating and enlightening. He was a man of moral excellence. Decisive action. And steadfast endurance. As a result, the Jerusalem walls were rebuilt in only 52 days.

The success of Nehemiah's return and role in the restoration reminds us of the words of James S. Stewart "God does not mock his children with a night that has no ending; and to every man who stands resolute while the darkness lasts, there comes at length the vindication of faith and the breaking of the day."

In a world where so many are seeking to tear down and destroy, Nehemiah's motto ought to be the cry of every great leader today: "Let us rise up and build." –Ken Weliever, The Preacher-man