

## **The Good Work**

David Bragg

The courier delivered his message as ordered. A high level summit had been called to which the Jewish governor was strongly urged to attend. There, just a few miles from Jerusalem, Nehemiah would meet with Sanballat the Samaritan, Tobiah the Ammonite, and Gesham the Arab, presumably to discuss some matters of common interest.

Between the lines Nehemiah read trouble. For some seventy years, while God's people were held in Babylon, Jerusalem lay virtually in ruins. After that, for the next ninety years, although inhabited, the pride of Israel stood unprotected from her neighboring countries. Sanballat and his associates were willing to go to great lengths to keep Jerusalem, and its citizens, vulnerable to their control.

Nehemiah felt compelled by God to finish the task of building the wall around Jerusalem. The Lord was obviously pleased with the effort and encouraged the work to persevere under his leadership. No flagrant assault or covert scheme could be permitted to stand in the way of accomplishing this mission. Without hesitation the reply was prepared. The messenger was sent on his way to those from which he came. In his hand was this message that should be held close to the heart of any who would be a worker in God's Kingdom. "The work I am doing is too important to stop" (Nehemiah 6:3).

Although many attempts followed to shake Nehemiah's resolve, each met with failure. It is no wonder that Jerusalem was far too important to let anything interfere. What could be so important? God's work.



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### **WELCOME!**

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m.

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**All the churches of Christ greet you.**

Romans 16:16

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**Today's Sermon: The Book of Life**

Arthur will be preaching today

**Scripture Reading: Revelation 3:1-6**

Sermons are recorded and are available for listening on the church website.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Sunday Morning Bible Class:** Paul has begun a study of the book of James.
- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm via Zoom, continuing in chapter 12 of Hebrews.
- ❖ **Next Potluck and Bring-a-Friend Sunday** August 21<sup>st</sup>.
- ❖ **Ladies' Class -POSTPONED TO Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup>, Lesson 10, Day 2.**
- ❖ **Next 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing- July 31<sup>st</sup> @ Horseheads**
- ❖ **Sojourners here- July 30<sup>th</sup> – August 11<sup>th</sup>**



### MAGI BOXES

Please be on the lookout for summer items such as **flip-flops (size M 5-7Y), sunglasses, boys shorts (size 10-12). We need plastic bins and cardboard boxes to organize the donations,** and **money** toward items we order in bulk. Remember that we are now collecting things for **ages 11+ (about size 12, or 10-12).** Hygiene items and underwear are always on sale somewhere.

### BRING-A-FRIEND/POTLUCK SUNDAY

TODAY! Please stay and eat with us today following worship.

### SOJOURNERS ARE COMING!

Larry and Kay Little from Moulton, AL, team leaders  
Paul and Diane Hutcherson from Prosperity, SC  
Martin and Debra Buchanan from Worland, WY

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY YESTERDAY TO RUTHIE!**

## PRAYERS

- **Continue to pray for the people of Ukraine!** There is still a war going on there!
- **Pray for Carrie and Mike Walls.** They need to fly back to Los Angeles for Mike to have a procedure done. Things are looking up though, and the dementia seems to be receding!
- **Chris Barry, Arthur's brother in England, who is suffering from Parkinson's and Alzheimer's** will soon have to be moved to an assisted care home. Please pray for his daughters Jane and Louise as this is very hard for them.
- **Continue to pray for the Endless Mountain's church which currently meets in the Rivera house in Nicholson, PA. They need support for a preacher and place to meet.**
- Please pray for **Dan Myer.** He has been diagnosed with lung cancer and will need chemo. He does not understand why he needs so many tests and is frustrated that they are not starting treatment.
- **Amy's friend Ann Stasny** needs our prayers. She has shingles in her eyes, and it is causing her a great deal of pain.
- Pray for:
  - **Linnett Short** (lung cancer, tumor on liver)
  - **Deb Barnhardt** (lung cancer) moving in with daughter
  - **Henry Rounsville** (home recovering from cancer surgery) Also pray for Henry's sister Caroline.
  - **Zachary Cowles** (deployment with the Army)
  - **Jerry Lowe (recovery from heart attack)**
  - **Darlene's friend Connie** (stage 4 lung cancer, taking part in a study as last resort)
  - **Doug Elsbree's friend Dave Merrill-** liver cancer
  - **Steve Noble (lung transplant difficulties)**
  - **Jim Sexton** (stage 4 esophageal cancer, he is doing much better and the cancer is shrinking, liver and lymph nodes are now clear)

If you have any **PRAYERS** or **NEWS** that you would like included in the bulletin, please contact Sandy at [barncat7237@gmail.com](mailto:barncat7237@gmail.com) or text or call (607) 261-0911.