

Over the last month or two we've looked at some of the challenges that Zerubbabel and Ezra faced as they emerged from exile, began the arduous task of rebuilding the temple at Jerusalem, and called the people to repent, seek the Lord, and walk obediently with Him.

This month we continue that journey as Nehemiah returns to Jerusalem and rebuilds its city walls. Jesus' church (and FBCA) today faces some of the same challenges that he and the people faced. Each Sunday over the next few months we will be looking at this book in context, extracting some biblical principles, and applying those principles to our lives and situations. Don't miss any of these important days ahead! God is going to do some great things as we open ourselves up to His work and His leading!

Nehemiah left the comfort of the king's court for the dirt and debris of the ruined city -- does that sound like Anyone else? Maybe a Someone else named Jesus, who left heaven's glory to come down and die for each of us. And, of course, Resurrection Day this month reminds us that He didn't stay in the grave but rose to bring us new life. Join us on April 4<sup>th</sup> for a joyous celebration of that reality!

Please pray for your staff as we expand our Bible Study opportunities each Sunday, begin water damage repairs, plan for VBS and camps, and seek additional leadership for our student ministry. Nothing, including Covid-19, stands a chance of stopping what God wants to do in lives and through His body, the church.

John knew all about difficulties when he penned 1John 4:4-6a, reminding us that ... He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are from the world, therefore they speak from the world, and the world listens to them. We are from God.

So, church, since we are from God and no longer from the world let's join Nehemiah and his crew and say it and mean it -- "Let us rise up and (Re)build!" (cp. Neh.2:18)

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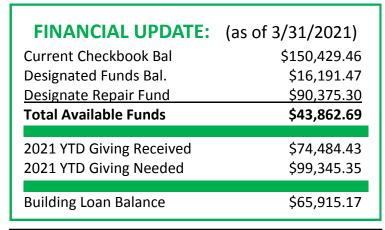
## Sunday Morning Bible Studies 4/4 Easter: From Despair to Joy Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection (Children) 4/11 The Church Is Sent to Trust God Peter Escaped from Prison (Children) 4/18 The Church Is Sent to the World Paul's First Journey (Children) 4/25 The Church Is United in the Gospel U32 S3 The Church Divided (Children)



















If you are interested in working in the nursery please see Pastor Scott for more information. This is a paid position on Sunday Mornings and Wednesday evenings.