

Notes

CALENDER OF EVENTS JUNE & JULY

JUNE 19 - BAPTISM

JULY 09 - PASTOR'S SEND-OFF MEETING @ 7.00PM

(APPRECIATION SERVICE)

JULY 10 - PASTOR'S RECEPTION & TRANSITION

JULY 23 - COOK-OUT & PICNIC

ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday Service @ 9:30 am & 11: 15 am

Sunday School @ 11:15 am

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WELCOME TO ICA SUNDAY SERVICE

Date : June 05, 2016



WEEKLY ICA VOICE

THIS WEEK'S MEETING

TUESDAY 06:00 AM TO WEDNESDAY 06:00 AM
24 HOUR CHAIN PRAYER

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PRAYER AT ICA @ 7:30PM

FRIDAY FASTING & PRAYER AT ICA @10:30AM

SATURDAY NIGHT PRAYER AT CHURCH @7:00PM

Come, Let Us Rebuild the Wall

'The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been burned with fire', this is the news Nehemiah received while he was in the palace of Persia serving king Artaxerxes. Even though the temple was built, the city was in ruins. Nehemiah was not happy with the situation. He sprang into action. Since the hand of God was upon him the king showed great favor and granted him a long leave of absence. Not only that, he provided everything Nehemiah needed for his journey and the work he needed to do.

The title is his call to the people, the nobles, the priests, the leaders and the laymen. It is good that we have a temple, but our city and the walls should not lay ruined. We should not be content with the rebuilding of the temple, we should bring everything back in order. He thus encouraged them to build the wall around Jerusalem.

But it was not an easy task. Even though they started working with enthusiasm soon trouble ensued:

- When Sanballat heard the news he became angry and was greatly incensed. Neh. 4:1. The enemies of the Jews plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. 4:8.
- "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall" said the people in Judah. 4:10
- Also our enemies said, "Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work." 4:11
- Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, "Wherever you turn, they will attack us." 4:12

Nehemiah encouraged them, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your families, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

We also need to rebuild some walls and restore some ruins. We cannot be content with having the temple. We have to build up some spiritual walls which will protect and preserve the temple, the physical building as well as the spiritual temple, ourselves.

- Build a wall of encouragement. They replied to Nehemiah 'let us start rebuilding'. Each family repaired each section of the wall and thus encouraged each other. Nehemiah regularly gave them words of encouragement.
- Build a wall of unity. Everyone was eager to rebuild and no one posed any problems in the process. 'All the men assembled as one man' Neh 8:1, Ezra 3:1.
- Build a wall of love/charity. Nehemiah admonished the people when he heard that poor among them were being sold into slavery and neglected by the well-to-do. The people in one accord agreed to help the poor stop the evil practices.

- Build a wall of obedience to the Word. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon and all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Then they bowed down and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground.
- Build a wall of prayer. On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and putting dust on their heads. Neh 9:1. There, by the Ahava Canal, I proclaimed a fast, so that we might humble ourselves before our God. Ezra 8:21. While Ezra was praying and confessing, weeping and throwing himself down before the house of God, a large crowd of Israelites—men, women and children—gathered around him. They too wept bitterly. Ezra 10:1
- So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of Elul, in fifty-two days. 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. Neh 6:15, 16.

If we can build the walls around our temple(s) we will also one day confidently say that our enemy is afraid and have no self-confidence, because he knows that what we do is not on our own strength but that of the Almighty God and He helps us in our building process as we love and obey Him.

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India Christian Assembly Family Retreat

August 12-14 Please Sign up

Bible Reading Plan for this Week 24

June 05, 2016	Eph. 1-3
June 06, 2016	Lev. 1-3
June 07, 2016	1 Kings 10-13
June 08, 2016	Psalms 69- 71
June 09, 2016	Prov 4
June 10, 2016	Ezek. 1-6
June 11, 2016	Luke 11-12