

## *Welcome to our Fellowship*

Welcome to New Covenant. Thank you for attending our services. Our teaching and preaching is Bible based and designed to increase your faith and encourage a Christian lifestyle through the anointed Word of God. Our fellowship is independent and not a member of any religious denomination. We are Christians who believe in Jesus Christ as the only Savior for the world and faithfully follow his teachings. Our only creed is the Holy Bible.

## *Our Vision*

- Teach the only plan of salvation by faith through Jesus Christ. Acts 2:38 . Acts 4:12
- Establish a Congregation that will love Jesus Christ, embrace and faithfully follow the teachings of the Apostles' Doctrine. Acts 2:42
- Maintain Christian purity in Faith and Practice of the Holy Scriptures Jude 1:3
- Provide a fellowship of believers desiring to show, by faith, a pattern of righteousness in our daily living. Titus 2:7
- Be witnesses of Jesus Christ and advance his Kingdom to all the earth, thereby fulfilling the great commission. Acts 1:8
- Look for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us. Titus 2:12-13

## *Service Times*

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| Sunday               | 11:00 AM |
| Thursday Bible Study | 7:00 PM  |

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An Apostolic Congregation

## Rebuilding Broken Walls

Blessed With A Mind To Work

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Nehemiah's heart was moved with a burden for God's people when he heard the report of conditions in the city of Jerusalem and more specifically the House of God. So while his brother, Hanani, was sharing with him about the broken walls and condition of Jerusalem, his heart was stirred and the Lord called him to action. The story of Nehemiah lets us see that godly leadership was not limited only to the priesthood of Ezra. Nehemiah was a community leader not a priest. While Ezra's primary objective was rebuilding of the House of God, Nehemiah's primary objective was rebuilding the walls around Jerusalem to ensure safety and prevent access from outside invaders.

The scriptures reveal that the church and the family are the greatest institutions of our society. We must be committed to do whatever we can to insure the protection of both. Having God's favor does not protect us against opposition or persecution. In reality, God's goodness over our lives and kingdom building assignments can attract contrary opinions and retaliatory practices. We would expect that everyone who proclaims to be a Christian will work with us. There are going to be those who decide to not participate and be content to sit on the sidelines. There are those who are going to verbally malign us and denigrate the work we are doing. They are going to say that we are wasting our time and that our efforts to help others are in vain. They may even become angry with us for our devotion to the work. But we cannot give up..

Today, it is the primary work of the ministry to strengthen our church. However, the ministry of our church cannot exist alone. Individual believers must be committed to strengthening or rebuilding the walls of protection for their homes and families and for the families of others. Otherwise, our church will be vulnerable during attack. The wise example of Nehemiah provides a pattern for us to follow. Certainly we can at least pray for them, for intercessory prayer is the Believer's most effective tool and weapon. We can also affect our community by living and exemplifying Godly examples and by our Christian kindness. Each believer should be burdened when we see the broken conditions in the lives of others.

We know we have an important work to do in Bowling Green. We may look at the work and see so much to do, causing us to become overwhelmed and discouraged. Especially feeling like we will never be able to do it. However, God is with us and will empower each of us to carry out his work in our community and in our lives. It is wonderful to see a family of faith who has a mind to work. Pray for a burden for God's people and our community and then decide to have a mind to work in building the Kingdom of God.

### Scripture Text

**Nehemiah 1:2,3,4** – Then Hanani and certain men... said unto me, The small band of Jews now living there in the land are in great trouble and shame: **the wall of Jerusalem has been broken down, and its doorways burned with fire.** Then, after hearing these words, for some days I gave myself up to weeping and sorrow, seated on the earth; and taking no food I made prayer to the God of heaven,

**Nehemiah 4:6-9** - **\*So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.** But it came to pass, that when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were made up, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth, and conspired all of them together to come and to fight against Jerusalem, and to hinder it. Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them.

**Nehemiah 4:13-15** - 14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, which is great and terrible, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses. 15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought,

**2 Corinthians 12:10** – Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

**\*Galatians 6:1,2** – Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest you also be tempted. **Bear you one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.**

**\*Matthew 16:18** – **And I say unto you,.. upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

#### Key Verse

**So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.**  
**Nehemiah 4:6**