

NEWSLETTER

June 22nd, 2025

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday** – 8:00 AM – Community Prayer @ The Gathering Place
- **Wednesday** – 6:00 PM – Promised Land – Small Group (Meal provided)
- **Thursday**
 - 6:30 AM Men's Group @ Church
- **Sunday** – June 22nd – Rebuilding with Purpose: Lessons from Nehemiah – Facing Opposition (Neh 4)



Ministry/Service Opportunities

We're thrilled to share **current ministry openings** at Gateway Church Monroe—opportunities to use your time and talents to help spread God's love.

- **Sunday Morning Coffee & Building Prep:** Create a welcoming atmosphere for Sunday services.
- **Children's Church Worker:** Guide our kids in growing their faith through God's Word.
- **Communion Preparation:** Serve in preparing the Lord's Supper for worship.
- **Weekly Lawn Maintenance:** Keep our church grounds beautiful and inviting.

Let's serve with joy! As **Galatians 5:13** reminds us, "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Your service reflects Christ's love and strengthens Gateway Church Monroe.

Ready to get involved? Contact Pastor Jon today!

GET CONNECTED



Want to stay connected with what's happening at Gateway Church Monroe?

Scan the code to fill out the form—your email and phone will only be used for church communication.

5-Day Children's Club Monday, June 23rd – Friday, June 27th



Where: Tools Point Park Shelter House

When: 1:00pm–2:30pm

Contacts: Jane McConeghey: 641-891-2733

Jan Doty: 641-215-2428

Your child is invited to attend a fun club for boys and girls **ages 5 to 12!**

5-Day Club meets for **90 minutes every day** for five days.

Sponsored by **Child Evangelism Fellowship**, a Bible-centered ministry serving in over 190 countries around the world.

All teachers and helpers have been trained and screened to ensure your child's protection.

Parents are welcome to attend.

Promised Land Study

When: Weekly on Wednesdays

Meal: 6:00pm | **Study:** 6:30pm–8:00pm



We kicked off our new study, **Promised Land**, last Wednesday—and we're off to a strong start!

In Session 1, we explored the Tel Gezer, a powerful crossroads in ancient Israel, and **how God intentionally placed His people in strategic locations to shape their identity and story.**

Tel Gezer stood as a "**standing stone**"—a visible, lasting reminder of what God had done.

In the same way, **Gateway Church can be a standing stone right here in Monroe.**

Can't wait to keep learning and growing with you all next week!

Message Notes

Facing Opposition

Nehemiah 4

Summary: Life throws curveballs—criticism, setbacks, or straight-up opposition. In Nehemiah 4, we see Nehemiah and his crew rebuilding Jerusalem’s walls while facing mockery and threats from haters like Sanballat and Tobiah. Instead of folding, they leaned into prayer, stayed vigilant, and kept working. You’re building something too—your home, your faith, your kids’/grandkids’ future. Opposition is inevitable, but God’s strength is invincible.

Expect Pushback When You’re Doing God’s Work

Pray Hard, Work Smart

Stay Resilient Through God’s Strength

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Application: *Name It, Pray It, Do It*

This week, take a moment to name one challenge you’re facing. Maybe it’s a strained relationship, a work stress, or just the chaos of parenting. Then, do two things:

- **Pray:** Ask God for strength, wisdom, and peace. Lay it all at His feet.
- **Act:** Take one practical step forward. Set a boundary, have that tough convo, or make a plan to tackle the issue.

For example: If you’re stressed about parenting, pray for patience, then try a new routine—like a 10-minute family devotional or a no-screens night to connect with your kids.

Challenge: Share your challenge with a trusted friend or spouse and pray together. Then, check in next week—how’d it go?

Key Quote: “Opposition is inevitable, but God’s strength is invincible.”

When the world pushes against you, God’s got your back. Keep building, keep praying, and watch Him work.