

# INFLUENCER

a study of Nehemiah



June 16, 2024  
11:00 AM Worship

NEHEMIAH:  
LIVING A LIFE OF MEANINGFUL IMPACT

## Greeting

Mrs. Karen McAmis

## Piano Prelude

Doug Fulghum, Jr, pianist

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

## Hymn 395

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

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## Morning Prayer

Rev. Jon Nahlen

## Hymn 52

*He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought*

HE LEADETH ME

## Hymn Reading 454

*God, Our Father, You Have Lead Us*

## Poem

*Walk a Little Plainer, Daddy*

Mrs. McAmis  
Janette Ingram

## Hymn

*Guide My Feet*

GUIDE MY FEET

Guide my feet while I run this race,  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
guide my feet while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Hold my hand while I run this race,  
hold my hand while I run this race,  
hold my hand while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Stand by me while I run this race,  
stand by me while I run this race,  
stand by me while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

Search my heart while I run this race,  
search my heart while I run this race,  
search my heart while I run this race,  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

## Message

Pastor Blake Bengé

*InfluenceR*  
*Nehemiah: Living a Life of Meaningful Impact*

## Hymn 282

*Living for Jesus*

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## Prayer of Commitment

Mrs. Kristen Coggin

## Offertory Feature

*All My Hope is In Jesus*

Sanctuary Choir  
Sensen

## Recognition of Decisions

Pastor Bengé

## Benediction & Next Steps

Mrs. McAmis

## Hymn 253

*Doxology*

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## Postlude

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

Donna Davenport, organist  
arr. Hopson

## INVITATION TO RESPOND

- Comment on Facebook
- Share this worship service on your social media
- Email a decision or prayer request to [info@snydermbc.com](mailto:info@snydermbc.com)
- As comfort and common sense allows, reach out to your next door neighbors. Be a neighbor. Share and show Christ.

Are you visiting with us today? Just scan the QR code for more info. We'd love to get to know you!



SCAN ME

## TAKE IT WITH YOU

Expected and unexpected people, the signpost people God allows to cross our paths, influence our journey. From parents to adults-like-parents, siblings to friends of siblings, school teachers and Sunday School teachers, friends and almost-friends, either brief or lasting, historical or current, God uses these encounters to speak to our lives. In his book *Whisper*, Mark Batterson calls this "the fifth love language of God... people."

**God speaks regularly to us through the people who speak to us about the things of God.** Henri Nouwen, *Discernment*

How frequently we forget or dismiss or overlook our many God-appointments; these are the people God sends with words of encouragement, applause for effort, signposts pointing to truth, reminders of His presence, hugs for tears. Batterson writes, "Part of the genius of Jesus was His ability to see potential in unlikely places and unlikely people."

Signpost people offer new perspectives, ask different questions, and suggest other options. Sometimes they bring opportunities *for us*, like a chance to give more, to step outside ourselves, to sense another's loneliness, to hear a deeper need, to respond like Christ. God embraces us with love and encouragement but also has designed us for purpose - His purpose. God asks us to take our God-given talents, to reach out into the world, to share Jesus.

Whether the turning point marks the way with a stranger or friend, lasts for a season or a lifetime, comes full of mystery or simply as a reminder, God is speaking to you and me. Could it be a completely new direction, a familiar path with a new attitude, a change of location, a closer connection within a current community, a new passion, or renewed passion?

Scripture is the primary voice of God to us, and Batterson cautions us, "A God-given dream won't take you beyond the boundaries of Scripture, but it will stretch you to do things you didn't know you were capable of even attempting." Within these divine appointments, we choose to embrace God's vision and purpose, or we choose to simply look the other way. What will you choose?

~ Donna Oswalt

## INFLUENCER

Our world is now home to "InfluenceRs" with social media skills, creating content which impacts trends and thoughts, as well as the culture and economy. The followers of Jesus were called to be Good InfluenceRs as His ambassadors, shaping the culture's thoughts about Jesus (II Corinthians 5:20). Centuries before Jesus' earthly appearance, Nehemiah was a Good Influencer shaping the culture of his day. Throughout the summer months, we will study his life to discover and apply the traits of a Good InfluenceR.

Nehemiah 1:1-4

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**Traits One and Two of a Good Influencer:**

1. Acute \_\_\_\_\_

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2. \_\_\_\_\_ Affinity

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### **Influencer Prayer of the week:**

God, let me see what you see. Move me to care about what you care about

### **Influence Assessment of the week (a thought exercise):**

#### **Seeing with Acute Perception**

1. Currently, what do I see that troubles me?
2. Do I see what should be instead? What do I see that should be?

#### **Caring with Passionate Affinity**

3. Currently, what breaks my heart?
4. Is this something that also breaks God's heart? How so? How do I know this?

**Influencer Reading for the week:** Nehemiah 1 & 2

**Influencer Listening:** *Give Me Your Eyes* by Brandon Heath

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BACK THE BLUE:** National Police Week ended with nearly 100 additional sworn officers having asked if their names could also be given to someone who would pray for them. In our Church Office are cards with these officers' names and their prayer requests. Would you be willing to choose one of these names and commit to calling their name before the Lord over this next year? Please stop by the Church Office to select a name and receive your Back The Blue wristband.

**MISSION TRIP UPDATES:** Youth Kenya Trip (June 6 - 18) and Kentucky Mission Trip (June 9 - 15). You can follow what our mission teams have been doing by going to: <https://snydermbc.com/blog> or on our Facebook page. Mission teams are returning soon. Please continue to pray for them!

**CHUMANI CHILD SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:** We had a great response to sponsoring children at our new partner school in Chumani. Over 100 children have been sponsored by our church Family. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, use the QR code that will connect you with MoHI and children to be sponsored from Chumani.

**BAPTISTS ON MISSION:** North Carolina Baptists on Mission is getting prepared for the hurricane season! Tom Poston, director, is in the process of collecting information to form teams who can assist when the need arises to aid in Disaster Relief. Qualifications? Not a lot of skills, but a servant heart and availability to go when disasters occur in the southeastern states. If you are interested in serving on one of these teams, contact Tom Poston [tposton2@nc.rr.com](mailto:tposton2@nc.rr.com) or (910) 322-2115.

**SNYDER SUMMER READING CLUB:** Come join us for Reading Rocks 2024 to read as many books as you can and collect prizes along the way! Reading Rocks! Going on now through August 31. Stop by the Media Library to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. It's not too late!

**SUMMER WORSHIP CONCERT:** Mark your calendars for a Summer Worship Concert on Wednesday, July 17, from 7-8:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**SNYDER YOUTH (6TH - 12TH GRADES) - CROWDERS RIDGE SUMMER CAMP, JULY 21 - 25:** Registration deadline is June 28. For more info visit [www.snyderyouth.com/events](http://www.snyderyouth.com/events).

**START THE PARTY! - VBS 2024:** VBS will be held on June 24 - 28 from 9am - 12pm. To register or volunteer go to [www.snydermbc.com/vbs](http://www.snydermbc.com/vbs). VBS volunteers still needed! Let's start the party!

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### Cash or Check

- by mail or dropping off to Finance Office
- Automated Bank Draft on the 5th or 20th of the month - contact Finance Office to acquire forms for draft set up

### Online (computer, mobile phone, tablet)

- Go to [www.snydermbc.com](http://www.snydermbc.com); select "Giving & Tithing | Online" from the menu; enter the information (if you are already in our database, you can login; otherwise you can continue as guest)

*or*

- download the "Church Life" app to your mobile phone (you must already have a username and password for AccessACS - see below - in order to use this app). There is a link on the app to give, and it will take you to AccessACS; follow the instructions

**WE EXIST TO LEAD PEOPLE TO DISCOVER GOD, DEVELOP FAITH AND DISPLAY  
CHRIST-LIKE LOVE IN OUR ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS.**

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