

“I will never live in a town where I have to drive more than five minutes to work.”

**“We will not neglect the house
of our God.”**

**Doing What is Needed on
a Daily Basis**

Nehemiah 11-12

10:39 “We will not neglect the house of our God.”

11:1 Now the leaders of the people settled in Jerusalem. The rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of every ten of them to live in Jerusalem, the holy city, while the remaining nine were to stay in their own towns. The people commended all who volunteered to live in Jerusalem.

11:22 The chief officer of the Levites in Jerusalem was Uzzi son of Bani Uzzi was one of Asaph’s descendants, who were the musicians responsible for the service of the house of God. The musicians were under the king’s orders, which regulated their daily activity.

12:27 At the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem, the Levites were sought out from where they lived and were brought to Jerusalem to celebrate joyfully the dedication with songs of thanksgiving and with the music of cymbals, harps and lyres. The musicians also were brought together from the region around Jerusalem... When the priests and Levites had purified themselves ceremonially, they purified the people, the gates and the wall.

12:43 And on that day they offered great sacrifices, rejoicing because God had given them great joy.

12:44 At that time men were appointed to be in charge of the storerooms for the contributions, first fruits and tithes. From the fields around the towns they were to bring into the storerooms the portions required by the Law for the priests and the Levites, for Judah was pleased with the ministering priests and Levites. They performed the service of their God and the service of purification, as did also the musicians and gatekeepers, according to the commands of David and his son Solomon. For long ago, in the days of David and Asaph, there had been directors for the musicians and for the songs of praise and thanksgiving to God.

12:47 So in the days of Zerubbabel and of Nehemiah, all Israel contributed the daily portions for the musicians and the gatekeepers. They also set aside the portion for the other Levites, and the Levites set aside the portion for the descendants of Aaron.

Resettling Jerusalem, the Holy City

- “It is not a return from exile because it is primarily an expedition to rebuild the Temple.... Temple and city will be rebuilt together, and they will be the sign that Yahweh is choosing Jerusalem again.” (J. Goldingay)
- A small, devout remnant embark on God’s larger promise.
- Tribes of Judah, Benjamin & Levi had been loyal to David’s heirs. (11:4)

Supporting the Temple

- **Priests – (11:3) Administration and ministry of the Sanctuary**
- **Levites – (11:3) Aides to Priests; musicians (11:22) leading songs of thanksgiving (12:8, 27)**
- **Gatekeepers – (11:19) assigned to the entrances to the temple to keep out whoever or whatever was unclean.**
- **Men in charge of storerooms for daily first-fruits & tithes (12:44, 47)**

New Covenant People of God

1 Cor. 3:16 Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in your midst?

1 Pet. 2:4 As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

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Heb. 13:16 And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

1 Cor. 12:4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.

A Life of Gratitude to the Lord





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God's People At Work



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Serving by Gifts Foreground



Background



Generations of Families Serving



On this [#TestimonyTuesday](#) we are thankful for the legacy of Petke family! Walter and Mary Petke are a part of the Bair Lake founders club. Between their nine children, there are three generations shown here, and several states represented including Alaska and Florida. Some of the Petke kids, grandkids and extended family still come to camp every summer as some of our most faithful volunteers and campers. We love to see the affect camp has made on families from generation to generation.

Thank you Petke family for all you have done to bless camp each summer!

Year-Round Work @ FHBC



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- **Greeters & Ushers**
- **Media Booth, Communion Prayers**
- **Sunday School & Kids Connection Teachers**
- **Nursery & Youth Leaders**
- **Small Group & Wednesday Coffee Hour Leaders**
- **Food Committees & Meals for Family Emergencies**
- **Work Days Workers & Building Project Leaders**
- **Hospital Visits, Encouragement**
- **Faithful Financial Giving**

Doing What is Needed on a Daily Basis

Father, we are forever grateful to You for Your Grace.

We will work daily for You, using the gifts and resources You have given us. We offer our ears and voices, our hands and bank accounts to Your work.

We will pass on our passion for You and Your work to our children and grandchildren.