

Today we celebrate 250 years as a nation, the United States of America is not just a home to over 349 million people. But it is a beacon of Hope, Freedom, and Unity. One Nation under God, Indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

America's story reminds me when Nehemiah gathered together to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem.

The sound of Nehemiah 3 is the beat of hammers and the steady flow of people in unity with God.

[Nehemiah 2:17–18](#)

17 Then I said to them, "You see the bad situation we are in, that Jerusalem is desolate and its gates have been burned by fire. Come, let's rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we will no longer be a disgrace."

18 And I told them how the hand of my God had been favorable to me and also about the king's words which he had spoken to me. Then they said, "Let's arise and build." So they put their hands to the good work.

After months of prayer and careful planning, the work finally begins, and the chapter unrolls like a map in motion as priests, rulers, artisans, families, and even daughters take their places along the broken line of Jerusalem's wall.

[Nehemiah 3:1–12](#) *Then Eliashib the high priest arose with his brothers the priests and built the Sheep Gate; they consecrated it and installed its doors. They consecrated the wall to the Tower of the Hundred and the Tower of Hananel.*

2 And next to him the men of Jericho built, and next to them Zaccur the son of Imri built.

3 Now the sons of Hassenaah built the Fish Gate; they laid its beams and installed its doors with its bolts and bars.

I will not read all the names and building for the sake of time this morning, but you can read Nehemiah 3:4-12 later to understand what this took to be done in 52 days.

YES, that's correct only 52 days according to Nehemiah 6:15

[Nehemiah 6:15](#)

So the wall was completed on the twenty-fifth of the month Elul, in fifty-two days.

There is so much more to this story than building a wall, it is theology in stone.

Please Remember, before they even began they prayed for months.

Gates tied to worship come first, (Darlene and I as our home was being built often would worship, pray, and write scripture on the studs, and foundation it is NOT just a building to keep the rain off, it is a house of the Lord.....

We have been in the home now for just over 8 months and we are still adding to what was started, Just like our home, we are continually building....

On the ONE dollar bill the back side has a pyramid with a small pyramid hovering above with an eye on it.

This represents us as a nation "Not Finished" we are continuing to move forward and build with the Eye of the Lord watching over us.

"IN GOD WE TRUST" Is forever a reminder, in all we do, we do it unto the Lord.

We saw households take responsibility “opposite” their homes, please recognize, this was not just an act to protect there homes, but to help there neighbors.

specialized trade’s serve alongside laborers, and leaders shoulder work with the people.

Much more was happening in the Kingdom of God, they were being united under the heavenly father and coming together and working as one.

We are celebrating 250 years today as the United States of America, One Nation Under God!

Just like Nehemiah rebuilding the wall, just like the USA building a nation, we are a church building relationships for the Kingdom of God.

Each “**next to him**” becomes a “**refrain for unity**”, and each “made repairs” becomes a witness that faith often advances through ordinary faithfulness coordinated for a holy end.

Refrain for Unity = We have a Godly responsibility to be unified and refrain from differences in fact we are to celebrate them.

1 Corinthians 12:4–7

4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord.

6 There are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all persons.

7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1. Unity in Diversity

[Nehemiah 3](#) is a beautiful tapestry of unity, showcasing how people from different backgrounds came together for a common purpose.

From priests to goldsmiths, everyone had a role in rebuilding the wall.

This reminds us of [1 Corinthians 12:12](#), "For just as the body is one and has many parts, and all the parts of that body, though many, are one body, so also is Christ." Embrace the diversity in your community and work together for the greater good.

2. Leadership by Example

Nehemiah led by example, inspiring others to join the cause. His leadership was not about commanding from a distance but working alongside his people.

As Jesus said in [Mark 10:45](#), "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." True leadership is about serving others and setting a positive example.

3. The Power of Prayer

Before any action, Nehemiah prayed. His reliance on God was evident throughout the rebuilding process.

[Philippians 4:6](#) encourages us, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Make prayer your first response, not your last resort.

4. Everyone Has a Role

[Nehemiah 3](#) highlights that everyone, regardless of their status or skill set, had a part to play. [Romans 12:4-5](#) reminds us, "For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these

members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body." Recognize your unique role and contribute to the community.

5. Overcoming Opposition

The builders faced opposition, yet they persevered. Nehemiah's story teaches us to stand firm in the face of adversity.

As [James 1:12](#) states, "Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him." Trust in God's strength to overcome challenges.

6. The Importance of Family

Families worked side by side on the wall, strengthening their bonds and their community.

**My mothers favorite verses in the bible! [Ephesians 6:1-4](#)
Speaking of my mother today our founding Pastor JoAnne Rost is celebrating her birthday!**

[Ephesians 6:1-4](#)

1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise),

3 so that it may turn out well for you, and that you may live long on the earth.

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Ephesians emphasizes the importance of family relationships. Involve your family in your endeavors and grow together in faith and purpose.

7. Diligence and Hard Work

The builders worked diligently, each focusing on their assigned section.

My father Pastor Steve taught me this,

[Colossians 3:23](#) encourages us, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." Approach your tasks with dedication and a heart for service.

Today Revival City Church wants to honor you, the people who come together to learn, help, rejoice, praise, pray, honor, cry, carry, and love each other.

It take a village to make this happen as we HONOR our volunteers we are celebrating over 14 years as a ministry. Pastor Darlene and I along with our staff and leadership say thank you and we love you all.

Cake and Ice Cream are in the living room please stay and celebrate with us.