

OPPORTUNITIES

Terms for new Elders, Deacons, and Deaconesses begin this June!

We are currently seeking candidates for these roles as several positions will be vacated this summer. If you are interested in, or have considered pursuing, any of these leadership positions within Parkview, please take a moment to stop by the Connect Center TODAY to let us know. We would love to share more information and help you take steps toward serving in one of these important roles!



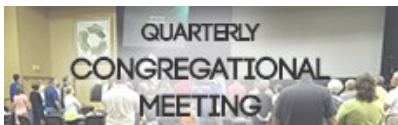
Sunday, February 26
8AM in the Atrium

Mary Mysnyk will share with us on the biblical image of who you are in Christ and how to display Christ-like qualities in leading others. Sign up online.



Sundays, March 5-April 2
11AM in Room 107

Everyone needs help from time to time, especially in the midst of tough challenges and difficult trials. Learn how to develop your people helping skills when walking along side hurting people. Material cost is \$10.



Monday, March 6
6PM in the Worship Center

The potluck starts at 6, with praise and worship beginning at 6:45 followed by the meeting. Members and attenders are encouraged to attend, even if you can't bring a dish to share. It is a great time of fellowship and prayer. We will discuss church updates and welcome new members.



Monday, February 20
7-8PM in the Chapel

Students, parents and the Parkview family are invited to attend a special time of prayer tomorrow night from 7-8PM in the Chapel. We will use this opportunity to worship, pray and lay our fears before our awesome God. Childcare is available for infants-3rd grade. Please contact Katelyn at krodman@parkviewchurch.org.



Returning this summer!

Parkview Church's Central Campus will be hosting SpringHill Day Camp from June 5-9 for students completing grade K-5th. The first 25 kids to sign up using promo code PCEARLY will receive a 25% discount. Sign up online at www.parkviewchurch.org.

Faith Academy at SpringHill Camp

Help Faith Academy scholars attend SpringHill camp for a second year in a row! SpringHill is the first camp experience for some scholars. It's a great opportunity for them to grow in their relationship with God while enjoying fun camp activities like a bungee swing and rock wall. A donation of \$189 covers one scholar's camp expenses, however, donations of any amount are appreciated. See the table in the foyer.

Series: Nehemiah GENEROUS GOD—GENEROUS PEOPLE

Nehemiah 5
Pastor Doug Schillinger
February 19, 2017

Nehemiah Recap (Chapter 1-4)

- Chapter 1: Big Hurt, Big Prayers
- Chapter 2: Big Plans, Big Ask, Big Response
- Chapter 3: Organizing the Team
- Chapter 4: Opposition

Nehemiah's Challenge: to keep his people together and focused with hands on the wall, while facing challenge from the outside (Chapter 4), and now from the inside (Chapter 5).

I. GREAT OUTCRY (5:1-5)

- People with heavy burden: poverty, famine, oppression
- People with hardened hearts: greed and exploitation

Evidences of selfishness: Do we exploit each other?

II. GREAT RESPONSE (5:6-13)

- Anger and Consultation
- Confrontation and Fear of God
- Repentance and Praise

Evidences of a people in awe of God: Are we a people who fear God?

III. GREAT EXAMPLE (5:14-19)

Leaders go first: Leading by example

Generous people know:

- God is Good
- God Owns Everything
- God Rewards

Evidences of Generosity: Are we a generous church?

For Further Study

1. God gave His people several laws about loaning money to each other. Look at **Leviticus 25:35-37** for one such passage to get an understanding of what made Nehemiah so angry about how the people were treating each other. Look at God's heart for how He wants us to respond to our brothers/sisters in need.
2. God's generosity with us frees us to be generous people. The Christian worldview on generosity is totally unique from all other faith traditions as it finds its solid foundation in the character of our faithful and generous God. These Scriptures clearly point to this foundation: **Romans 8:31-32; Philippians 4:10-19; Deuteronomy 8:6-20; 2 Corinthians 8-9; Malachi 3:8-12.**
3. Nehemiah urged his people to treat each other well and to care for one another out of a fear of God. Fearing God is to be in awe of His greatness and goodness, His supremacy and His holiness. This was Nehemiah's hallmark—he served a great and awesome God (**Nehemiah 1:5-11; 4:14**). Here are some great passages that show the results that come to the person that has a healthy fear of God: **Proverbs 1:7; 9:10; 19:23; and Psalm 110:10.**

“Hands on the Wall”

For us, the task at hand is a focus on our mission and vision to extend the hope and healing power of the Gospel together for the good of our neighbors and our world. We love God, love each other, and love our city.

Nehemiah Study Guide Questions—Week 5

- 1) This chapter opens with disunity among the people of God. Can you think of other examples in Scripture where disunity was a problem?
- 2) The disunity of chapter 5 is caused by injustice. What lesser reasons can cause disunity among believers today? How can we guard ourselves against falling into disunity over unimportant or secondary matters?
- 3) Why does Nehemiah tell the Hebrew nobles and officials to walk in the fear of the Lord? How would this fear have changed their actions? How should it change ours?
- 4) The Hebrews are the people of God, but they fail to protect their national unity because of sin. Is there anything that keeps you from being unified with your Christian brothers and sisters in this room?
- 5) The nobles and officials let greed guide their decision making, resulting in injustice and selfishness. How does greed damage the modern-day church? How do believers use other believers to gain an advantage for themselves? How does greed damage our key relationships with family and friends? Who are we most likely to use to improve our own comfort or standing?
- 6) Nehemiah lets the fear of the Lord guide his decision-making, resulting in justice and generosity. How have you seen justice and generosity operating within the body of believers? How could you join in those efforts? What specific steps could you take to demonstrate fairness and generosity in your key relationships with family and friends?

Need a Study Guide? Stop by the Connect Center, download it at www.parkviewchurch.org, or access it on the new app.