A close-up photograph of a person's hands using a chisel to carve a piece of wood. The person is wearing a light-colored t-shirt. The chisel is held in the right hand, and the wood is being carved on a workbench. The background is blurred, showing a workshop environment. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands and the wood.

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## How To Use This Book:

This book reveals the goals, plans, activities and classes for this congregation in 2021. It will help you to go through this book and become familiar with what we have planned for the year. The top colored bars guide you through the different sections.

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Two years ago our focus was upon developing spiritual habits and strong connections within the church. HEAVEN BOUND was our theme.



Last year, we began with the emphasis upon Seeing Clearly, 2020—perfect vision. What a year it became. We cancelled VBS. Bible classes were on video. Our in-person worship was off and on. It was a tough year. Many had struggles with health. There were several set backs to our plans.

As a new year begins, we haven't given up nor given in. Rise & Build is a spirit that will drive us this year. Better ways to teach. More opportunities to grow. Forward looking. We refuse to let the troubles of the past hold us down and defeat us. We remain, **HEAVEN BOUND**. And, with a **CLEAR VISION** from the Scriptures we will do more than get by, we will **Rise & Build**.

# 2021: Rise & Build

## What We'd Like To Accomplish This Year:

- A new and fresh approach to Bible classes with more involvement
- Stronger marriages and families
- More participation in teaching, serving and leading
- A closer and stronger church family
- A greater engagement in spreading the word worldwide
- Greater faith and deeper commitment among all of us



The **Shepherds** and **Evangelists** are here to help and serve you. They are here to show you how to walk closer to the Lord. We love each of you and want you to succeed spiritually. Rising & Building throughout this year will make a big difference in your journey. It will help you with your attitude, choices and walk with Jesus.

**“The goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from a sincere faith”  
(1 Timothy 1:5).**

# 2021: Rise & Build

## Calendar of Events

- JUNE 13-16 VBS with **Kevin Harrington**
- **July-August Wednesday evenings: Summer Series**  
Theme: *How Firm A Foundation*

July 7	Ralph Walker	Tampa, FL
July 14	Bob Quinn	Paris, KY
July 21	Gary Kerr	Bowling Green, KY
July 28	Jonathan Caldwell	Moody, AL
August 4	Phil Robertson	Gainesville, FL
August 11	Jim Deason	Coleman, AL
August 18	L.A. Stauffer	St. Louis, MO
August 25	Mark Roberts	Ft. Worth, TX
September 1	Jordan Shouse	Garland, TX

- Oct 24-27 GOSPEL MEETING with **Edwin Crozier**

**W**hat great opportunities for you to come and sit at the feet of these amazingly talented men of God who love the Lord and want to see you build an incredible faith in the Lord!



*Rise and Build*

### Let Us Rise Up

*January–March*

Last year was tough. So many of our plans had to be cancelled. We worshipped from our homes for months. Things were not as we hoped for. This takes us to the book of Nehemiah—a powerful book about rising up and meeting the challenge to build the walls around Jerusalem.

Using Nehemiah as a foundation, we want to overcome the troubles of 2020 and rise up as individuals, families and a congregation to become a powerful people of God.



### *The Story of Nehemiah*

In less than two months, Nehemiah and the people of God completed the task of building the wall around Jerusalem. Several things were to involved accomplish this:

- A strategic plan was formed
- The people had a mind to work
- Clear leadership communicated a precise direction to follow
- Debris was cleared out
- Opposition was overcome
- The people built where it mattered
- A completion celebration was enjoyed



### Having a Mind to Build

*April–June*

Attitude is so much of life. The will to overcome, the faith to press onward, and the trust in God has always been the elements that led the people of God to victory. Building involves the hope for the future. God has always been in the building business: the Ark, the Tabernacle, the Temple, the Church, families, changed lives, and a home in Heaven.

Today, we are changing lives, building faith, developing stronger and more mature disciples through the teaching of God’s word. The Bible is the mechanism for greater and better lives. We hope to use a variety of means, including podcasts, videos and in-person classes to build stronger families and a stronger church this year.

### **2021 VBS June 13-16**

Kevin Harrington will be teaching the auditorium class

For the ADULTS:

***I Will Build (Matthew 16:18)***

- AM Worship: Christ changes you
- Bible Class: The church Christ built
- PM Worship: Marriage built by Christ
- Mon: Families built by Christ
- Tues: Working with Christ in building
- Wed: Heaven built by Christ



## When the Work is Hard

*July–September*

Nehemiah shows us that good work is often met with great challenges. Opposition. Criticism. Compromise. Those were common in Nehemiah’s work and they are common today. The spirit that pushes onward and will not give up is what God wants within all of us.

This quarter will focus upon leadership and overcoming the obstacles that Satan puts in our way. July and August will offer our Wednesday evening Summer series.

### 2021 Summer Series:

#### ***How Firm A Foundation***

- July 7 How firm a foundation: **Ralph Walker**
- July 14 A foundation laid in His excellent Word: **Bob Quinn**
- July 21 Jesus, our refuge: **Gary Kerr**
- July 28 Fear not, I am with you: **Jonathan Caldwell**
  
- August 4 I will still give you aid: **Phil Robertson**
- August 11 Even thru fiery trials: **Jim Deason**
- August 18 Even down to my old age, I will prove your love:  
**L.A. Stauffer**
- August 25 The soul that upon Jesus  
still leans: **Mark Roberts**
  
- September 1 Tho all hell should  
endeavor to shake,  
I will never, no never  
forsake: **Jordan Shouse**



## Building Where It Matters

*October–December*

Just as important as building, is building in the right place. The Lord’s warning about “what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses his soul,” emphasizes the value of building where it matters. Spiritually, we want to leave footprints of a legacy for the next generation to follow.

***“...the joy of Jerusalem was heard from afar”  
(Nehemiah 12:43)***

It is our desire to leave this congregation better and stronger than when we found it. Powerful leaders, talented teachers, visionary future, and a warm, loving and close fellowship will be an enduring gift to the next generation. Worship that passionately praises God, a fellowship that Biblically serves God, and a heart that wants all to be saved is what we are striving to build within each of us.



Nehemiah saw the value for each man to build in front of his own home. We are striving to build our families, marriages, and hearts strong in the Lord. Satan will throw everything at us, but “greater is He who is in you, than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

# 2021: Rise & Build

## Our **Sunday** Adult Classes 2021

Our Sunday Morning Classes will travel down **two avenues** this year. One will be a deeper, textual avenue. The other avenue is built for the entire family. A series of short videos intended to build faith, use for discussion and help the entire family.



### **First Quarter: Jan-March**

- Textual study of Nehemiah

### **Second Quarter: April—June**

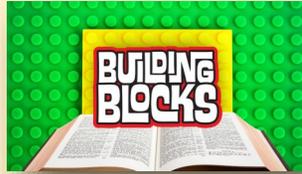
- Textual study of Ezra & Haggai

### **Third Quarter: July-Sept**

- Leadership in Nehemiah

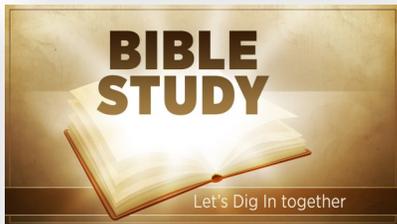
### **Fourth Quarter: Oct-Dec**

- Building better hearts, homes and church



- **January:** Who is God?
- **February:** What is the Bible?
- **March:** Who is Jesus?
- **April:** What is the church?
- **May:** Who is the enemy?
- **June:** What is worship?
- **July:** What is grace?
- **August:** Why is authority a big deal?
- **September:** What is salvation?
- **October:** What's a disciple?
- **November:** What's a covenant?
- **December:** Why do my habits matter?

These short videos will include activities sheets for all ages and use a variety of teachers.



# 2021: Rise & Build

## Reflections for the Lord's Supper

### January

- 3 Jesus died: to show God's love (Jn 3:16)
- 10 Jesus died: to fulfill His Father's will (Isa 53:10)
- 17 Jesus died: for the forgiveness of our sins (Eph 1:7-10)
- 24 Jesus died: so that we may be righteous (Rom 5:9-11)
- 31 Jesus died: to grant us freedom (Jn 8:31-32)

### February

- 7 Jesus' death destroyed the works of Satan (1 Jn 3:18)
- 14 Jesus' death took away the fear of death (Heb 2:14-15)
- 21 Jesus' death reconciled us to God (2 Cor 5:17-20)
- 28 Jesus' death released us from our sins (Rev 1:5)

### March

- 7 In the Lord's Supper we are to remember Jesus (1 Cor 11:24-25)
- 14 In the Lord's Supper we are to examine ourselves (1 Cor 11:28)
- 21 In the Lord's Supper we are to take in a worthy manner (1 Cor 11:27)
- 28 In the Lord's Supper we proclaim His death (1 Cor 11:26)

This year we want to focus upon different aspects of the death of Jesus. We are told to "Do this in remembrance of Me." Each week, the passage that is listed will be shown on the powerpoint screen. We encourage those who preside over the table to use the passages that are listed.

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## April

- 4 He is not here, for He has risen (Mt 28:6)
- 11 Declared to be the Son of God by the resurrection (Rom 1:4)
- 18 He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures (1 Cor 15:4)
- 25 For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead (1 Cor 15:21)



## May

- 2 You have been brought near by the blood of Christ (Eph 2:13)
- 9 We are redeemed by the blood of Christ (1 Pet 1:18-19)
- 16 This is My blood of the covenant which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins (Mt 26:28)
- 23 The blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin (1 Jn 1:7)
- 30 The cup is a sharing in the blood of Christ (1 Cor 10:16)

## June

- 6 This man has done nothing wrong (Lk 23:41)
- 13 You have been bought with a price (1 Cor 6:20)
- 20 He is the propitiation for our sins (1 Jn 2:2)
- 27 He was not abandoned to Hades (Acts 2:33)

## July

- 4 He was pierced for our transgressions (Isa 53:5)
- 11 The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him (Isa 53:5)
- 18 The Lord was pleased to crush Him (Isa 53:10)
- 25 Surely our griefs He Himself bore (Isa 53:4)

## August:

- 1 Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do (Lk 23:34)
- 8 My God, why have you forsaken Me? (Mt 27:46)
- 15 I thirst (Jn 19:28)
- 22 It is finished (Jn 19:29-30)
- 29 Father, into your hands I commit My spirit (Lk 23:46)

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## September:

- 5 What evil has He done? (Mt 27:23)
- 12 They shouted back, 'Crucify Him' (Mk 15:13)
- 19 Release for us Barabbas (Lk 23:18)
- 26 Truly this was the Son of God (Mt 27:54)

## October:

- 3 He became poor that we might become rich (2 Cor 8:9)
- 10 He died that we might live (Jn 10:10)
- 17 He came to save the lost (Lk 19:10)
- 24 He was tempted yet without sin (Heb 4:15)
- 31 He left footprints for us to follow (1 Pet 2:21-24)

## November:

- 7 He is the good shepherd (Jn 10:11)
- 14 He is our High Priest (Heb 4:14)
- 21 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift (2 Cor 9:15)
- 28 Salvation is a gift of God (Eph 2:8)

## December:

- 5 "...as it began to dawn on the first day of the week" (Mt 28:1)
- 12 "See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself" (Lk 24:39)
- 19 "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and rise again from the dead" (Lk 24:46)
- 26 You are witnesses of these things (Lk 24:48)





## Some of our Plans for 2021 that will help us to **RISE & BUILD**

- ❑ Many of our stable tools such as: Jump Starts, Quick Quotes, Friday Fives, Podcasts, Daily Bible Readings will continue this year.
  - These have a proven track record of teaching and encouraging and it is through the teaching of God's word that we build faith and strengthen souls.
- ❑ A summer series with a variety of talented preachers will be offered in July & August (see page 4 & 7).
  - This has become a favorite source of encouragement
- ❑ We want to allow more of our Christian men the opportunities to grow and develop. They will be used in a variety of different roles in our services, including preaching on Sunday evenings.
  - This develops more and allows them to use their talents as we Rise & Build
- ❑ It is our goal to appoint more shepherds and deacons this year.
  - Leading God's people is a great honor and a necessary step in Rising & Building



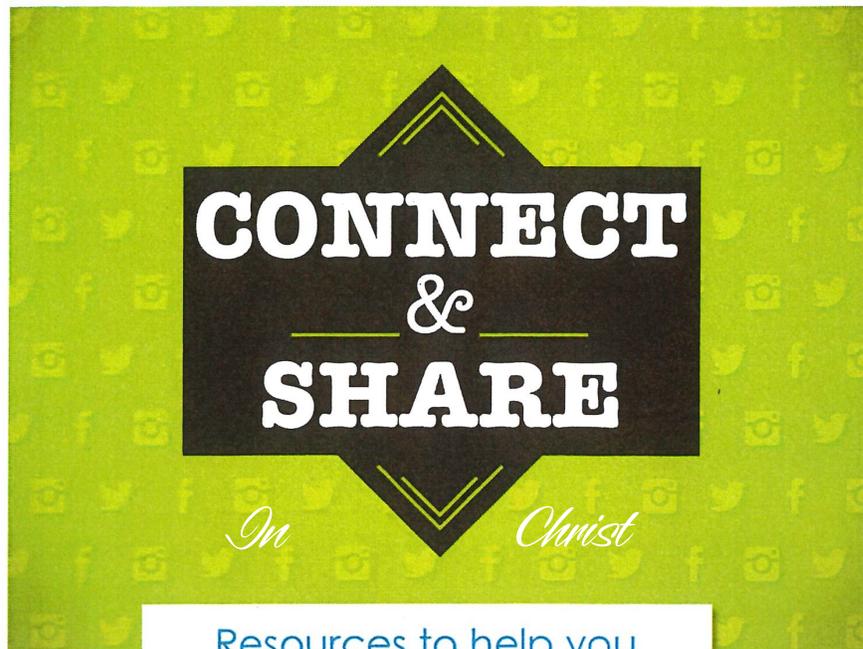
## Resources

The arsenal of available material from this congregation is extensive, massive and easy to find, share and use. Our website ([www.Charlestownroad.org](http://www.Charlestownroad.org)) is the main hub. From there you can access all of these resources and a wealth of classes, sermons, videos, podcasts, blogs that are archived from the past. This congregation also has active links on Facebook & Twitter. Every single day you can find the tools to build a strong, growing and active faith in the Lord! Use these tools to help you grow daily in the Lord!



## Weekly Sermons & Bible Classes





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