

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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Pastor Jim Mead

August 30, 2026

Prelude
Song In Christ Alone
Song Ancient Words
Welcome and Opportunities
Song Thou Art Worthy
Worship in Giving **
Scripture: Nehemiah 4:4 – 6
Message: Prayer or Planning: what is more effective?
Closing Song: Family of God
Postlude

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PRAYER REMINDERS

Genevieve Ferrari, Judy Paulson, Lynn Conklin, Virginia Carlson, Matthew Bergman, Dave Mead, Paul Clark, Gary Pruismann family, Violet O’Neil, Chris Bauer, Karen Richey, Doran Erickson, Lydia Dozier, Chad Mohr, Sue Bergman, Doug Miller, Dodie Flockhart, Morgan Jensen

Holding the Rope for: Jamie Strandberg
Converge
Mexico

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY	12:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Broadcast of our worship service on Cable Channel 14
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SEPTEMBER 27		Hymn Stories: Great is Thy Faithfulness
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OCTOBER 7	6:00 p.m.	CIA/WL4G
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OCTOBER 12	1:00 p.m.	Ladies’ Fellowship
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DECEMBER 20	10:00 a.m.	Family Christmas
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**Online giving available on our website and Facebook Page.

Funeral services for Gary Pruismann will be on September 1 at 2:00 pm at Foster’s funeral home in Webster City

What does it look like for our daily lives to revolve around Christ? That does not mean that we look for Mary in our toast, or images of Jesus in the water stains on the sidewalk; it means that everything we do, every day of our lives is filtered through this lens: does this reflect Jesus to others. That begins as we put His church in the center of our everyday lives.

“When the Method of Worship becomes more important than the Person of Worship, we have already Prostituted our Worship...” – Judson Cornwall

“If you’ve ever said, ‘I didn’t get anything out of worship today,’ you worshiped for the wrong reason. Worship isn’t for you, it’s for God.” – Rick Warren

Prayer or Planning: what is more effective?

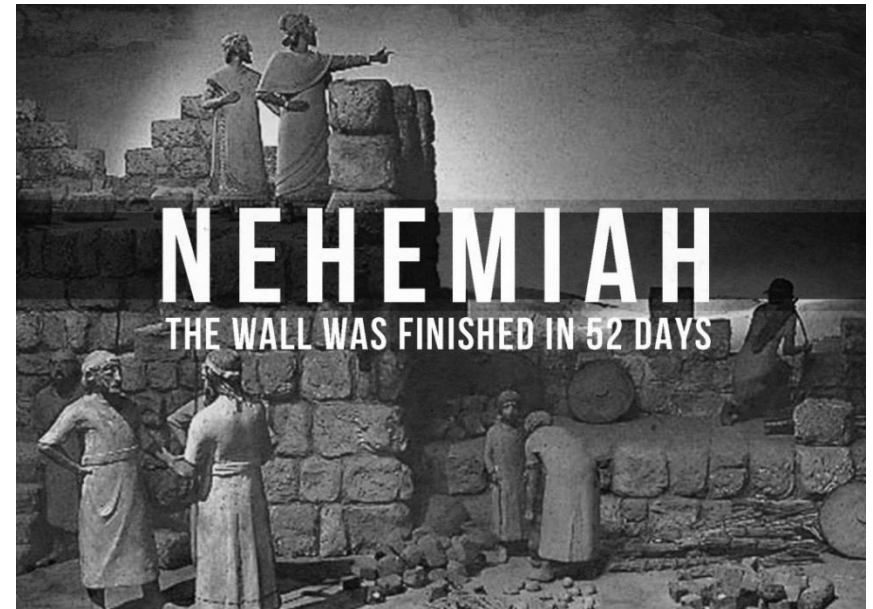
Scripture: Nehemiah 4

Proposition: We need prayer and productivity to work together...

I. Prayer and Performance recognize the Opposition

II. Prayer and Performance result in Preparation

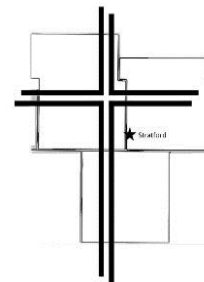
III. Prayer and Performance reveal Perseverance



*“...Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God, and
because of them we set a watch against them day and
night...”*

Nehemiah 4:9

Prayer or Performance?



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