THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP



WELCOME

IT'S GREAT TO SEE YOU.

NOVEMBER 15, 2026

AT THE HEIGHTS

SING WITH US!

We've been singing together through THF Sing for two months now, and we've loved hearing the amazing feedback from our church family! Are you part of it yet? Each weekday morning, THF Sing delivers a worship song and short devotional straight to your phone, including special content from your THF family every Wednesday. It's a great way to worship throughout the week, become familiar with the songs we sing on Sundays, and prepare your heart for worship together. Text "THFSING" to 79316 to join us!

CONNECT WITH US >

Access sermon notes, event details, Life Groups + more on our website!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED • MEDIA TEAM

Our Media Team needs volunteers! From running slides and sound to cameras and livestream, there are opportunities for all skill levels. If you are passionate about using technology to help people engage in worship, we'd love to have you! Email media@thflbk.org for details.

HAVE YOU DOWNLOADED THE HEIGHTS FELLOWSHIP APP?

The THF app is one of the easiest ways to stay connected throughout the week! Watch or catch up on sermons, submit prayer requests and pray for others, find upcoming events and registrations, give online, access helpful resources, and more—all in one place. Download the THF app and stay connected to what's happening at The Heights!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! • HOLIDAY SCHEDULE OVERVIEW

NOVEMBER 29 – One service at 9:30am

DECEMBER 13 – Annual Business Meeting after 11am service

DECEMBER 20 – Jingle Jam at 11am, normal service at 9:30am

DECEMBER 24 – Christmas Eve Service at 6:00pm

DECEMBER 27 – One service at 9:30am

JANUARY 3 – One Service at 9:30am

GIVING AT A GLANCE

NOVEMBER 8, 2026		YEAR TO DATE	
ACTUAL GIVING:	**$26,252.00**	*ACTUAL GIVING:*	**$823,873.66**
BUDGET NEEDS:	**$19,902.00**	*BUDGET NEEDS:*	**$884,218.00**

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NEHEMIAH

BUILDING A FAITH TO LAST A LIFETIME



Life Inside the Walls

The rebuilding of the walls was not just a physical task but also a spiritual endeavor. It represented the renewal of the covenant relationship between God and His people.

True or False?

The book of Nehemiah is about rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem.

Chapters 1-6 are about rebuilding the *wall*.

Chapters 7-13 are about restoring the __PEOPLE__.

Chapters 6 concludes the story about the WALL* but not *WORK

The closer you get to God, the more ***OPPOSITION*** you will face.
The more you ***ABIDE*** in God, the more ***SUSTAINED*** opposition.
The closer you get to finished, the more ***DISTRACTION*** you will incur.

— Nehemiah's enemies tried to __DIVERT__ his ***attention*** *6:1-4*
they tried to manipulate his mind away from the work at hand

— Nehemiah's enemies also tried to __DISTORT__ his ***allegiance*** *6:5-9*
they wanted to misrepresent his motives

— Nehemiah's enemies wanted to __DISRUPT__ his ***advancement*** *6:10-14*
their intention was to modify his mission

— Nehemiah's enemies wanted to __DISMANTLE__ his ***affiliations*** *6:15-19*
they wanted to misguide Nehemiah's models

Nehemiah 6:15-16 is a statement of ***TRIUMPH*** - but the next verse is a reminder that __THE JOB IS ONGOING!__

SOMETIMES THE MOST DANGEROUS PLACE FOR OUR FAITH AS AT THE END OF A VICTORY!

— ***MILESTONES*** are not finish lines for the child of God!

— The ***WALL*** was finished, but the __REAL WORK__ was just starting

THE WALK OF FAITHFULNESS CONTINUES

Nehemiah's troubles were not just limited to enemies without... those same enemies had INFILTRATED some of most influential families in Jerusalem

The Trouble With Tobiah *cf 6:17-19* -

Tobiah was not just an *external problem*...he was __IMBEDDED__ with some of the most ***influential*** families in Jerusalem *6:18*

'bound by an oath' = ***Mastered*** by a solemn ***PROMISE; lit 'lords of oath'***

v17 - ***MANY*** letters exchanged between Tobiah and 'the nobles of Judah'

Some Context -

All along, ***Tobiah*** *(along with Sanballat and Geshem and others)* were -

MOCKING Nehemiah and the work - *2:19, 4:1*
Had actively attempted to ***SABOTAGE*** the build *2:10*
Had ***ACCUSED*** Nehemiah and the builderse with treason *2:19; 6:5-9*
Had ***RIDICULED*** the work and workers *4:1-3*
Had ***THREATENED*** the effort *4:11*
Had ***PLOTTED*** against Nehemiah *6:1-4*
Had ***SLANDERED*** leadership *6:5-9*
Had ***PUT OUT A HIT*** on Nehemiah *6:10-14*
Were trying to ***FRIGHTEN*** and discourage the people *6:9*

IF THEY WERE DOING THIS TO NEHEMIAH, YOU CAN BET THEY WERE DOING THE SAME THING WITH THE NOBLES.

Tobiah had carefully allied himself with the Jewish nobility through ***MARRIAGE*** 6:18. Was related through ***TWO PROMINENT FAMILIES***

The family Shecaniah (Arah) *Ez 2:5, Neh 7:10*
The family of Meshullam (Meshezebel) *Neh 3:4,10:21*

Tobiah must have couched their *'PR Campaign'* as *'we need to work together,'* but the real reason was that Tobiah was trying to __INTIMIDATE__ and ***SUBVERT*** his authority *Nehemiah 6:19*

Setting Up the Next Work *Ch 7*

Nehemiah set up governance for Jerusalem - LAW AND ORDER

— ***Hanani*** - his brother *(cf 1:2)*
— ***Hananiah*** - the commander of the fortress
— Set about to ***REPOPULATE*** the city *7:5-ff; Ch 11*

THE CH 7 GENEALOGY (CF EZ2) WAS TO ESTABLISH WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THERE

#1 - **Learn to *DISCERN*** *v6:19*

#2 - **Stay** __FOCUSED__ *vv7:1-4* IT'S GOD'S WORK V3; KEEP YOUR PRIORITIES IN VIEW

Let us keep our eyes FIXED on Jesus, on whom our faith __DEPENDS__ from the beginning to end. Hebrews 12:2 tev

Above all else, GUARD YOUR HEART, for it affects everything you do. Prov 4:23 nlt

#3 - **Keep Your __STANDARDS__ High** *vv7:5-ff*

1 So then, my brothers, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer. 2 Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God — what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect. Romans 12:1-2 tev

#4 - __FINISH__ **the Job!** *v7:73*

Our ***GREAT WORK*** is to build up the __BODY OF CHRIST__ *Eph 4:12-16*

Notes from The Heights Fellowship *Series: Building a Faith to Last a Lifetime*

THF LifeNotes
Week of November 15, 2026

Nehemiah appointed his brother Hanani and Hananiah, the commander of the citadel, to oversee Jerusalem. What specific character traits does Nehemiah highlight in Hananiah (v2), and why would those qualities matter more than raw talent or status?

In our culture, it is easy to feel like just a number in a crowd or an algorithm. How does reading a chapter full of specific names—including some families whose records couldn't be verified (vv 61–65)—shape the way you view how God sees individuals in His church?

At the end of the chapter, the leaders and the rest of the people give generously toward the work of the temple. Notice how everyone gave according to their ability. What does this passage teach us about how a healthy church community funds and supports God's mission together?

We don't build walls around towns anymore, but the book of Nehemiah alludes to the great work of the church –**building up the body of Christ**, until everyone attains to the full stature of the image of the Lord Jesus Himself (Eph 4:12–16).

- What advice would you give to your LifeGroup to help persevere to this Great Work?

- Where might God be inviting you to move from being a spectator to taking responsibility for the health of our THF community?

PRAYER REQUESTS -