

# WELCOME! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE.

JAM! is offered at today's service for children ages newborn through 6th grade. Nursery/Toddlers are dropped off in room 162 upon arrival. Children ages three through 6th grade are checked in and accompany parents into worship until dismissed to classes.



Need prayer? Our deacons would love to pray with you. Join a deacon in the room behind the stage (Room 403) or turn in a prayer card following worship.



Check out our Events page on our website or on the NAPC App. Upcoming events include:



- Adult Small Groups begin February 5th
- New Member Class - last day to sign up: February 6th
- 222 Youth Night - February 5th and 19th
- 217 Youth Night (5th & 6th graders) - February 5th
- Boys to Men: Mother & Son Dinner - February 11th
- Preschool Kids Club - February 11th
- Save the date: VBS 2023 - July 31 - August 4

We invite you to give back to God by supporting the mission and ministries of NAPC. Text "NEWALBANY" to (833) 245-5652, visit our GIVE page, or drop your offering in the box upon exiting.



(Referred to in today's sermon)

In the decade of the 2020s, NAPC will become, all by God's grace, a hub for Gospel outreach in our community, our region, and the world. We will grow to be Biblically fluent, joyful, courageous disciples of Jesus in a culture that is confused about or hostile towards the message of the Cross. Every member of our church will pray fervently for the salvation of people around them, and will develop loving relationships that point people to Jesus. We will be missionaries and servants, not consumers. We will have the facilities to welcome people to Sunday worship, small groups, theological study, leadership development and intergenerational community. We will raise our children up to know and love Jesus. We will build a gym as part of a wider strategy to reach out to non-believers in New Albany. Within our region and world, we will go! We will train and partner with Reformed pastors in central Ohio, and we will invest heavily in the EPC patron/partner/planter strategy. We will help 5 new or revitalized churches to accomplish their Gospel-centered mission. We will continue to engage in ministry across cultures beyond our community and region, to the ends of the earth.

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### **Nehemiah 8:1-12**

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the Lord had commanded Israel. <sup>2</sup> So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. <sup>3</sup> And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. <sup>4</sup> And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And beside him stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah, and Maaseiah on his right hand, and Pedaiah, Mishael, Malchijah, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Zechariah, and Meshullam on his left hand. <sup>5</sup> And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. <sup>6</sup> And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. <sup>7</sup> Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law, while the people remained in their places. <sup>8</sup> They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

<sup>9</sup> And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." <sup>11</sup> So the Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved." <sup>12</sup> And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

### **Sermon Notes:**

January

**2 Corinthians 5:17** - Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.