

Groundbreaking Ceremony
 For New Youth Activities Building
“Preparing for Rain”
 2 Chronicles 7:14-16

There are a lot of challenges that have had to be overcome to be at this place today.

This land was dedicated to the work of _____ and the building up of _____.

Through the years every prayer has simply asked that God would _____ on us.

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore making disciples of all nations, baptizing in the name of Jesus Christ and continuing to teach all that I have commanded. And lo I will be with you always.”

In this place souls have been won, baptized, taught, and molded into the likeness of Jesus Christ and set free to serve.

Things have changed over the years. When the Vandalia Church was started, there were no cars, no telephones and no internet.

If you wanted to be part of a church – you got up and went by _____!

Here we are --- still here in this place --- still doing what God has called us to do. Preach the Word, love the sinner, but hate the sin as we strive to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

Times have _____, people have _____, but our God _____.

Numbers 23:19 James 1:17

Preacher Bob Russel says that --- “Methods are many, principles are few, methods always change, principles never do.”

Holding on to Biblical principles we must change some of our methods for reaching and teaching.

That is why we are looking to build this new building. So that we might have a new tool for doing ministry.

Sometimes we must move beyond ourselves and our comfort zones and _____ and show us new adventures and ways to do His will.

We can't look at just the _____ --- we must look ahead to what _____. We must prepare for _____!

Revelation 3:7-8

The nation of Israel was a blessed nation who was loved by God until _____.

Ezra 3:10-11

_____ comes in many shapes and sizes but so does _____.

In the story of Nehemiah – when word got out that the people were planning on doing something good – opposition arose and Satan tried to foil the process.

Nehemiah 2:10 Nehemiah 2:19 Nehemiah 4:3

By faith we must and will move forward seeking Wisdom from the Lord and work together as a unified body for the Glory of the Lord.

In Nehemiah's story all the Israelites took part in rebuilding the temple and the wall that surrounded Jerusalem. With a shovel or trowel in one hand and a sword in the other they worked – keeping an eye alert and open for _____ and an eye on the _____.

When the first temple was completed by King Solomon and the time of dedication had come – the Lord spoke to Solomon.

2 Chronicles 7:11-16

I believe that the Lord has chosen and consecrated this body of believers to to bear His name and live according to His promise.

To receive the blessings of the _____ -- we too must: _____ ourselves and _____ and seek His _____ and turn from any _____.

“God is good; his love endures forever.”

When people ask “WHAT'S GOING ON HERE? You can tell them we are _____. And we are expecting a _____.

Till the Lord comes back and call us home may we continue to do His work for His Glory!