



The Vine & Branch

August 2026

"I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." John 15:5

**CYBERSECURITY
WITH WADE MCCAIN
AUGUST 14
COLLEGE LIFE SPACE
9:00AM- 2:00PM
COST FOR LUNCH: \$10
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**August 19th-
Night of Worship
Worship Center 6:00pm**

**August 25- Women on Mission-
topic UNBOUND NOW (human
trafficking)
Fellowship Hall 10:30am**

Photos from Oberhelman Group Life fellowship



**Hymn Sing
August 23
5:00pm
Room 231
*please note new
location**



Save the Date

September 15-Fall Kickoff
11:00am Fellowship Hall
Cost for lunch \$10

October 13- Lunch and Learn
11:00am Fellowship Hall
Cost for lunch \$10



MAKE JESUS OUR ALL & SHARE HIM WITH ALL



Abiding Thoughts from Pastor David

Have you ever been in a season of great victories, but at the same time were bombarded by evil influences from all sides? In the Book of Nehemiah, we read of this scenario. Nehemiah was the cupbearer of King Aertexes. He had served in this capacity for years. He was a trusted and faithful servant and found favor in the eyes of the king. One of Nehemiah's brothers came to visit him and reported that "the remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire." (Nehemiah 1:3). Years before, King Cyrus had allowed the Jews to return to their land and rebuild the Temple, Jerusalem, and their towns and villages. Nehemiah reminds us, in this moment in redemptive history, that in His grace God offers us bright hope of fresh starts and new beginnings – which we all are in desperate need of. Even though the king allowed this, the Jews, including Nehemiah, faced great opposition. The reigning government officials did not want to see the Temple and Jerusalem restored. The opposition was so great that the Jews would carry building materials in one hand and swords and spears in the other. Obviously, the people were fearful, but Nehemiah encourages them, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes." (Nehemiah 4:14). When the enemy heard that their destructive plan had been revealed and that God had frustrated their plan, all the people returned to the wall, each to his own work. The rallying cry of the people became, "Our God will fight for us." Considering Israel's bright hope of fresh starts and new beginnings, they faced great adversity, Nehemiah and the people turned to God in prayer for help. May these words be our prayer today:

See you Sunday,
David G.

Lord, when I am about your work,
giving my heart and hands
to your calling,
when your way
is more important than
my way
and when opposition comes,
please give me the grace
to resist fear,
to not return for evil,
to fight discouragement's darkness,
to not forsake your work,
but to run to you
in confidence and hope.
You are my refuge.
You are my defender.
You are my confidence.
You defeat what I cannot.
You give power when I am weak.

You quiet my fears.
You comfort and encourage.
I never do your work alone.
You are always with me
in power,
with grace,
fulfilling your promises.
Help me to remember
that though the opposition is great,
in the glory of your glory
you are infinitely greater.
I run once more to you,
my Lord and defender,
asking you to do in me and for me
what I cannot do for myself,
and to do to my oppressors
what you in your holiness
know is right to do.

Paul David Tripp, Everyday Gospel Bible, pp.602-603