

# Shepherd's Voice

By Gordon Bond

## "All for One and One for All"

In 1622 Louis XIII of France armed his light cavalry with muskets and summarily named them "The Musketeers of the Guard". This battle unit fought both on foot and on horseback. They formed the royal guard for the king while he was outside of the royal residences. In 1844, the French novelist Alexandre Dumas wrote a novel chronicling the adventures of a young man named d'Artagnan after he leaves home and travels to Paris to join the Musketeers of the Guard. D'Artagnan is not one of the musketeers of the title; those are his friends Athos, Porthos, and Aramis, inseparable friends who live by the motto "all for one, one for all".

This Musketeer motto reminds me of the call of Nehemiah to the people of Judah as he rallied them to rebuild Jerusalem's ravaged walls (Nehemiah 2:17).

17 Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace." 18 I also told them about the gracious hand of my God on me and what the king had said to me.

They replied, "Let us start rebuilding." So they began this good work."

Around 445BC Nehemiah called the people to UNIFIED ACTION, "Come, let us rebuild". Each one was to have a part, no one was exempt, and everyone was called to participate. Nehemiah called them to a UNIFIED GOAL, upon completion "we will no longer be in disgrace". Jerusalem's broken wall and burned gates were a mark of shame to the nation of Israel. For 142 years, the rubble of Jerusalem had been a daily, visible reminder of God's punishment, meted out by the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon in 587BC on Israel for their sins of unfaithfulness. Under Nehemiah's leadership, the people joined as one and completed the wall in 52 days - and this in spite of serious opposition! Upon completion of the newly built wall, Nehemiah called the nation to UNIFIED WORSHIP as Ezra read the Law before all the people (Chapter 8). The people mourned as they heard God's Word and measured their actions against its holiness. Nehemiah then called the nation to UNIFIED REPENTANCE (Chapter 9). The nation put on sackcloth and ashes and acknowledged their sins before God (Nehemiah 9:36-37).

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## Those Serving in May

Sunday Assignments:	May 5	May 12
Song Leader	(1) John Tooke (2) Daniel Hudgeons	(1) Gordon Bond (2) Daniel Hudgeons
Scripture Reading	(1) Jason Rankin (2) Nathan Burrows	(1) Greg Barber (2) Paul Rickett
Preside/Communion	(1) Jonathan Colvin (2) Nick Starnes	(1) Jake Wesson (2) Frank Foshee
Prayer/Opening	(1) Derek Gilmer (2) Steven Cooper	(1) Barry Holder (2) Jack Martin
Prayer/Closing	(1) Brian Smith (2) Don Silvestri	(1) John Tooke (2) Andy Pennington
Cards	(1) Hayden Wiles (2) Ethan Rickett	(1) Dylan Ussery (2) Brodie Janski
Nursery (1st Service)	Debbie Lambert / Mary Smith	Freda Fowler / Cindy Dunseath
Nursery (2nd Service)	Christi Brandon / Daughters	Tina Tribble / Judi Keeth

Sunday Assignments:	May 19	May 26
Song Leader	(1) Tim Stroud (2) Chad Hearne	(1) Daniel Hudgeons (2) Tim Stroud
Scripture Reading	(1) Noah Myers (2) Ryan Overbay	(1) Cody Cagle (2) Bill King
Preside/Communion	(1) Alan Buchanan (2) Mike Chunn	(1) Jeremy Ussery (2) Kent Vetsch
Prayer/Opening	(1) Andy Messer (2) Clyde Anthony	(1) Chad Hearne (2) Micah Mahan
Prayer/Closing	(1) Mark Sexson (2) Jeremy Lowe	(1) Andrew Johnson (2) Randy Hudgeons
Cards	(1) Stephen Chesshir (2) Jake Tatam	(1) Luke Ussery (2) Landry Mahan
Nursery (1st Service)	Cindy Ledbetter / Daughters	Kinsey Copeland / Kristen Woodard
Nursery (2nd Service)	Nancy Head / Brenda Chunn	Penny & Rachel Hinson

Monthly Assignments:		
Ushers:	(1) Chuck Shipp, Brad Smith	(2) Sam Janski, Gary Poole, David Brandon
Serve Communion:	(1) Johnnie Dexter, Jeff Hinton Nathan Moreland, Carl Gaines	(2) Casey Carroll, Bill King Steven Hopwood, Tim Capps Mark Ashley, Mark Epperson

*Please call the office if you cannot serve*

Wednesday Assignments:		
May 8	(Sing) Ben Burlison (Pray) Allan Myers	
May 15	(Sing) Alex Stroud (Pray) Jake Wesson	
May 22	(Sing) Jed Myers (Pray) Taylor Francis	
May 29	(Sing) Noah Myers (Pray) Cody Sublett	

*Those serving on Sunday Mornings  
Please meet in the conference room  
a few minutes before services.  
Thank you for serving.*



## May Newsletter

### 2013 High School Graduates



Our 2013 Graduates are:

Rebecca Brandon - Brooklyn Keylon  
Hailey Lachowsky - Cameron Phillips  
Jordan Richard - Molly Shipp  
Allen Taylor - Tyler Vetsch

CHURCH OF CHRIST  
Robinson & Center

**A New Chapter**

On Sunday, April 28, seven seniors were honored at our annual Senior Banquet. I am proud of each one of them for their accomplishments, and my prayer for them is that each one will seek God in every way possible that an opportunity presents itself. Some have the dream of going to college in pursuit of a degree. Some have the dream of going straight into working in a field they enjoy. Wherever life takes each of them, my prayer is that each one passionately pursues Christ and changes the world in many ways.

I want to personally thank every single person that pitched in to make the Greek filled Senior Banquet possible. Mr. Mike Baker, it is always such a pleasure to hear you come with things off the top of your head that are humorous and spontaneous. You certainly make the event worthwhile. Also to those who decorated, Melanie Garrett, Leanne Bland, Kim Gary, Lorie Capps, Keith Moreland, Debbie Moreland, Hannah Colvin, and those I might have forgotten to mention, thank you for helping make this event possible. This was certainly a job well done.

God longs for you to share His love for you with others. One thing is most important: Love God and love others first. Thanks again to everyone who helped make this new chapter of these seniors' lives special.

- Jonathan Colvin

Don & Kim Silvestri  
invite you to join them as their daughter  
Chelsea Toler Silvestri  
is united in marriage to  
Matthew Brennan McShane  
Saturday, May 4th at 4:30  
Petit Jean Mountain  
(behind the Visitors Center - Reception will follow)

**GROWTH  
GROUPS  
Final Meeting  
May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
  
Growth Groups  
will NOT meet  
on Mother's Day

# May R&C Calendar

SCH Homecoming - May 4, 10:00

Daughters of God @10 - May 4

Ultimate Paintball @ 1 - May 4

**5** 5th & 6th Grade  
ACTS AWARDS  
Sunday after GG's

Spring Youth Retreat - May 10-12  
**"BE the REVOLUTION"**

**12** Area-Wide Devo  
Enola - 4:00

Women Serving Solo  
Salad Potluck - May 16 at 6:00  
hosted by Linda Bettis

**19** Youth - Trillium Park @ 3  
  
Growth Group 22  
Fellowship/Saml Aud.

Sunday Morning  
College Class  
will meet through  
the summer.

**Building Fund Contribution**  
**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Building Fund Total: \$439,000**

**26** In-Home Devo  
At the Myers'

To add an event to the calendar,  
call the office by the 25th of the  
month before the event.

**Coming UP in JUNE:**  
June 1 - Night Owls - 5:00-8:00 - sign-up  
June 2 - Baby Shower for Morgan Cummings  
June 2 - Sip-n-See - Porter Bravo (after p.m. service)  
June 8 - Building Fund Auction

**Shepherd's Voice (Continued)**

"But see, we are slaves today, slaves in the land you gave our ancestors so they could eat its fruit and the other good things it produces. 37 Because of our sins, its abundant harvest goes to the kings you have placed over us. They rule over our bodies and our cattle as they please. We are in great distress."

Finally, Nehemiah called the nation to UNIFIED RECOMMITMENT, Chapter 10 chronicles the signing of a covenant by the people before God. The covenant pledged a commitment to purity and exclusive worship of the one true God.

If God wills and the Lord tarries, we will soon embark on construction of a new place of worship for the R&C family. As we approach this task, let's take the opportunity to build anew our spiritual house as well. Let's be UNIFIED in ACTION as we build together with each one having and doing their part, UNIFIED in GOAL as we construct a building of living stones who reach outward into our communities and whose lights shine for all to see and be drawn to the Lord, UNIFIED in WORSHIP as we uphold God's Word as our only standard and guide and the mirror by which we judge only ourselves, UNIFIED in REPENTANCE for sins that have held us captive in the past, and UNIFIED in RECOMMITMENT to purity, worship, thanksgiving, praise and service to the one true God.

As we build together, let's give our all for the One who gave His all for us! Praise be to God!

**Meeting Schedule**  
Early Service ..... 8:15  
Bible Classes..... 9:30  
2nd Service ..... 10:30  
Sunday Evening..... 5:00  
Wednesday..... 7:00

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**April Averages**  
Sunday Worship ..... 538  
Sunday AM Class ..... 338  
Sunday Night (GG). . . . 338  
Wed. Bible Study. . . . . 269  
Contribution. . . . . \$14,444