

Launching Ahead Together

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"I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18 (ESV)

Two Keys To Building His Church:

1. God D _____ people to Himself. (John 12:32)
2. God D _____ to use ordinary people. (Acts 4:13)

Two Cautions To Building His Church:

Let's watch out for D _____ and D _____.

So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart. ... 10 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall." ... 14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, "Don't be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes."

Nehemiah 4:6-14 (NIV)

What is Jesus calling us to pursue at GPC:

To raise up committed Christ followers in a healthy church community.

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (NIV)

This year God desires for us to be ...

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| M _____ of His character | (1 Timothy 4:12) | "Pursue Him daily" |
| M _____ of His family | (Ephesians 2:19) | "Connect in groups" |
| M _____ of His grace | (1 Peter 4:10) | "Serve on Teams" |
| M _____ of His love | (2 Cor. 5:20) | "Love our neighbors" |

Two Broad Values To Pursue Together:

Let's b _____ to God. (Matthew 5:16)

Let's b _____ to new people. (Romans 15:7)