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Nehemiah 2

I want to re-read one more thing and that is from Nehemiah, his word about it. After he had prayed and prayed hard, he said, “I said to them, you see the trouble we’re in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem so that we may no longer suffer disgrace.”

Two weeks ago, St. Andrew’s managed to take up communion rail offerings for Bertha Whyte, a missionary who lives in the Rio Grande Valley who has been helping families who are experiencing the devastations of poverty but also some of the devastations of hurricane Emily that came through just a few months ago. We also took up another offering for United Methodist Committee on Relief. The two offerings combined on September 4th equaled \$5,100.00. St. Andrew’s can help when it comes to it and we’ve managed to do that gloriously and faithfully. We see the need and we respond to it. Jerusalem needs your help, this Jerusalem, and so we are going to ask you if you would to please consider prayerfully how you might help us out. We are responding with a three-year campaign. We are asking folks to prayerfully consider how they might help over the next three years. The ushers are passing out some cards that are pledge cards. Please pray about how you might respond, how you would help us out with this. This is our opportunity to give God’s house some much needed attention and some much needed loving. Pray about this for a few moments. The ushers will give you these cards. If you are a visitor among us this morning, I want to apologize for this because this is not normally what we do, but bear with us as we try desperately to take care of some housekeeping of our church. This is something that we need to take care of. And please understand that I know and the trustees know that the church is more than brick and mortar and steel, but we do have these problems that have to be addressed before they get more costly and deteriorate even further. It’s been said that the light that shines the farthest shines the brightest at home and it is my prayer and my hope that St. Andrew’s will continue to shine brightly for generations of people yet to come.

We’ll give you just a moment to pray about this. If you would like to take the cards home, please feel free to do so. You can mail them back to the church. You can bring them by the office any time you would like. The ushers will be receiving them for those who would like to deliver them at the end of our service in the Narthex as you leave the Sanctuary this morning.