

Welcome

January 18, 2026



If you are visiting with us this morning, please take a moment and complete a C.A.R.E. card and drop it in the offering plate **OR** scan the **QR** code.



Morning Worship

“How Great Thou Art”

Welcome and Prayer

“How Great is Our God”

“Agnus Dei”

“Holy Forever”

Offertory Prayer:

Offertory Music:

Message: Studying to Understand

Nehemiah 8:1-8

Invitation: **“What A Friend we have in Jesus”**

Benediction:

Postlude:

Upcoming Events:

- Midweek is Back 5:45 pm
 - Kids Lock-in Jan 16th
 - Men's Breakfast Jan 17th 8am
 - Church Council Jan 18th 4pm
 - Church Conference Jan 25th 11am
- **Tithe and Offering as of last Sunday: \$2,756.70**

Greeters: Vicki Willis & Billy Blanton

Next Week – 01/25: Larry Gamble & Nina Willis



1) _____ in the Word (Nehemiah 8:1–3)

They **gathered**

They **asked** for Scripture

They **listened attentively** for hours.

1) Make it a decision, not a drift

2) Start small, but start today

3) Treat it like bread, not homework

2) _____ the Word (Nehemiah 8:4-6)

They **stood** when the Word was opened.

They **responded**: “Amen, Amen!”

They **worshiped**.

To receive the Word, I have to come with:

- **Focus**: “Lord, I’m listening.”
- **Openness**: “Lord, correct me.”
- **Humility**: “Lord, I need help.”
- **Expectation**: “Lord, speak.”

3) _____ the Word (Nehemiah 8:7-8)

Steps for understanding:

What did it mean then? (original audience, original context)

What does it mean always? (timeless truth about God/people)

How do I live it now? (application)

Questions to shape our understanding:

Question 1: What does this passage say about God?

What is His character here? His holiness? His mercy? His authority? His plan?

Question 2: What does this passage say about people?

What does it expose about the human heart? Sin? Fear? Pride? Need?

Question 3: What does this passage say about relating to God and others?

Is there a command to obey, a relationship to restore, a habit to change?

Question 4: What does this passage want me to think or believe?

What truth must I embrace? What lie must I reject? What worldview is being shaped?