



# CENTRAL SHELBY CHURCH OF CHRIST

working and worshipping together to serve the Lord



*"Jesus answered and said to her,  
'Whoever drinks of this water will thirst  
again, but whoever drinks of the water that I  
shall give him will become in him a fountain of  
of water springing up into everlasting life.'" (John 4:13, 14)*

## THERE IS WORK THAT WE ALL CAN DO

When Nehemiah came to Jerusalem to rebuild its walls, he received tremendous help from his Jewish comrades. Workers of all varieties came 'out of the woodwork' to aid in the project. Many merchants assisted in the building, including "goldsmiths" and "perfumers" (3:8). Women helped (3:12). The priests (including the high priest) and the Levites as well built their part (3:1,17). While there were a few "nobles" who "did not put their shoulders to the work of their Lord," yet for the most part the percentage of the remnant who participated in the job was phenomenal. Further, there is no record of complaining or bickering over who would build what. People did their work, whether they were building "the Fountain Gate" or the gate for taking out the garbage (3:14-15). Each one found a piece of the wall they could help on and got to the work. They "had a mind to work" (4:6). No wonder, then, that "the wall was finished... in fifty-two days" (6:15).

Beloved, there is work to be done in the kingdom of God today, and no task assigned by our Lord is too small. Did not our Lord say, "And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward"? (Matthew 10:42). Let us find what work we can do in the kingdom (both individually and collectively in a local church) and 'put our shoulders to the work.' Truly, there is work that we all can do!

--Mike Noble