

**Dennis R. Wiles
First Baptist Arlington
September 22, 2024**

**FALL 2024
Together . . . *for the Future*
September 1 – November 2, 2024
Preaching Voice: Shepherd**

***Planning and Zoning*
Ezra 5:1-2; Nehemiah 2:17-18**

Theme for 2024: *Together*

Theme for Fall 2024: *Together . . . for the Future*

Lessons for Re-Building (or Building)

- Kneeology: We must begin with prayer!**
- You Are Here: We must accept an honest assessment!**

**Sermon Title: *Planning and Zoning*
Text: Ezra 5:1-2; Nehemiah 2:17-18**

CONTEXT: In Ezra 3, Zerubbabel and Joshua led Israel to begin the re-construction of the Temple in Jerusalem. They gathered materials and assembled the construction team. After the foundation was laid, opposition to the project mounted and the work ceased for 16 years. Finally, the re-building project began again! In Nehemiah 2, Nehemiah inspires the leaders of Jerusalem to come together and re-build the wall around the city.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

- 1. “Resolve” is the secret sauce in the journey of re-building.**

- 2. As believers, we draw upon the wisdom, guidance, and inspiration we receive from our God.**
- 3. Re-building requires individual tenacity as well as community support.**
- 4. Re-building is not a seamless enterprise ----- we should expect setbacks.**
- 5. A dream is not a plan. Re-building requires careful planning and implementation.**