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

***Overcoming Obstacles*
Ezra 4:4-5; 5:3-5; Nehemiah 4:1-23**

Theme for 2024: *Together*

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Lessons for Re-Building (or Building)

- Kneeology: We must begin with prayer!**
- You Are Here: We must accept an honest assessment!**
- Planning and Zoning: Make a plan and get to work!**

**Sermon Title: *Planning and Zoning*
Text: Ezra 4:4-5; 5:3-5; Nehemiah 4:1-23**

CONTEXT: In Ezra 4 and 5 we read of the opposition faced by the Jews who were attempting to re-build the Temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah 4 records the obstacles faced by Nehemiah and his workers as they were re-building the wall around Jerusalem.

LESSONS TO BE LEARNED

- 1. In any journey of building or re-building, obstacles are inevitable.**

2. Obstacles can have a positive effect---they can force us to be more focused and determined.

3. Obstacles can be overcome!

4. Pray!

5. Often, we have to make real adjustments to face obstacles.

6. Obstacles can be overcome!