

Sabbath sundown: 5:37 PM
Sabbath Services 2:30 PM Columbia and KC

Assignments for TODAY, February 8 for Columbia/KC

Pianist: Heather Hare/Marlene Dallas
Song Leader: Brad Anderson/Matt Caple
Sermonette: Larry MacArthur/Ray Harris
Sermon: HQ Sermon

NEXT SABBATH February 15 –No services
Services will be webcast from Branson at 2:00 PM
Access webcast via Kansas City website:
<http://cogwa.tv/webcasts/kansascity>

February 22 – Services at 2:30 PM in Columbia
Potluck/game night

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Feb 14-16 Branson President's Day Weekend
Feb 21 Friday Night Live Bible Study
Feb 22 Columbia Potluck/Game night
Mar 20 Friday Night Live Bible Study

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**25th Annual Branson Presidents' Day Family Weekend
February 14-16, 2020**

The big weekend is only a week away. It looks like it will be the largest one by far. We have filled the grand plaza hotel (150 rooms) and are putting people in the overflow property (still plenty of room there).

It all begins next Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the ninth floor restaurant area for the reception and fellowship. Those bringing food for that event please bring it to the 9th floor before 5:30.

Seminars will start Sabbath morning at 10:00 a.m. Services will be at 2:00 p.m. at the white house theatre west wing. All other Saturday events will take place at the theatre.

If you still want to join us for dinner I must hear from you via email by Sunday. You can pay for the meal after Sabbath Saturday evening.

Please continue to pray for the weather. As of now it looks like it will be nice weather in the 40's.

Hope to see many of you next Sabbath for the 25th Branson Presidents' Day family weekend.

FI to Sponsor Spanish and English Educational Tour of Israel in 2021

Foundation Institute is currently planning our next travel education tour to Israel, tentatively scheduled from June 1-8, 2021. We are excited to announce that, for the first time in our history, we are offering a bilingual tour of Israel in both Spanish and English.

Our plan is to have one 48-passenger coach for Spanish-speaking brethren (which will be led by a Spanish-speaking Israeli guide and include Spanish-speaking ministers) and a second 48-passenger coach operating in English. Both coaches will visit the same sites. We will all stay in the same hotels; we will share meals together; and we will hold Sabbath services together in Spanish with English translation for those who need it. As one young man put it, we will have one English-language coach and one fiesta coach.

All are welcome to apply, but because of the unique nature of this bilingual tour, we must give priority to certain applicants. First priority will be given to those from Latin America who speak only Spanish. If we have additional room on that coach, we will next give priority to those from other areas who speak both

Spanish and English. Finally, we will fill out the English-language coach with those who speak only English. In all cases we will give priority to those who are participating for the first time.

We will offer multiple travel options for our brethren traveling from Latin America. We are too far out from the travel date to announce a firm cost, but we estimate that we will be able to offer prices similar to our past Israel trips ([see estimated pricing in the fact sheet on the information table](#)).

The trip will follow an itinerary similar to our past education tours, starting in the northern part of Israel and ending in the city of Jerusalem. The trip will include visits to:

- Caesarea, Megiddo and Mount Carmel.
- The Sea of Galilee and northern Israel—Mount of the Beatitudes, Nazareth and Tel Dan.
- The Jordan Valley—Beth Shean, Qumran, Masada.
- Jerusalem—Temple Mount, City of David, Hezekiah's Tunnel, Western Wall, Golgotha and the Garden Tomb, Yad Vashem, etc.

We will tour on air-conditioned coaches with professionally trained Israeli guides. There will also be on-site lectures from FI instructors and ministers, as well as Sabbath services in Jerusalem. For those interested in this trip, please consider that by early June, it becomes very hot and dry in Israel, and there is a great deal of walking over uneven ground in these trips. If the heat or walking would be a problem for you, this trip would probably be too physically demanding.

[Please refer to the fact sheet \(on information table\) for more information and instructions on how to register for this trip.](#)

We hope you will consider this exciting opportunity!
David Johnson and Erik Jones

GREETERS AND SOUND:Columbia

	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>Sound</u>
Feb 8	Doug Ross	Erica Lake/Kyle Degagne
Feb 15	No services in Columbia	
Feb 22	David Willis	Erica Lake/Delvin Mellerup

REFRESHMENTS for February 8: Columbia

Lois Martin Carrie Mellerup
Glenna Mongler

REFRESHMENTS for February 22: Columbia

Beverly Christal Marlene Dallas
Alyssa Degagne Jodie Enoch

ANNIVERSARIES FOR FEBRUARY Columbia

Doug & Linda Morgan	2/14/1987	33 years
Eric & Sheila Wilson	2/26/1972	48 years

BIBLE QUIZ – Nehemiah (Answers below)

1. What caused Nehemiah's initial distress? (*Nehemiah 1:2-3*)
 - a. An order by Artaxerxes that caused great burdens to the Jewish people living in Persia.
 - b. A report that the Jews back in Jerusalem had been slaughtered by the neighboring tribes.
 - c. A report that Jerusalem was in distress, and the walls were broken down.
 - d. Discovering that his king was ill and near death.
2. Nehemiah worked in the Persian palace. What was his job? (*Nehemiah 1:11*)
 - a. Cupbearer to the king

- b. Baker/cook
 - c. Priest
 - d. Head of the Persian treasury
 - e. Lawnmower maintenance
3. What request of Nehemiah's was granted by the king? (*Nehemiah 2:5-6*)
 - a. To lower the burden of taxes on the Persian Jews.
 - b. To send financial help to the people in Jerusalem.
 - c. To allow him to marry Artaxerxes' daughter.
 - d. To allow him to travel to Judah.
 4. When Nehemiah went to view the walls, he passed by and/or viewed FIVE of the following places. Can you find the real Jerusalem landmarks versus the ones made up? (*Nehemiah 2:13-15*)
 - a. The Valley Gate
 - b. The Lord's Garden
 - c. Altar of Zion
 - d. Serpent Well
 - e. The King's Pool
 - f. Fountain of David
 - g. Solomon's Tower
 - h. Fountain Gate
 - i. Refuse Gate
 - j. The Statue of Liberty
 5. What was Nehemiah's master plan for rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem? (*Nehemiah 3:1-32*)
 - a. Each person would repair a section nearest to where they lived.
 - b. The workers from Sidon would make the most difficult repairs, and those less-skilled would make the easier ones.
 - c. The workers who came with Nehemiah would make the repairs, while the Jews worked to provide food and compensation for them.
 - d. The gold and silver that Artaxerxes sent with Nehemiah would be more than enough to pay skilled workers, while Nehemiah attended to the spiritual problems of the Jews.
 6. How did Nehemiah counteract threats of possible attack from enemies during the rebuilding effort? (*Nehemiah 4:16*)
 - a. He sent word to Artaxerxes the king and asked for additional protection.
 - b. He took the Jews who were least able to do construction work and created a small army that patrolled the walls.
 - c. He instructed everyone to fast and pray for God's protection.
 - d. He had half of the workers repairing the walls, while the other half stood guard.
 - e. He planted land mines outside the walls.
 7. When the concern about being attacked had diminished, what internal problem did Nehemiah face? (*Nehemiah 5:1-13*)
 - a. Some of the Jews had made a large wooden idol and were sacrificing to it.
 - b. The wealthier Jews were loaning money to the poor and creating hardships for them through interest charges.
 - c. Since the walls had been repaired, some of the Jews wanted to change the name of Jerusalem to "Wally World."
 - d. There was an adulterous situation involving one of the rulers.
 - e. The Jews who had arrived at Jerusalem first were claiming specific rights to food and lands.
 8. How did Nehemiah set a positive example of unselfishness? (*Nehemiah 5:14*)
 - a. He loaned money to the people without interest.
 - b. He did not take advantage of the people's belongings.
 - c. He personally worked longer on the wall repair than anyone else.
 - d. He redeemed several of the Jewish people's children from servitude with his own money.
 - e. He never entered the game until the fourth inning.

Answers:

- * 1. c
- * 2. a
- * 3. d
- * 4. a,d,e,h,i
- * 5. a
- * 6. d
- * 7. b
- * 8. b