

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER**  
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**THE LORD'S DAY**  
**July 19, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM**

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin  
Piano  
Announcements Ron Mock

**MEDITATION**

Habakkuk 2:4

Scripture Reading and Prayer	Psalm 100
Hymn 224	“We Have Come into His House”
Pastoral Prayer	
Hymn 393	“Breathe on Me Breath of God”
Message	Dr. Brian Albrecht
Hymn 731	“Onward Christian Soldiers”
Benediction	

**THE MINISTRY OF MISSION**

**For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.**

Church Camp at Circle C July 27<sup>th</sup> – August 1<sup>st</sup>  
VBS August 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup>  
Church Picnic August 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Baptisms August 23<sup>rd</sup>

**\*The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary\***

**THIS WEEK'S EVENTS**

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up  
Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck  
No Precept study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Wendy Baldwin  
No Wednesday Bible study at 9:30am with Jim O'Rourke  
No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was  
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

1. The book of Habakkuk differs from the regular addresses of the prophets who ministered to Israel. While other prophets spoke for God to men, Habakkuk takes the complaint of the people to God (similar to Jonah among the prophets and Job among the poetic books). There is a cry in his voice because of the wickedness of the people in Judah. This must have been extremely frustrating to Habakkuk, who had seen King Josiah institute many religious reforms (II Kings 22-23), even abolishing the many idolatrous practices of his father Amon (2 Kings 21:20-22) and his grandfather Manasseh (II Kings 21:11-13).
2. The response of God is given in the keystone of the whole book—Habakkuk 2:4. God's response is that the righteous man will live by his faith, and they must wait for the Lord. We find Habakkuk's main theme to be the affliction of the godly and the prosperity of the ungodly. He dwells on the perfect dealings of God and the development of faith in His own. With all avenues of food cut off and taken away, the prophet learns that there is joy in Jehovah, and that the righteous shall live by faith.
3. In God's plan to send the Chaldeans to judge a people that were more righteous than they, we have God's answer that He would also judge the Chaldeans (2:2-20). In all of this, Habakkuk comes to a theological dilemma since the Chaldeans are actually worse sinners than the people of Judah. The issue that comes forth in all of this is not God's righteous response toward an evil people, but rather the vindication of God's character and covenant with His people (1:13). Habakkuk, like Job, wrestles with God, and in this comes to the realization that God does not deserve worship just because of the blessings that He bestows on His people, but indeed for His own sake—that He is God (3:17-19).