

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
August 2, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Piano
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Psalm 94:18-19

Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 136
Hymns 170, 171
Camp Testimonies
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn 317 "O Mighty Cross"
Communion - Hymn 311 "Hallelujah, What a Savior!"
Message "GOD'S WILL" part II James 4:13-17
Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 372 "Our God Reigns" 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.

VBS August 17th – 21st
Church Picnic August 22nd
Baptisms August 23rd

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
"God's Judgment upon Judah, the wicked people of God, through the Chaldeans (Habakkuk 1:1-2:3).

Habakkuk 1:1 reads: The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.

A. The burden of Habakkuk (1:1)

1. The word "burden" ("oracle" in NIV) has in Hebrew both the meaning of a heavy load such as might be borne on the back of a man or animal, and the meaning of an oracle, particularly a prophetic vision. Habakkuk uses the term in the sense of an oracle, and like other prophets (Isaiah 13:1; Nahum 1:1; 2 Kings 9:25), there is a dark connotation to the oracle. In that sense, the prophet was a man of God bearing on his mind and heart a heavy load of divinely imposed concern. In Habakkuk's case, the oracle is going to be a direct response to Habakkuk's own question. Most oracles were warnings against individuals or nations (Ezekiel 15; Amos 4:1-3). It must be mentioned that there are also oracles of salvation that predict the day that God would restore His people (Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 36:16-32; Zechariah 8:1-8).

2. The name "Habakkuk" has already been alluded to, but it should be added that Habakkuk is probably of a Babylonian origin. It is not a Hebrew name!

3. The word "prophet" is utilized only here and in Haggai in the first sentence of the book. Habakkuk may have held an official public position that gave him status in the eyes of the people as an accredited prophet of the Lord.