

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
August 23, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Habakkuk 1:12, 13 – (below and on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 150

Hymn 3 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 353 “Victory in Jesus”

Message “Prayer for the Suffering, Sick, Nation and the Straying”

James 5:12-20 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 575 “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Benediction

Water Baptisms immediately following the second service today

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.

Are You not from everlasting,
O LORD my God, my Holy One?
We shall not die.
O LORD, You have appointed them for judgment;
O Rock, You have marked them for correction.
13 You are of purer eyes than to behold evil,
And cannot look on wickedness.
Why do You look on those who deal treacherously,
And hold Your tongue when the wicked devours
A person more righteous than he?

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up
Tues at 6pm Paul and Laura Slagle's mission trip report with pictures!
Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 7pm- Ernie Beck
No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading
Men's Breakfast Saturday at 10am – see flier

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

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

Today's sermon devotional is on the back

Habakkuk's Second Question and Lament (1:12-13)

1. How can a holy God employ such an impure and godless agent? **Verse 12-13:** The Lord is addressed by his covenant name in this section (*YHWH*), and the word “everlasting” (*qedem*) may refer to eternity (Deut. 33:27) or may denote an unspecified point in past history (Isaiah 46:10), especially in reference to the preserving of Israel from Egypt (Psalms 44:1; 77:5). The 12th verse is one of the noblest in the OT. It begins with a question that is in reality a great affirmation of faith. The question comes out of faith and an affirmative answer is implied. Having seen what God is going to do about the sin of Judah, the prophet acknowledges the eternal, unchangeable, and holy character of God. Habakkuk here reveals that he has a *personal* faith in God. It is the same kind of faith David had when he wrote: “*I will love thee, O Lord my strength. The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower*” (Psalm 18:1-2). From **verse 13**, the phrase “your eyes are too pure to look on evil” is key in Habakkuk's argument. The verb “look on” (*ra'ah*) has the idea to look at a matter with acceptance. The evil that is being viewed with acceptance, Habakkuk believes, is the nation of Chaldea. This is Habakkuk's second complaint—that the Israelites are going to be judged by a people that are worse than they are. What Habakkuk meant in this complaint was that God, because of His transcendent holiness, cannot view with complacency anything evil.