

Habakkuk III

God is ready to address Habakkuk's question, in His own timing. And the Lord brings a surprising announcement!

Verse 1:6a, God makes that shocking announcement. God announces *who* will work on his behalf. God uses whom he pleases. Remember, he used Pharoah (see **Romans 9:14-18**). We see that God uses whom he pleases and when he pleases to act on man's behalf.

God has decided to use the Chaldeans! They were a despicable people. Look at their description in **verses 6b-11**. They were a savage and dangerous people. So, why might God raise them up to 'help' Judah? Doesn't make sense to us.

God is sovereign over all nations. He raises up kings and brings them down. And we see God has dispersed his people among the nations to represent him as they are held captive. But we also know that God loves his people and that involves discipline at times (**Hebrews 12:6**), enter the Chaldean reprobates.

Habakkuk has a second question. (**vss. 1:12-17**) This too, is a question motivated by faith. He wants to understand all that God is doing so that he can talk to the people of God in his day. They will have questions for the prophet, too. He will need to answer them.

That brings us back to our day. We have questions of God. What is going on in our country? Why has it strayed so far from its foundation? A foundation that was set in biblical principles indeed! Our questions seek God's guidance like Habakkuk's did in his day.

We will stand ourselves as did Habakkuk "at the watchpost" and "in the tower" (**v. 2:1**) to see what God has in mind. He is sovereign. This is his nation. Amen.

In Him, Gary

Medical & Prayer Needs

America

Sarah Baker – Stomach biopsy.

Gwen Botson – Cancer. Hospital. Per Laura.

Kathy Carter – Cancer procedures.

Lloyd Cisco – To see Dr. 9/5.

Micky Cocran – Cancer. On Hospice. Per Diana Wirth.

LaVena Drop – Aunt of Laura Kuhn. Kidney myeloma. Chemo.

Debbie Haris – Rehab. Broken bones in feet. Gail's sister.

Diane Miller – Tumor on liver. Steve's aunt. On Trial Medicine.

Yvonne Moats – Illnesses. Fell. Stroke. Per Margaret.

Bill Morrison – Ill. Home.

Elsie Smith – Cancer. 3 yrs. old. New treatments. Per Margaret.

Hessie Weese – Fell. O'Neil's.

Cassie Wilson – Amputation of leg. Per Margaret.

Extended Prayer List:

Bertha Adair (Gail's aunt), Linda Caldwell, Debbie Harris, Eric Glover, Jessi Hruss, Barb King, Gail Spriestersbach, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Dave Van Wingerden, Ruth Watson, Hessie Weese.

Notes

Ladies Bible Study – September 5th, 9:30 am.

School Supplies

We will be collecting school supplies for **Jayme Jo's class at school**. She needs: pencils, any brand or size markers, 1 subject notebooks, plain colored folders and boxes of tissues. Thank you!

Fellowship – Sept. 17th am.

Bring some food. Cake provided. Birthdays/Anniv. Celebrated.

Ladies Meeting – Sept. 24. At 4:30.

Fellowship – October 15 am.

Bring some food. Cake provided. Birthdays/Anniv. Celebrated.

Trivia Answers & Scriptures are given to Gary on paper with your name OR by texting him. C'mon, join in!

Trivia: In Leviticus 5, what two kinds of birds could a poor person substitute for a lamb when making sacrifices for sin? **Answer:** two turtle doves/ two young pigeons. **Answerers:** Linda Ropog, Anita Mattingly, Eileen Kerns, Charlie Davis, Roger & Mary Davis, Sharon Woodrum, Terry & Gail Spriestersbach, Becky Kois, Randy & Laura Kuhn, Nancy Scarborough, Noel Letso, Margaret Jordan.

New Trivia: In Exodus 15, what did God tell Moses would keep the diseases of the Egyptians from afflicting the Israelites?

Widows & Widowers

Lola Anderson, Joyce Brewer, Frances Brown, Kathy Carter, Linda Caldwell, Joyce Fetzer, Barb Lenchak, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Jerry Mullins, Shirley Sarver, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Dora Talbert, Ruth Watson, Hessie Weese, Diana Wirth, Sharon Woodrum.

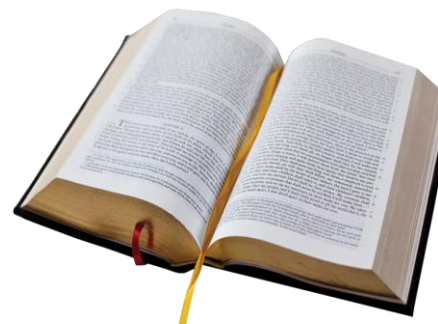
September Birthdays & Anniversaries

Glenn Scarborough	6
Denice Anderson	14
Jerry Mullins	22
Aaron Brown	23
Jennifer Sheba	25
Stacy Doak	27
Cathy Zavodny	30
Gary & Lisa Standen	14
Joe & Rosa Pratt	27
Randy & Laura Kuhn	28
Terry & Gail Spriestersbach	29

Handle With Care

There was this well-meaning lady mailing a box of Bibles for her church to missionaries overseas. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk. "Only the Ten Commandments," answered the lady.

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The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.
2 Cor. 9:6-7. ESV.

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Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class	10:00 am
Sun. Worship	11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 pm

All the churches of Christ greet you. Romans 16:16. ESV.

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and put it in the offering plate. We hope & pray you will return soon.