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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.

Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.

Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

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WELCOME!

We invite you to all of our services.

“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)

HABAKKUK

INTRODUCTION: 1:1-6

1. Dating difficult—not much internal info, no kings mentioned
2. The internal info we have leads to date prior to Babylonian invasion of (606-605).
3. Many assume written during reign of Jehoiakim of Judah (608-597 B.C.).

I. WHY DOESN'T GOD DEAL WITH EVILDOERS IN A TIMELY MANNER (Hab. 1:1-4)?

- A. Habakkuk's Introduction (1:1).
- B. Habakkuk's Three-Part Dilemma (1:2-4).
 1. How long must I plead in vain (2)?
 - a. God's alleged apathy inconsistent w/ His holy nature.
 - b. Disrespectful? Reminds of Job.
 2. Why do you parade iniquity and violence before me (3)?
 - a. *Why must I witness this carnage?*
 - b. *How can a holy God allow?* How bad in Noah's day (Gen. 6:5)?
 3. The Law is powerless, and judgement is perverted (4).
 - a. "Law... powerless"—lit. numb, dead to many; ignored.
 - b. No justice because wickedness in control (Ecc. 8:11). Evidently, Habakkuk believed this too.
 - c. Perverse judgements proceed (4) real justice nonexistent.
- C. Habakkuk's Answer From God (1:5-11).
 1. You watch! (5).
 2. The Chaldean are coming (6-11):
 - a. God already at work "am raising up the Chaldeans" (6; cf. 2 Chr. 36:15-17; 2 Ki. 24:2; Mic. 4:10)—God has sovereign control over the details of history.
 - b. Fierce, mighty, taking land, life, arrogant, self-satisfied
 - c. Fast charging and ferocious (8)
 - d. A providential instrument of God to punish Judah (Jer. 5:15-19).
 3. Sin does not go undealt with.

II. WHY DOES GOD USE A MORE WICKED NATION TO PUNISH A LESS WICKED NATION (Hab. 1:12—2:20)?

- A. Attributes of God (1:12-13a).
 1. Eternal, Just, Holy, Pure
 2. Habakkuk trusted God (12).
- B. Apathy of God (1:13b—2:1).
 1. Habakkuk continues citing all that is wrong w/ Chaldeans.
 2. Waits for God's response and to formulate his own rebuttal (2:1).
 - a. He will patiently wait for God's reply—we would do well to patiently wait on God (Psa. 37:9).

- b. Note Habakkuk's willingness to be corrected; not always easy (Pro. 12:1).
- C. Answer of God (2:2-20).
 - 1. The wicked will not last (2-5).
 - a. Make the message plain (2).
 - b. Be patient; wait for it! It will happen (3).
 - c. God will punish the proud Chaldeans, but the just shall live *by* (because of) his *faithfulness* to God.
 - d. Babylon punished when Darius the Mede... (Dan. 5:30-31).
 - 2. Woes upon the wicked (6-19).
 - a. Woe to Babylonians (5-8): the plunderer will be plundered
 - b. Woe to the covetous (9-11): Lofty goals which cry out in protest
 - c. Woe to the bloodthirsty (12-14).
 - 1) their cities built by violence will be fuel for the Jehovah's wrath. (Psa. 127:1).
 - 2) V. 14 foreshadows the kingdom of Christ (cf. Isa. 11:9).
 - d. Woe to the exploiter (15-17): Babylon reduce nations to helplessness in order to take advantage of them.
 - e. Woe to the idolatrous (18-19):
- D. Jehovah in His holy temple (2:20).
 - 1. God's existence / sovereignty universally declared (Psa. 22:28; 47:8).
 - 2. The temple in Jerusalem would be burned (2 Ki. 25:8-17; Jer. 52:12-23), but God remains in His temple in Heaven
 - 3. Man's accountability thus, established: keep silence w/ reverence and submission.

III. MEANING? "THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY HIS FAITH" (Hab. 2:4)?

- A. The Just (Rom. 1:16-17) "just" = "righteous".
- B. Shall Live (Gal. 3:11).
 - 1. We shall experience God's eternal life having been made righteous (justified) by our faithfulness to the faith (system) of Jesus Christ.
 - 2. In contrast to experiencing the 2nd death (Rev. 21:8).
- C. By Faith (Heb. 10:38).
 - 1. not mere mental assent; but pressing on (Phlp. 3:14; Lk. 9:62).
 - 2. but by faith shown by works (Jas. 2:17-19, 24, 26; EX: Mt. 7:21).

CONCLUSION:

- 1. Why tolerate evil (2 Pet. 2:9)?
- 2. Why tolerate a more wicked people to punish less wicked? Wicked is wicked and all have sinned (Rom. 3:23).
 - A. Sometimes we must face earthly consequences for our sins.
 - B. The reason for all suffering/death is because there is sin in the world.
- 3. But the just shall live because of his faithfulness to the faith of Jesus Christ.

Welcome! To our visitors! We are thankful for your presence. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection plates.

AM Bible Study: Philippians 2:12f
AM Sermon: Habakkuk (Hab. 1:1-6).
PM Sermon: The Walls Came Down (Joshua 6:1-5).
Wednesday Bible Study: Revelation 1:19f

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Men's Business Meeting** this evening at 5 p.m..
- **Hazle Leap** is recovering from a bout with inner-ear trouble.
- **Cathy Jackson** is recovering from knee replacement surgery.

REMINDERS:

- ❖ **Rick Lambert's** birthday card shower for September 17.
- ❖ Please inform **John** of any changes to the prayer list, or directory.
- ❖ Remember to take advantage of our library.

AM Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed.	Contribution (Budget)
38	64	30	32	\$3670 (\$2,420)

<p><u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u> Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Cathy Jackson, Bruce & Kim Johnson, Gary Jones, Tina Keith, Rick Lambert, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Jean Whitley.</p>	<p><u>SHUT-INS:</u> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, Randy Yost</p>
<p><u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u> Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Rachell Cook (Angela Herald's friend), Tiffany Endly (Jerri Mackie's niece), Bob Henthorn (Laura Jamiel's dad), Trudy Kerby, Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith's sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Kellie Price (Richard Mayo's cousin), Addy Reed, Rodney Reeves (Erica Cunningham's father), John Rockhold, Wilma Roe, Bob & Marge Watson, Ukraine and remember to pray for one another.</p>	

**WHEN TOWERS AROUND US DO FALL,
 STILL OUR LORD IS STANDING TALL.**