

RECORDS YOU HELPED MAKE

Bible Class	22
Attendance AM	63
Attendance PM	21
Wednesday PM	25

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer for Health: Myra Baker and family; Debbie Reynolds; Ruby and Clifford Holt; Judy Arnett; Florine Thomas; Walter Tolley; Diane Cole (Norris); Katherine Willis; Richard Melson, Dollie Jones, Carlene Harley;

Prayer:

Traveling: Norris Cole, II;

Prayers:

Repentance:

Baptism:

Sympathy:

Birthdays: June— 2 Alyse Poole;

Anniversaries — 23—Jack and Carlene Harley

Ladies Reading Group: June 18 at 6:00 PM via ZOOM. Chapters 25-27

Men's Meeting: Saturday July 3, 2021 @ 9:00 AM in the auditorium

Potters Children Home:

June 06	BRETHREN TO SERVE AM	BRETHREN TO SERVE PM
Announcements	Patrick Thomas	Richard Melson
Opening Prayer	Walter Tolley	Walter Tolley
Song Leader	Michael Blanks	Jerry Thomas
Lead Lord's Supper	Alfred Willis	Alfred Willis
Server 1	Mike Mamula	Mike Mamula
Server 2	Denzil Turner, III	Lyle Cole
Scripture Reader	James Grigsby	Norris Cole
Sermon	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Prayer for Responses	Richard Melson	Richard Melson
Closing Prayer	Jerry Thomas	Frank Brock
Greeter	Richard Melson, Jr.	Richard Melson, Jr.
Greeter		

A.S.A.P. = Always Say A Prayer

**"Pray without ceasing"
1 Thessalonians 5:17**

TO OUR VISITORS

Our goal in the church of Christ is to be the New Testament church, which you can read about in the Bible. We invite you to observe our worship assemblies, the doctrine that is taught and the structure of the church organization. Make a close comparison with your "church" and the church of the Bible -- **The Church of Christ**. We also invite you to join us as we strive to be the church of the Bible and restore New Testament Christianity.

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HABAKKUK

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30
Worship 10:30 A.M.
4:30 P.M.

~~1st Sunday~~

~~No 4:30 PM service~~

Wednesday

Bible Study
7:00 P.M.

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Habakkuk's name means "embrace," but beyond that we know nothing of his personal life. There are unsubstantiated legends, but none that can be taken seriously. He wrote just before the Babylonian invasion of Judah. (Approximately 605 B.C.) He struggles with the age-old question of why God tolerates sin in the world.

Habakkuk is not mentioned outside the book that bears his name, and nothing is known of his personal life. He deals with a profound question that has concerned man since the beginning of time. He struggles with why evil appears to prosper and righteousness does not.

The first two chapters record a conversation with God in which Habakkuk expresses his distress due to the wickedness that is prevalent in his native Judah. Sin, "plundering and violence", strife and contention are commonplace (1:3). Why does not God do something about it? "The law is powerless, and justice never goes forth." Things are not what they should be. "For the wicked surround the righteous; therefore perverse judgment proceeds" (1:4).

God explains that He is going to punish Judah, but in a way that will amaze Habakkuk. "Be utterly astounded! For I will work a work in your days which you would not believe, though it were told you" (1:5). "For indeed I am raising up the Chaldeans, a bitter and hasty nation" (1:6). Judah will not be able to stand against the destruction and suffering the Chaldeans (Babylonians) will bring.

Habakkuk does not understand how God can use the Chaldeans to punish Judah. After all, they are more wicked than Judah. "Why do You look on those who deal treacherously, and hold Your tongue when the wicked devours a person more righteous than he?" (1:13). It makes no sense to Habakkuk, but he decides to wait patiently for God's answer (2:1).

God assures Habakkuk he knows what he is doing. Habakkuk is to write his vision so plainly that "he may run who reads it" (2:2). It is true the Chaldeans will appear to be victorious. "He gathers to himself all nations and heaps up for himself all peoples" (2:6). Only those whose faith is in God will survive the onslaught (2:4). But Chaldea's victory is only temporary. "Because you have plundered many nations, all the remnant of the people shall plunder you" (2:8). God would punish them for their greed (2:9), violence (2:2), and immorality (2:15-16). Habakkuk is to learn that God knows what He is doing. He is to recognize that "the LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him" (2:2).

