

SCHEDULE

In-person Gathering **Sun. 10:00 am**
Live-streaming **Sun. 10:00 am**
Prayer Event **Wed. 6:30 pm**

PROCLAIM HIS NAME

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for his sheep." John 10:11

★ ★ **LABOR DAY WEEKEND** ★ ★

SEPTEMBER 5 / BYOL (BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH)

Lunch on the Patio after service—Enjoy some "together" time!
Bring your lunch or your fav fast food.

MIRACLE *sunday*

SEPTEMBER 12

JUBILEE CHRISTIAN CENTRE @ 10:00 AM



BISHOP *Mike Lane*

Pastor: Place of Praise, Lexington, North Carolina



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GOD LOVES YOU

Tour

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Hear a message of hope from Franklin Graham with music by the NEWSBOYS, Marcos Witt, and Dennis Agajanian.

Sunday, September 19 @ 4:00 pm

Chicagoland Speedway / 500 Speedway Blvd. Joliet, IL 60433



Sep 05 » Of His Blessings
 Sep 12 » Of His Miracles
 Sep 19 » Of His Victories
 Sep 26 » Of His Supply

PRAYER REQUESTS

► SALVATION

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Jason G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Ray H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Gearen Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Kirk Aricioglu |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brian H. | <input type="checkbox"/> Karen W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike F. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dave S. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Benjamin G. | <input type="checkbox"/> Cheyenne W. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tom M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Bato R. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ryan K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tyler M. | <input type="checkbox"/> Stein Family | <input type="checkbox"/> Donald S. |

► HEALTH ISSUES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Sam H. » Cardiac Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Randy F. » Immune disorder | <input type="checkbox"/> Armando L. » Back Injury |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ruth H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Bill W. » Heart aneurysm | <input type="checkbox"/> Sergio P. » Needs kidney donor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jean G. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Laura K. » Auto Immune | <input type="checkbox"/> David S. » Shoulder replacement |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » MS | <input type="checkbox"/> Ozzie M. » Dialysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Dan B. » Liver transplant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art B. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Macario A. » Dialysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Nick B. & Christy B. » Pregnancy Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Don H. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Michael D. » Deliverance | <input type="checkbox"/> Debbie P. » Upper Respiratory |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tommy P. » Anxiety | <input type="checkbox"/> Eloisa » Severe diabetes | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Noe F. » Health Issues | <input type="checkbox"/> Evie » Respiratory Issues | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Macario A. » Dialysis | <input type="checkbox"/> Carolyn » Stg. 3 Lung Cancer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Juan A. » Health Issues | | |

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.” —**Max Lucado**

METRICS THAT MATTER (08/29/21)

ATTENDANCE ► 17

GIVING ► \$330

GUESTS ► 0


VOLUNTEERS ► 8

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST ► 0

*Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on my high places. **Habakkuk 3:17-19***



The Prophet

- Lived about 600 years before Christ.
 - Was a contemporary of Jeremiah.
 - His prophecy reads like a personal journal.
 - He wants God to explain why the injustice and violence in Judah.
 - God responds with a vision of judgment—the Babylonians will destroy Jerusalem.
 - Once the vision is given, Habakkuk is at rest knowing that the Living God is in control.
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How do you benchmark blessing?

How do you set reference points to mark out God's blessings?

We tend to mark the high moments and miss the ordinary blessings that are all around us on a daily basis.



Waiting for *Perfect* 

Habakkuk writes that the big moments are tiny moments—that the breakthroughs are often silent... that they happen in the most unassuming places.

- “Thank you” comes out a lot easier when things are perfect. Habakkuk insists that it doesn’t work that way.
- He says that even if the fig tree does not bud; if there are no grapes on the vines; if the olives fail to grow; if the crops fail; if there are neither sheep or cattle left he will still rejoice in the LORD.
- What’s he saying? He is not waiting for perfect. **“I WILL REJOICE IN THE LORD!”**



Instead of “Oh God, it’s “Thank God-“

Habakkuk points the way to thankfulness. . .not when things are great, but in the “everydayness” of life when it’s less than perfect.

- He could easily get depressed because the lack of fruit is both a present and future consequence.
- He could become “numb” to life so that the lack doesn’t bother him as much, but he doesn’t.
- He could whine stating that.

- God cut him off at the path—it’s personal.
- Instead, he shows us how to be involved in the present. In the mess; in the chaos; in the lack.
- Instead of saying “oh, God,” he says, “Thank God!” **Help me to do the same, God...**



Invested in the *Present*



Sometimes when life is challenging, we backtrack to times we thought were better; or daydream about how it will be in the future.

- Judah was being destroyed by immorality, greed and violence.
- Injustice had spread. Violence had devoured its inhabitants.
- Habakkuk wanted answers. “Why Lord?”; “How long?”
- God showed Habakkuk a vision of impending judgment—it was awful.
- It was designed to bring cleansing and restoration to Judah and only the corrective rod of the LORD could do that.
- Habakkuk shows us how to respond—