



TODAY IS COLLECTION SUNDAY



Thank you for your faith-filled response to give a *shoebox* that will make an *eternal difference* in the life of a boy/girl. Your gift can be the *miracle* that can change a life forever! Thank you for taking time to share with others!

AI TN

A *four-week* Bible study that meets on designated **TUESDAYS** based on the book by *Mark Batterson*.

"If you want God to do something off the chart, you have to take your hands off the controls." Mark Batterson



Give Thanks
FOR HE IS GOOD

May you and your loved ones continue to enjoy the blessings that come from our Father's gracious provision. Share with those who are less fortunate.

"The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6:24-26

CONNECTION CARD Each week everyone will be asked to fill out a Connection Card in order to **"MEASURE"** our church in five key areas. There will be a summary report each week in the bulletin that identifies those five key metrics.

Please turn in your card each week. Members, leaders and guests will be asked to turn these in.

Thank YOU... AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE | CONNECTION CARD

I AM INTERESTED IN... Church Bible Study Prayer Music Children's Ministry Youth Ministry Men's Ministry Women's Ministry Other



NOVEMBER TEACHING SERIES

Nov 01 / Guest Speaker: Tommy Tenney

Nov 08 / Thank you... for Grace

Nov 15 / Thank you... for Benefits

Nov 22 / Thank you... for Wholeness

PRAYER REQUESTS

Breanna V.	▶ Health Issues
Lily M.	▶ Dementia
Anabelle G.	▶ Lung Cancer
Andrew H.	▶ Health Issues
Noe F.	▶ Health Issues
Elizabeth S.	▶ Health Issues
Kenny D.	▶ Skull Fracture
Trevor W.	▶ Deployed to Afghanistan
Danny L.	▶ Peace Corps Assignment
Sean L.	▶ Loss of His Brother
Ralph H.	▶ Fluid in the brain
Moe M.	▶ Lung Cancer
Ruth S.	▶ Undiagnosed Health Issues
Jim B.	▶ Eye Problems
Mary H.	▶ Mobility Issues
Jane G.	▶ Hospice Care
Darryck T.	▶ Spiritual Strength
Bill L.	▶ Post-Surgical Healing
Suzie S.	▶ Health Issues

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The marker of those who understand the gospel of Jesus Christ is that, when they stumble and fall, when they screw up, they run to God and not from him, because they clearly understand that their acceptance before God is not predicated upon their behavior but on the righteous life of Jesus Christ and his sacrificial death." —Matt Chandler

11/08/15



40

ATTENDANCE

\$2,555²⁵

GIVING

7

GUESTS

11

VOLUNTEERS

0

DECISIONS FOR CHRIST

Thank YOU...
AN ATTITUDE OF gratitude

Thank you...
for blessings

¹⁷Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights. **Habakkuk 3:17-19**

THE prophet

- Lived about 600 years before Christ.
- Was a contemporary of Jeremiah.
- His prophecy reads like a personal journal.
- In essence, 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.

a benchmark
for blessing

A BENCHMARK IS SIMPLY A REFERENCE POINT. AS HUMANS, WE SET REFERENCE POINTS TO MARK OUT GOD'S BLESSINGS.

WAITING for perfect

Habakkuk writes that the **big moments** are the **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 sayin’? **He is not waiting for perfect.**

- Let's paraphrase: "Even if I didn't get the loan package on my mortgage; even if my raise didn't go through; even if my son has not made a move for God; if my insurance won't cover all the expense of the accident; if the job I was hoping to get didn't pan out—still I will rejoice in the LORD."
- **I'm not waiting on 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 "everdayness" of life when it's less than perfect.

WHAT MADE THE DIFFERENCE FOR HABAKKUK? GOD CORRECTED THE WAY HE SAW THINGS...

"Then the LORD replied: 'Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it. For the revelation awaits an appointed time'"

Habakkuk 2:2

THE WORD ON THE *street*

"When I heard these stories my heart raced, my lower lip twitched, my bones went weak, my knees knocked. But I'll sit tight. I'll wait, cool and calm for the day this invasion force gets run down by God's anger. Whatever happens, I'll celebrate God, party in my heart, 'cos he liberates me. Even if the shelves are bare, even if the cupboards are empty, I'll party, celebrate God. When the projects fail, when the screen goes blank, I'll party, celebrate God. He liberates me. The God who runs the cosmos is what keeps me going. He makes my every step as sure-footed as a deer on the mountains. I can climb because of his energy and protection.

Habakkuk 3:17-19