



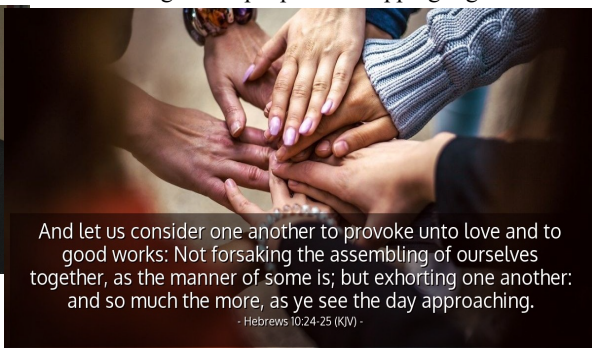
### FROM OUR PASTORS

It's happened we can be worshipping together again, masks are optional, so is social distance, we can sing, praise, give thanks, share communion together, see faces, have conversations, Praise the Lord.

But for some this can seem daunting, the long walk up the path, not walked for over a year, what will it be like? Is it safe? I am not sure if I am ready for this.

Pastor Kirk and myself will be visiting, contacting members to answer any questions, and to offer any help and assistance we can, we realise that for some the time is not right and for those who are sick, the Sunday service will be made available, by a link to a web page, even if you are not a member and would like a call a visit please contact us, details on the last page of the newsletter.

We are looking forward to seeing God's people worshipping together once more. ( John )





## CHURCH? PART 4

Last month we saw that the word church could be used in two ways: to include all believers living and dead, and to speak only of those who are living in a certain location.

We have seen that the word church means a group of people called out to assembly together for a common purpose, but what happens when His church comes together? What is the purpose? We will look at another word Jesus uses in connection with Church and that is build.

His people are called to assembly together so that they can be built, become His building, built upon the Rock which is Jesus. So this month we are going to consider the Church as His building.

**UPON THIS ROCK  
I WILL BUILD  
MY CHURCH**

**AND THE GATES OF HADES WILL NOT OVERPOWER IT**

*Matthew 16:18*



Church continued

So this month we are going to consider the Church as His building.

Before any building work begins a foundation is needed, the building's strength, effectiveness depends on its foundation, and the church that Jesus is building is no exception.

Lets see what the Bible says about this foundation.

### **Isaiah 28:16 (NLT2)**

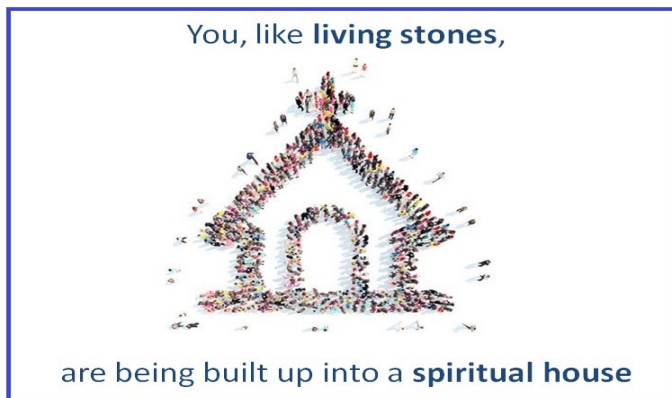
Therefore, this is what the Sovereign LORD says: "Look! I am placing a foundation stone in Jerusalem, a firm and tested stone. It is a precious cornerstone that is safe to build on. Whoever believes need never be shaken.

Peter quotes this verse bit with a slight difference.

### **1 Peter 2:6 (NLT2)**

As the Scriptures say, "I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honour, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."

Peter adds in Him to the verse, and therefore Jesus is the fulfilment of the prophecy, the foundation, the cornerstone that holds the building together is Jesus.





## Church Continued

In the Old Testament it was also prophesied that this stone would be rejected.

### **Psalm 118:22 (NLT2)**

The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.

This is how Peter saw this as a reference to Jesus, that He is the cornerstone He is the foundation.

### **Acts 4:10-11 (NLT2)**

Let me clearly state to all of you and to all the people of Israel that he was healed by the powerful name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the man you crucified but whom God raised from the dead.

For Jesus is the one referred to in the Scriptures, where it says, 'The stone that you builders rejected has now become the cornerstone.'

### **1 Peter 2:4 (NLT2)**

You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honour.

So for a group of people to be part of His church, Jesus has to be the foundation the corner stone. If a group of people are meeting together calling themselves Christians but Jesus is not the foundation to their lives, they are by default not part of the church that Jesus is building.

To be continued next month





## THEME

## HABAKKUK

Evil may seem triumphant,  
but God is on the throne and  
deals with evil in his own time.

### Habakkuk part 3

Please read Habakkuk 1:5-11

We finished last month seeing that God was going to do something, God was at work while they waited for what He was going to do.

#### **Habakkuk 1:5 (NAB)**

Look over the nations and see, and be utterly amazed! For a work is being done in your days that you would not have believed, were it told.

Look at verse five again and notice the words. Look, watch, be utterly amazed, when everything seems lost, God seems quiet, nothing good is happening, His word then and now is this Look Watch and be amazed.

God will judge, discern it, look watch and your mind will be blown by what God will do, He is at work, He is doing something.

So let's see how God answered the question that evil triumphed while He did nothing, this is what He was doing.



## Habakkuk continued

He was raising up the Babylonians to carry out His will, they would be the solution to the problems that Habakkuk saw in the nation.

The Babylonians were ruthless, violent, merciless, they would come upon the nation suddenly without warning.

They would take anything that did not belong to them.

The Babylonians would strike fear into the people, they were lawless, they made violence seem a right thing to do, Gods people who had turned away from His law and become violent now knew what to be lawless and violent means.

The Babylonians trusted in their own strength, that no matter how strong the defences a city had they could destroy it, their strength had become their god.

Not realising that the God who raised them up, could also bring them down.

God is working, God is doing something, Habakkuk's prayer was being answered but perhaps not how he wanted.

There was nothing in God's answer that could cause Habakkuk comfort. God was sending the Babylonians to punish Judah, and Judah would have to endure even greater wickedness and violence as a result.

We shall continue next month



### **In Loving Memory of Jen Holt**

**28/11/1939-14/06/21**

During the pandemic the Lord called Jen home to be with Him, Jen was known to Willenhall Free Church, where along with her husband Mike and their children they attended the fellowship for many years. Julie Beards was able to attend the thanksgiving service held for her at Elim, this is Julie's thoughts;

As I attended so many blessing came out of the service and reception. One being so many folks not seen for many years from our fellowship. Some only with young children then. We spent lots of fellowship. Holliday's Special events. But yesterday some are grand parents now so catch up time. Blessed to say they are scattered around and still serving The lord where ever they live. Lots memories shared of Jen and Mike's Spiritual parenting on us all. Praises. Thankfulness. Amen.

If anyone would like to watch the service this is the link; [https://youtu.be/ss\\_UsFLSpL4](https://youtu.be/ss_UsFLSpL4)

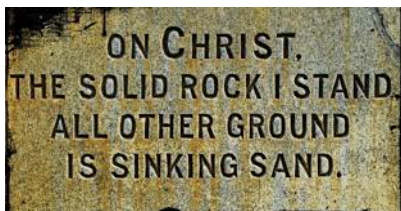
The fellowship left a donation in her memory with Global Care with this message.

“This donation is in memory of Jen Holt from Willenhall Free Church Coventry, Jen served the Lord for many years at Willenhall, with young people and adults, her humour, her counsel, her love, how she was practical and desired to help meet the needs of the fellowship, was an encouragement to all. Jen was an example of a faithful servant, was salt and light to all she came in contact with, and we know she continued being such an example when she joined Elim. We rejoice with Jen that she is now with her saviour and Lord Jesus Christ.”



## From our WhatsApp Groups.

Good morning everyone. The Lord is our rock, the foundation on which we build and all who trust in him will never be put to shame. "The word us near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming. That if you confess with your mouth Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the scripture says. "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame". For there is no difference between Jew and gentile - the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved".  
Supplied by Mack







WhatsApp continued

Morning family...I found this morning a church magazine Contact of July 1990 From the lovely Gill Mac. If you unable to sleep at night. Talk to the Shepard....magazine full of memories of those days  
Supplied by Julie Beards

More from Adolph Saphir: “Love appears lovely to all. There is no word which possesses abstraction so strong and sweet as love. When we say that God is love, and that’s love is the fulfilment of the law, and that love is greater than faith and hope, the assent of all is immediately gained. If love is so lovely, man is without excuse; for the law demands nothing but love - “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and all thy soul, and all thy strength, and thy neighbour as thyself;” why have we broken it? The gospel announces nothing but love; why do we not accept it?” Supplied by Eddie

More from Adolph Saphir, “it is because God is love that it is His desire that we are always to be in communion with Him. Here is our highest privilege, our truest liberty. To follow the Lord fully, to be always giving thanks, and to do all things in the name of Christ, is to walk in the light of God’s countenance. .... Christ, who died for us claims all our heart and all our life; the love or fear of God is something so deeply rooted in the heart, that we can never lay it aside or separate it from our feelings and thoughts, our tastes and habits. .... having entered in by the strait gate on our journey to the pearly gates of the heavenly Jerusalem, we should now wish our life to be of one piece, real, sincere, harmonious, where everything is pervaded by the same spirit, so that whenever our Lord comes, and wherever He finds us, in meditation, or in our daily work, at play with our children, or in social converse, He may find us in loyal and obedient affection. And as this is the desire and aim of the Christian, so is it of the loving God.” May He find you worshiping Him today in all you do.



## WhatsApp Continued

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything". Many of us, I know, have undergone times of testing and trial during our walk with Christ. These are not intended to deter or put us off from serving our Lord. But, rather, build up our faith and perseverance so that we might grow and be fully assured in our faith in Jesus.

Though we may feel weak and inadequate at times we know our Lord is always with us. We can look at our lives and we can see and remember the times he has rescued us and lifted us up, helping us to overcome our difficulties and strengthen us. We will always face trials and temptations at some time, but we will always be shown a way to overcome them, to free ourselves and continue to move forward with Christ. We will never be tested more than we can endure. We are patient, standing firm, for we know our Lord will return. We do not know what we may face day to day, on our journey, but we trust and have faith in our Lord. He will never abandon or forsake us. He is loving and faithful and he will do all, and supply all that we need in all circumstances and situations.

"Brothers, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy". Supplied by Mack



### **Weekly services.**

Sunday - Service at 11.00am at Church, the service to be posted on line on Monday

Tuesday - House group 7.30pm on WhatsApp

Wednesday - Bible study meeting on WhatsApp

Thursday 2 o'clock at church prayer meeting

### **For your Diary**

**August 1st Pastor Kirk**

**August 8th Pastor John**

**August 15th Mr Orchard**

**August 22nd Pastor Kirk**

**August 29th Pastor John**

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If you would like to join one of our WhatsApp groups please contact John.