

## ASSEMBLY TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Class 9:45am  
Morning Assembly 10:35am  
Evening Assembly 6:00pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

## RADIO PROGRAM

### The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.  
KURM 790AM

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*"The heavens declare  
the glory of God..."*  
Ps 19:1

## CLASS SCHEDULE

**Today**  
All Classes  
Lev 6-10

**Next Sunday**  
All Classes  
Lev 11-17

This info is provided  
to help everyone stay  
in synch during our  
three-year study thru  
the Bible (Sunday AM).



## DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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## The Mountain of Jehovah's House

*It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of Jehovah's house shall be established on the top of the mountains... Many nations shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion the law shall go forth, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem. – Mic 4:1-2*

Like all of the Old Testament 'restoration' prophecies, this one of Micah looked forward to the Messianic age when Jerusalem, and the temple mount in particular, would be established by God as the center of Jehovah worship. That

this prophecy refers to a **heavenly** Jerusalem and a **spiritual** Mount Zion is evident from the book of Hebrews (12:22-23).

The prophecy finds its fulfillment in the church, the spiritual kingdom. It is God's kingdom, and it will endure long after other nations have crumbled to dust (Dan 2:44). People from many nations are a part of it — there are no geographic boundaries.

Those who will become its citizens must learn "*His ways*" and walk in "*His paths*". So, "*Come, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah!*" **-WKing**

## FAMILY NEWS

### PRAYER LIST –

*Preachers we support:* Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, U.S.  
*The sick:* Mary Lou Lewis, Shirley Cole, Kathy Fletcher, Sylvia & Arvis Tatom, Margaret Abel, Sandra Walsh, Richard Wike, Diane Willis and Nellie Shell  
*Shut-ins:* Betty Jo Young and Helen Weiser

**TUESDAY MORNING CLASS** – A men's Bible class and breakfast is held every Tuesday morning at 6 at Village Inn – currently studying in Daniel.

**SENTENCE SERMON** – Yes, Satan will knock on your door, but you don't have to let him in.

## Through Ancient Eyes

We all get songs stuck in our head, and often it is an annoying Pop song or a company jingle. However, consider how encouraging it would be if we always had a hymn with us instead. Singing hymns is a joy, yet outside of the assembly how often do we sing or praise God?

While singing scriptural hymns we keep God's Word with us through the day. Consequently, complaining and bickering would seem impossible while lifting our voice with "Love One Another" (Jn 13:34), and spreading the Gospel would seem unavoidable while humming "Rescue the Perishing" (Mt 8:25). Imagine an army that has a battle cry always on their lips. Imagine how courageously we could stand with Christ with our battle cry always in our hearts!

Acts 16:25 is the first recorded instance of Christians singing, and where were they? Paul and Silas were singing while in prison. Clearly singing can help us through some of our hardest trials. Many of the Hymns and Psalms were written in hardship and loss. Our ultimate example is Jesus and His last few words, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" are from Psalm 22. It is not a song of despair, but of praise and reliance on God despite circumstances.

Suffering is sufferable when we are already praising God for His deliverance, day in and day out.

- *JVenuso*



## Another Perspective

## Willingly Ignorant

Many today are willingly ignorant of God's Word (2 P 3:5-6). This happens "because they did not receive the love of the truth" (2 Th 2:10). When people demand to hear only the 'positive,' they are willingly ignorant. God's complete truth — both positive and negative — is necessary for our salvation. We must declare "the whole counsel of God" (Ac 20:27).

Some think that if they ignore what God says on certain subjects (such as marriage and divorce, dancing, drinking alcohol, instrumental music, denominationalism, etc.) that the issue will somehow go away. But, Jesus said, "the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day" (Jn 12:48).

God said, "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you" (Hos 4:6). Others "have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge" (Ro 10:2-3). Though people may be sincere, they are sincerely wrong if they are following the doctrines of men. All who follow the doctrines of men will be eternally lost.

What should you do in order to "make your calling and election sure" (2 Pe 1:10)? Jesus said, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (Jn 8:32). We should "no longer be children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine" (Ep 4:14). In other words, in order to avoid being willingly ignorant, *we must study God's Word* (2 Ti 2:15)!

- *Ron Boatwright*  
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