

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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and into God’s Book.”

CLASS SCHEDULE

Today
All Classes
Josh 1-3

Next Sunday
All Classes
Josh 4-6

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



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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

SINGING – Our annual singing with Tim Stevens and Dane Shepard will be this Friday evening, April 20, from 7 to 9. Everyone is invited!

SENTENCE SERMON: Be kind to others — everyone is fighting a hard battle.

Patience – Letting Your Light Shine

We preach long and hard about the need for patience. It is, after all, one of those ‘Christian graces’. And, it’s usually not that hard to practice. When a little old lady cuts in line at the grocery store, oblivious to her ‘sin’, we learn to just smile and count to ten. But, life is more than groceries. Real patience shines through in **all** circumstances.

It takes real patience to truly forgive a brother who has come down the aisle 20 times — for the same sin. It takes real patience to

see a brother who has slandered your good name throughout the brotherhood, and still speak to him with love and compassion. And, it takes patience to hear coworkers mock your faith — and still maintain your faith with a cheerful heart.

Such things put our patience to the test; but, it is at just such times that our patience is needed the most. It is at just such times that the light of Jesus shines the brightest through us — and helps others to see the true beauty of Christianity. - *WKing*

Through Ancient Eyes

One of the many blessings that God gives us is the enjoyment of food. We can go to a buffet and theoretically eat endless amounts of food, each having its own taste and texture. However, when does this enjoyment turn into gluttony?

Well, what is gluttony? Most often we consider it overeating. However, hunger is not the only desire that can become gluttonous. Proverbs 23:20-21 and 28:7 condemn it primarily because it is bad stewardship. Gluttony in Scripture is a picture of thoughtless overindulgence in our desires.

So, when does our eating become gluttonous? Gluttony is predominately an issue of mindset. We should ask, “Is this causing harm?” or “Are my desires ruling my decision?” C. S. Lewis makes note

that gluttony also comes in the form of wastefulness. We even use the phrase, “My eyes were bigger than my belly.” When our desires are not well thought through they can rule every decision we make.

When we eat, we ought to have a deep appreciation for the food God provided. Jesus exemplified this by blessing his food and giving thanks for it. The writer of Proverbs 30:7-9 was considerably thoughtful about his food. He wished neither to be full nor empty, knowing that both could tempt him to forget God. We should be aware of how food can alter our behavior and act accordingly.

-JVenuso



Another Perspective

“Heaven Holds All to Me”

These are the words of a familiar refrain written by Tillit S. Teddlie, who was — in my opinion — one of the greatest authors of our hymns. His songs are melodic and always carry a thought-provoking and inspirational message. Such is certainly true of this great anthem. But my question is, “Is this refrain true for you?”

I fear most church members are far too comfortable here. I fear that we do not “groan, longing to be clothed with our dwelling from heaven” (2 Co 5:3-7). Why? Because most of us have too many ‘treasures’ here. I don’t mean that we are too wealthy (though that may be true enough), but rather that we have far too many things here that we treasure.

Think about it for a moment. When you pray, do more spiritual or physical concerns populate your prayer? When spiritual duties such as worship are set aside, how often is it done for physical pursuits that are not necessities (such as illness)? If your bank card and Bible were both taken without your knowledge, which would you miss first?

A physical cold gets our attention immediately, but spiritual heart problems often go ignored for years. Many are too concerned with physical life and health, and have far too little concern for spiritual life and health. Everyone dies. If heaven truly holds all to us, death is graduation day! It will be the culmination of all for which we have lived!

– Philip C. Strong (edited for space)