

## 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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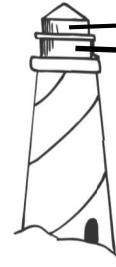
**“Your condescending  
attitude is impressive”  
— said no one ever.**

## CLASS SCHEDULE

**Today**  
All Classes  
Mt 13, Lu 15

**Next Sunday**  
All Classes  
Jn 5-6

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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## FAMILY NEWS

### PRAYER LIST –

*Preachers we support:* Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.

*Sick:* Mary Lou Lewis, Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, Nellie Shell, June Self,

Richard Wike, Diane Willis, & Etta Frazelle *Military:* Logan Dickey

*Shut-ins:* BettyJo Young, Helen Weiser, Shirley Cole, Margaret Abel, Erton Usrey

**Q & A** – Tonight in our evening service Will Smith will conduct our monthly question and answer lesson. Thanks to everyone who submitted questions!

**SENTENCE SERMON** – It’s not usually the hardships of life that make living the Christian life difficult, but the comforts.

## Wine and Drink Preaching

*“If a man should walk in a false spirit and speak a lie, saying, 'I will prophesy to you of wine and drink,' even he would be the prophet of this people.”* – Micah 2:11

The prophet Micah worked with the common people of Judah. And, like many folks today, those people preferred religious teachers who would tell them what they **wanted** to hear rather than what they **needed** to hear.

One of the final warnings written by the apostle Paul was of this very thing: *“The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires... they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their*

*ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables?”* (2 Ti 4:3-4).

The religious world today is full of preachers who will tell people what they want to hear rather than what they need to hear. Sticking a finger into the breeze, they test popular opinion before opening their mouth.

If people want *“wine and drink”* preaching (a focus on food, fun, and frolic), they will find plenty of preachers willing to provide it. But in the end, only truth will save. So let’s have the courage to preach it — **and hear it!**

- WKing

## Faith in Context

As I was preparing for the Sermon on the Mount class this past week, I read a statement by R.H. Mounce which reads, “Worry is practical atheism and an affront to God.” This statement is true, and Jesus even gives ample proof of this observation!

Worry is unnecessary: Even for those who work hard. Just look at the birds — nobody works as hard as they do to live, yet even they don’t worry. (Mt 6.25-26)

Worry is useless: In fact, it doesn’t add even one hour to your life. With worry you can’t change the past, and you can’t chart the future. (Mt 6.27)

Worry is blind: It doesn’t take time to examine the providence of God like that of the bird, the flower, or the grass. (Mt 6.28-30)

Worry is a failure to trust God: It’s to be of little faith, as Jesus says. (Mt 6.30)

Our worry is a ‘practical atheism’ in the sense that it has no mind for God in our life, and it removes any mindful consideration for the care His love and concern produces for us, just like the non-believing Gentiles. (Mt 6.32)

Our worry of this life is an affront to God because it pushes Him away, and allows His Word to be choked out, rendering it fruitless for us. (Mk 4.19)

Instead of keeping this debilitating sin of worry in your life, put your ambitions to Him as top priority, and trust that He takes care of your necessities. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things (Col 3.2).  
- *WHSmith*

***“Therefore, do not worry.”***

Matthew 6:31

## Another Perspective

## The Matter of Authority

Either we must have authority for all that we do in religion, or we do not. Any position in between would be ridiculous. If someone insists that we must have authority for some things, but not for all things, by what standard could he possibly distinguish the two?

May God pity the man who calls himself a gospel preacher and who makes such statements as: “We do many things for which we do not have authority”. Such a preacher would have neither right nor grounds to condemn any of the religious practices around us. On what basis would he show that instrumental music, infant baptism, choirs, missionary societies, quarterly or annual communion, etc., are wrong?

Authority falls into two categories: specific and general. Some things are specifically authorized like baptism and singing. Other things are authorized because they are embraced in, and necessary to, the performance of things specifically authorized — ‘aids’ in carrying out a command (as long as no Scriptural principle is violated), like a baptistery or songbooks.

To say that we must have authority for all we do in religion is a far cry from saying that we must have *specific* authority for all we do in religion. Certainly, Noah had authority to use whatever tools were necessary to carry out the injunction to build the ark. But, if God had specified the tools, he would have been limited to what God had specified.

– *Bill Crews*  
(edited for space)