

## 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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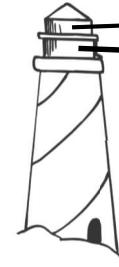
**Doing nothing so that  
we don't make a big  
mistake is a big mistake.**

## CLASS SCHEDULE

**Today**  
All Classes  
Mt 15-17

**Next Sunday**  
All Classes  
Lu 9-11

**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 Travesty of Injustice

*When the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, 'Crucify Him, crucify Him!' Pilate said to them, 'You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him.'* - Jn 19:6

A large part of the travesty surrounding the trial and crucifixion of Jesus was that those in power either devised the injustice or failed to stop it when they saw it. The Jewish leaders wanted Jesus dead — and Pilate had no backbone to stop it.

Injustice continues to be a problem today, even in our modern society. From high levels of corruption at the

national level, to small town politics, a lack of regard for fundamental principles of honesty, fairness, and justice is alive and well.

The 'power brokers' who commit these atrocities justify themselves in the doing of it. The Jewish leaders saw Jesus as a threat; and, Pilate calculated that political expedience trumped the need for justice — just this once. But they were wrong.

To neglect justice is to incur God's wrath (Mt 23:23). We should all pay attention.

- **WKing**

## 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

**WILL SMITH** – Will is scheduled to present the sermon tonight (part of the 'twice-a-month' phase he is currently in). Let's encourage Will in his work!

**SENTENCE SERMON** – If you must publish someone's faults, consider publishing your own (Ja 5:16).

## Another Perspective

### *Fleeing Temptation*

Sometimes running away is a proper response. In his first letter to the Corinthians Paul wrote, “Flee sexual immorality” (6:18) and “Flee from idolatry” (10:14). Fleeing is especially important when we encounter temptation. We sometimes make the mistake of putting ourselves in situations where we are tempted, thinking that we are strong enough to handle it. Sometimes we are, but often we are not.

Remember when Joseph was tempted by Potiphar’s wife? He refused to commit adultery with her, but she persisted. Finally, Joseph fled. “He left his garment in her hand and fled outside” (Ge 39).

There may not be a ‘Potiphar’s wife’ in your life, but there is likely some temptation which you find difficult to resist. If alcohol is your temptation, flee. Decide to avoid people and places where alcohol will be readily available. If sexual impurity with a boyfriend or girlfriend is a temptation, flee. Make a decision to avoid situations where you are alone and the temptation is stronger.

The worst mistake we can make is to think, ‘I can handle it. This is a strong temptation, but I won’t give in.’ We must remember that fleeing is not just running **away** from something; it is also running **toward** something. “You, O man of God, **flee** these things **and pursue** righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness” (1 Ti 6:11).  
– Alan Smith

***Flee youthful lusts.***  
***2 Timothy 2:22***

## Faith in Context

Trace your steps! Do you see that your old man of sin has been left behind? Or have you carried him along with you?

Now, don’t misunderstand me. I wouldn’t suggest for you to look back longingly through your old life, for if that was the case then you wouldn’t be fit for the kingdom (Lk 9.62); to do this is to mar the work entirely the Lord has set before you. Nor am I suggesting for you to grieve your past sins as you recount your steps, since this may darken the horizon of your hope in Jesus. Let those emotions go and remember you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and are not to grieve Him (Eph 4.30-31).

What I **am** suggesting is that you simply see if you have brought any

old sins with you as you have entered into God’s established kingdom. Are you a new citizen disobeying the laws of the land? Have you forgotten that Jesus is now your Lord?

Sometimes we don’t pay any mind to old habits or the things we kept doing after Christ entered our lives, whether they are wrong or right. I know I didn’t for some time.

The truth of the matter is, God’s grace will not justify your sin if you continue in them (Rom 6). It is better to be said of our lives, that as sinners, “such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.” (1 Cor 6.11).

Trace your steps! Make sure that old man of sin is still back there!

– WHSmith