

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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**It's better to be criticized
for doing right than
praised for doing wrong.**

CLASS SCHEDULE

Today
All Classes
Mt 24

Next Sunday
All Classes
Mt 25

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

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

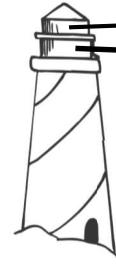
Military: Logan Dickey

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

PLAN AHEAD – Gospel meeting with John Guzzetta: Mar 29-Apr 2, 2020.

Singing weekend with Tim Stevens and Dane Shepard: Apr 17-19, 2020.

SENTENCE SERMON – A mediocre person is always at his best – even when he's not.



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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Drop the Pig!

The story is told of the farm boy who took a liking to one of the piglets in their old sow's litter. One day he decided to snatch the piglet from the large pen and keep it as his pet. So, he jumped in the pen, tore the little piglet from its nursing mother and started running for the fence.

But the 300-pound sow, fiercely protective of her little ones, charged the young boy. As she closed the gap, it became evident he wasn't going to make it to the fence in time. It was then he heard his father shouting,

“Drop the pig!”. At first, he ignored the warning. But then he felt the hot breath of the angry sow almost upon him...

And how does the story end? Well, that's up to you, if you're the one carrying the pig. Many people take a liking to the things of this life. After all, life offers all kinds of attractive piglets to catch your eye — everything from illicit sex to get-rich-quick schemes. Even ‘innocent’ activities, like entertainment, jobs, and even family can become our piglet ob-

session — to our own spiritual detriment.

Yet, a day of reckoning is coming. The old sow — the storm of impending judgment — is breathing down our neck, getting closer and closer. But letting go of our prized piglet can be a hard thing to do. Maybe we really can reach the fence in time and keep the piglet, too. Maybe we really can serve God and mammon at the same time — or so we keep telling ourselves. But our Father's voice rises above our frenetic (and pathetic) efforts to reach the fence safely, pig in hand: "Drop the pig!" A wise son will heed the warning.

As cute as the piglets are, they are all destined to be bacon on someone's plate one day. Their cuteness, and even the flavor of the bacon, will fade soon enough. They are simply not worth the attachment.

So, when you find yourself tempted to grab the pig and sprint for the fence, you might want to rethink it. And if you find that you are already in the pigpen, pig in arm, with the angry sow in hot pursuit, you might need to simply do what your Father says — just **drop the pig!** - *WKing*



DROP THE PIG!

Faith in Context

"Don't bother correcting mockers; they will only hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you." (Pr 9.8 NLT). It is true this Proverb teaches us to ask ourselves what kind of person we should approach when we go about correcting when necessary (that is a whole other lesson in itself). But it also teaches us to ask who we are when we are approached by those correcting us.

Every Christian who has dealt with a moment or two of correction should understand what I mean, because when these moments arise we are faced with having to make one of two decisions: to either let our heart hate the person who corrects us, or to open our heart to their loving correction (and love them for it!)

Think about the efforts a brother or sister puts into their attempt to help restore you from your problems (Gal 6.1; Mt. 18.15). With the desire to bring you back to God, it takes much love, care, courage, and humility to approach you. Wouldn't you love them for this? Aren't you wise?

I cannot imagine any better motive for my fellow Christians to consider me in any other way than to think about what is best for my soul, and to help me before I approach the Throne of God. I love my brothers and sisters who have corrected me along the way, and I will love them for the future corrections I am certain to have.

- *WHSmith*

