

## ASSEMBLY TIMES

### Sunday

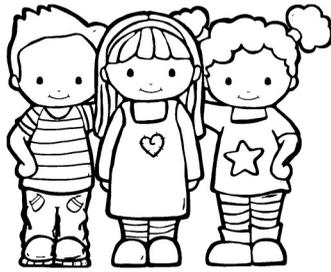
Bible Class 9:45am  
Morning Assembly 10:35am  
Evening Assembly 6:00pm

### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

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**No God, No Peace  
Know God, Know Peace**

## CLASS SCHEDULE

**Today**  
All Classes  
Mt 26:35 – 27:10

**Next Sunday**  
All Classes  
Lu 22, Jn 18

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

## RADIO PROGRAM

### The Bible Speaks



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

# FAMILY NEWS

## PRAYER LIST –

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

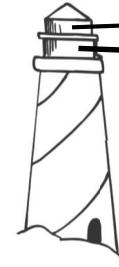
*Sick:* Mary Lou Lewis, Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, Nellie Shell, June Self,

Diane Willis, Shirley Cole, Etta Frazelle & Betty Alley *Military:* Logan Dickey

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

**DIRECTORIES** – Our directories are updated online in the ‘members area’ of our website. If you need a current hard copy, talk to the IT guys upstairs!

**Q and A** – Tonight is our monthly question and answer session. Thanks to all who have taken the time to submit questions!



# DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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## Finding Satisfaction

Everyone wants to be satisfied. And while many struggle to find it and never do, many others have found it. They have located their place in life and are very happy to be there.

But satisfaction can be a deceptive mistress. Like the adulterous woman of Proverbs chapter five, it lulls us into thinking that the oil and honey of life is what life is all about. We want **that** job, **that** mate, **that** house in **that** neighborhood, with **that much** money in the bank. And when we arrive — well, we are satisfied!

But as one of our deacons recently observed in a short talk, “Some people are satisfied when they should **not** be, and not satisfied when they **should** be” (Thanks Joel). And he’s exactly right.

How many people have reached that point in life where they are completely satisfied, yet they are on the brink of utter disaster? Like the rich fool (Lu 12:16-21), worldly success has blinded them to their spiritual failure. Their satisfaction will evaporate as quickly as the morning dew. >

Then again, some are not satisfied when they **should** be. Christians especially can be guilty of this. Of all people on the planet, Christians should understand the big picture. We know how the story ends. We also know that life doesn't always cooperate with our plans — that sometimes we don't get **that** job, **that** mate, **that** home in **that** neighborhood, or **that much** money in the bank. But children of God should be satisfied anyway.

Though we may not get **that** job, we labor for something better (Jn 6:27). We may not get **that** mate — but we have a family more valuable which will help us get to heaven (Mk 3:33-35). We may not get **that** house — but we have an eternal dwelling place waiting for us in the paradise of God (Jn 14:2). And we may never have **that much** money in the bank — but we are children of the King, and will receive an enduring inheritance. And we should be **completely** satisfied with that!

- *WKing*

## Leaving a Vacancy

Eddie was a clerk in a hardware store. He made a name for himself as the most inept and contentious salesman ever. The atmosphere when he was absent one day was like the tranquil beauty of a summer day after a bad thunderstorm.

One regular customer remarked on the difference. “Eddie ain't just away for the day,” remarked the owner. “He don't work here no more.”

“Do you have anyone in mind for the vacancy?” asked the customer.

“Nope,” said the owner cheerfully. “Eddie didn't leave no vacancy.”

This reminds us of some folks in the church. It is so seldom they attend the assemblies that no one really misses them when they are absent. They are such that no great loss is felt if they move to another city. Like Eddie, they leave no vacancy. Don't be an Eddie.

- *Irvin Himmel (edited)*

## Faith in Context

Understanding that God's ultimate interest for us is our spirituality and the salvation of our souls, why then is He so concerned with how we use our bodies (e.g., baptism, sexual immorality, drunkenness)?

Some will argue that we can use our bodies with license to sin since God saves us with grace anyways (despite Paul refuting such an argument in Romans 6.15). In a somewhat opposite approach, some will say we don't have to work for good at all for God in our bodies, even though James warns us of a worthless faith in God (Jas 2.14, 17).

The truth is, God does not just save souls — God also sanctified bodies. Behaviors of sin that God identifies are incompatible with life in the kingdom of God, which is why He needed to redeem human beings in the first place. That very

redemption extends to the whole person — the Christian belongs to God body and soul, having been “bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6.20). God's investment in the whole person is so great that the only fitting response for us is to live life for the Lord with the whole person — body included (1 Cor. 6.13).

It follows then that God creates provision in how we use our bodies to glorify Him — to do work which glorifies Him, and to avoid deeds that don't.

The fact that people argue for their right to sin in their body “under grace”, or their right to do nothing for the good of God under that same grace, is to completely miss the purpose God placed in your body for Him.

Simply put, if you love Him for what He's done for you, keep His commandments. — *WHSmith*



*“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word” – Jn 14:23*