

## ASSEMBLY TIMES

### Sunday

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

### Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

## RADIO PROGRAM

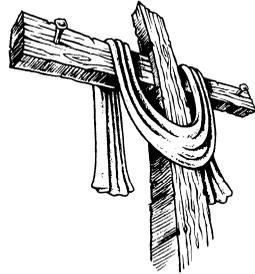
### The Bible Speaks



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

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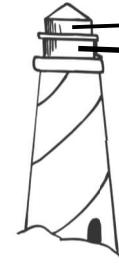
God gave you His best;  
now give Him your best.

## CLASS SCHEDULE

Today  
All Classes  
Ac 15-16

Next Sunday  
All Classes  
Ac 17-18

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,

Diane Willis, Shirley Cole, Etta Frazelle, & Rai Starr *Military:* Logan Dickey

*Shut-ins:* Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Erton Usrey, & Billie Pennington

**QUESTIONS & ANSWERS** – Tonight we are scheduled for our monthly

Q & A lesson. Thanks to all who have contributed questions to this effort.

**SENTENCE SERMON** – The Bible says, “Train up a child in the way he should go” – and walk there yourself (Pr 22:6, 1 Jn 1:7).

## I Hope He Is Where I Think He Ain't

Every gospel preacher runs into the situation from time to time – having to preach a funeral for someone who was not a Christian. It's not something we want to do, but sometimes it's something we've got to do.

Now, I'm not the one to preach people into hell. God whittles on His end of the stick, and I'm good to let Him do that. But I'm not going to preach a reprobate into heaven either. I've sat through many funerals for people who lived like the devil, yet the (denominational) preacher felt obligated to preach them into heaven anyway. Like the poor widow

who, after hearing all the glowing words spoken at her worthless husband's funeral, whispered to her son, “Go look in that casket and see if that's your pappy.”

As a gospel preacher, I'm good with strengthening the hope of those left behind when such hope is warranted (Heb 6:19). But that kind of hope is reserved for those who have been washed in the blood of Christ and have walked with God. Pity the poor preacher whose best line at the funeral is, “I hope he is where I think he ain't.” Oh well — at least the flowers are pretty. - *WKing*

## Another Perspective

I asked God to take away my pride, and God said no. He said it was not for Him to take away, but for me to give up.

I asked God to cure my sick child. God said no. He said the body is only temporary, but the spirit is eternal.

I asked God to give me patience. He said no, patience is a by-product of tribulation. It is not granted, it is earned.

I asked God to give me happiness. He said no. He gives me blessings, but happiness is up to me.

I asked God to spare me pain. God said no. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares and draws you closer to Me.

I asked God if He loved me, and He said yes. He gave His only Son to die for me, and that's why I will be with Him in heaven some day.

And so, I asked God to help me love others as much as He loved me. He said, "Ah — you finally understand." *- Author Unknown*

## God Said No



## Faith in Context

When you aren't feeling well, it's pretty typical of someone to ask, "Do you have a fever?" Then you proceed to feel your forehead or grab a thermometer and check your temp. If it is high, then you better go to the doctor or at least put a cool rag on your head!

Now, if we wish to check our spiritual health (which we should do daily), we need to turn to our Bibles and read what the Lord has said. (Although, His way to check our temp is a little different.) Jesus said, "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth." (Rev 3.15-16).

This temperature gauge of hot or cold is not about Christ wishing

one was either zealous or inactive, because both hot and cold water are actually useful (i.e., sanitizing or refreshing.). It's the lukewarm state of the water that doesn't have quite the benefit. It ceases to be useful. The church in Laodicea that Jesus is talking to here had ceased to be useful. They were only partially committed to the Lord and His will, and Christ spit them out of His mouth because of that.

If we are to check our spiritual temperature, we ought to pore over the words of the Bible and reaffirm what the Lord's will is.

It is a pleasing thing to the Lord when we search the scriptures, discover His will, and move away from that apathetic lukewarm state. *- WHSmith*

