

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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Our GOSPEL MEETING has been POSTPONED.

See update below.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Today
All Classes
Ac 27-28

Next Sunday
All Classes
Romans

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.

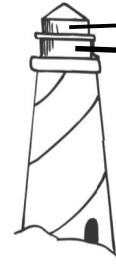
Sick: Mary Lou Lewis, Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, Nellie Shell, June Self,

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

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

UPDATE – Our Spring meeting & our Spring singing have been postponed until the fall (tentatively). Also, our regular worship and class times have been temporarily cancelled. Instead make plans to meet in small groups.

CONGRATULATIONS – Our congratulations go out to Luke and Amara Heiligenthal who were recently married! Let's be supportive of them!



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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John, the Pro-Family Prophet

“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.” – Mal 4:5-6

Thus the Holy Spirit brought the inspired prophecies of the Old Testament to an end. Jesus applied this prophecy to John the Baptist (Mt 17:10-13); yet, in reading of the work of John in the gospels, nothing is said of this familial restoration. John is silent about this ‘turning of the hearts’ — this reconciliation between fathers and children. Or, is he?

If the teaching of John the Baptist could be summarized in one word, it would be ‘repentance’. *“Change your minds with respect to sin”* was his fundamental message, and it had application to a broad audience. But, nowhere would a national repentance be felt so keenly, or have such far-reaching influence, than in the hearts of fathers and mothers and children in the home.

And so it is today. It would be nice if politicians and other elites were Christians. But, a ‘national repentance’, if one is to occur, must begin in the hearts at home.

- WKing

Another Perspective

Kazakhstan Mindset

I've finally come to understand the real root of the problems here in Kazakhstan. If you remember a book that came out several years ago, *Everything I Ever Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, you can appreciate the lessons that we all grew up learning. We learned how to share and how to be patient with one another. We learned how to get along...

Here in Kazakhstan they did **not** learn those lessons in **any** grade, nor did they learn them at home! This entire culture is a culture of dysfunctional, selfish children (no matter their actual age) who have not learned how to solve their problems in a manner that is beneficial to all. Young people have not been taught how to interact socially or how to resolve conflicts where 'everybody wins'. They only know one way – might makes right. The bigger, stronger, or more aggressive (or the loudest screamer) is always the winner. If you are inconvenienced by something (or someone), just bully your way through or around and move on. If your actions cause hard feelings or problems for others, that's too bad. The entire mind set is shaped by this mentality. You are either the winner or the victim; there is no middle ground. That is the reason Islam is so attractive to the masses here...

– **Anonymous Evangelist, recently serving in Kazakhstan**

Perhaps we should not take our 'Judeo-Christian' heritage for granted. Without it, chaos would rule the day. - *wk*

Faith in Context

When it comes to 'training' a child as they grow up, there are a couple of things I am sure we have all observed at some time or another.

There are some parents who simply do everything for their child and don't teach them anything. There are others who tell their kids what to do, but don't show them how. Then finally, there are the kinds of parents who not only tell their children what to do, but they show them how to do it.

Can you take a guess as to which one had proper training? That's right. The parent who teaches and shows their children.

Biblical elders are very similar to this, except they train us how to grow up in spiritual things. Just consider the qualifications of an

elder in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1.

Not only does an elder teach, but his entire life is an example, a showing, of how to live a better spiritual way. That is exactly why we appoint elders to begin with. We place authority in them and trust them because they have shown us they know what they are doing in their lives for the Lord.

When we select our elders, we are saying, "I cannot do this alone, and I need your help" — just as a son needs help from his father.

Every single day, we can truly test ourselves whether we are letting our elders train us. Are we trusting them? Following them? Honoring them? Listening to them? We certainly hope so.

Let us pray for our elders, and on top of that, truly allow them to lead us in this spiritual warfare between sin and righteousness.

- *WHSmith*