

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

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

Wednesday

Bible Class 7:00pm

RADIO PROGRAM

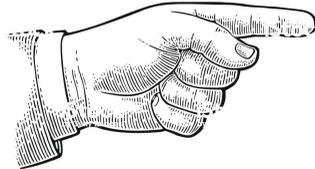
The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
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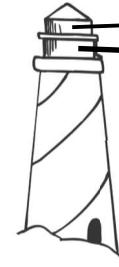
**Failure is not always a
problem; but blaming
others for it is.**

CLASS SCHEDULE

Today
All Classes
I & II Thess.

Next Sunday
All Classes
I & II Tim & Titus

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

CURRENT SCHEDULE: Assemblies Sunday at 9 or 11 (take your choice).

Facebook sermon, Sunday at 6. Facebook classes Wednesday evenings at
6:30 (kids) and 7:00 (adults).

SENTENCE SERMON — The discipline brought by God, which leads to
good, is never harder than the crushing destruction of sin brought by Satan.

Nehemiah, the Prayer Ninja

When his brother brought news of the affliction that the people of Jerusalem were experiencing, Nehemiah prayed (1:4).

When the Persian king Artaxerxes asked him why he was so sad, before he answered, he prayed (2:4).

When their enemies mocked the Jews for the efforts in rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem, he prayed (4:4).

When they attempted to launch a military attack against the Jews, and stop them by force, he prayed (4:9).

When instituting financial reforms for the people, he prayed (5:19).

Nehemiah prayed for strength when their enemies made up lies against the Jews to thwart their effort (6:9).

When he was told that there was a plot against his life, Nehemiah prayed to God (6:14).

His leadership prompted the Levites to lead the congregation in a prayer of repentance (8:9, 9:4-38).

And as he continued to institute reforms, he prayed for God several times to remember him for his work (13:14, 13:22, 13:29, 13:31).

Be like Nehemiah. Be a prayer ninja.

- *WKing*

Another Perspective

Would You Pray?

Faith in Context

May I ask a favor? Would you pray...

...for church shepherds everywhere who face difficult decisions — coming at them from opposite directions? These are hard times and they are mere men with much on their shoulders. They do the best they can to care for the souls of their people.

...for children struggling with anxiety in a world of loss? — Loss of routine, loss of playing with friends, loss of seeing church friends? They are at a loss to understand their loss, but they feel the fear.

...for attitudes to soften on all sides of emotional debates? These are Romans 14 days where both grace and space are needed. Fact is, no one has the corner on all the facts. However, as believers, we must have the corner on kindness.

...for those struggling with quarantine fatigue? Know the feeling when you're tired, bone-weary, and your kids (or spouse) keep coming at you? Me? Moody?? What??? Nerves are edgy and patience wears thin. These are hard times.

...for those struggling with depression? The heavy weight of hardship takes its toll on those already fighting to keep their balance.

How all of this affects families, church families, and our interaction with others remains to be seen. Are there God-truths to help us navigate such storms? Absolutely. After all, we serve the One "who comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others."

- *Wilson Adams (edited for space)*

In Hebrews 9 and 10 we are taught something very important when it comes to what we should take away from the Book of Leviticus. When we read that old book of the Law, we ultimately find that it shows us there is a deficiency in that old sacrificial system, and that there is a truer satisfaction of these sacrifices in Jesus' ultimate sacrifice (9.13-15; 10.4). A few examples:

The whole burnt offerings of Lev 1 are concerned with the principle of complete commitment to God (wholly given to God), but they never were completely acceptable nor fully realized until Christ and His total commitment to the Father had been revealed (Heb 10.5-10).

Also, in Lev 6, we read of the sin offering. The principle here is that wrongdoing had occurred, and the

sinner slits an animal's throat in order to see the true consequences of their sin (death), and for that death to cover their own deserved death. Yet, the Hebrew writer explains these repetitive sacrifices are in no way satisfactory to completely cover sin, but that a sacrifice once and for all — a death that we ultimately deserve — is taken on by Jesus (Heb 10.11-18; Is. 52.13-53.12).

Lastly, there is the peace (or fellowship) offering in Lev 3. This was a volunteer offering. One did this in thanks and appreciation towards God. It was a symbol of union with Him. However, it was never a true union until Christ tore away the veil in His sacrifice, and showed us how to draw near to the Father for the truest union possible (Heb 10.19-25).

Let us hold in appreciation what the sacrifice of our Lord satisfied with our Father.

- *WHSmith*