

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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**Money generally does
more TO a man than
it does FOR a man.**

CLASS SCHEDULE

**Today
All Classes
On Hold**

**Next Sunday
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On Hold**

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

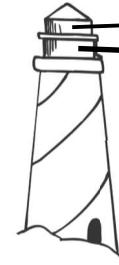
FAMILY NEWS

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

SCHEDULE – For the foreseeable future we continue to meet on Sundays at 9am & 11am. FB lessons are held Sundays at 6pm & Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

SENTENCE SERMON – If preachers tried as hard to **save** men as they do to **please** them, they would save more souls – including their own.



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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Faithfulness

“**God is faithful**, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able” (1 Co 10:13). “If we confess our sins, **He is faithful** and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 Jn 1:9). “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope... for He who promised **is faithful**” (He 10:23). The Bible does not leave us in doubt about God. He is faithful, dependable, trustworthy.

And, while we cannot mimic **all** of God’s qualities (like omnipotence), we **can** imitate His faithfulness. We **can** be faithful (i.e., God can depend on us) in our handling of this world’s goods (Lu 16:11-12). We **can** be

faithful (i.e., God can depend on us) to treat others the way we should (Mt 24:45-51). We **can** be faithful (i.e., God can depend on us) even in severe tribulations (Re 2:10). And we **can** be faithful (i.e., God can depend on us) to teach His Word plainly and accurately (2 Ti 2:2).

Fact is, we should be faithful in **everything** that God has placed under our stewardship (Mt 25:19-21). He and others are depending on you to do your part in the kingdom. So let us answer honestly. Are we dependable? Are we trustworthy? Are we faithful?

- *WKing*

Another Perspective

Sharing Our Gratitude

November 14, 1965, Landing Zone X-Ray, Vietnam, 11 days until Thanksgiving. But Thanksgiving would come early that year for one 19-year-old kid, critically wounded and dying in the jungle of the Ia Drang Valley. As the world started to fade in and out, he knew that this was ‘the day’. Then, over the machine gun noise, he faintly heard the sound of a helicopter. Ed Freeman was coming to get him.

It wasn’t his job, but the medevacs had refused to fly, so there Ed was, flying down into the machine gun fire and sitting in a hail of bullets while someone loaded up the young man and a few others. Then he flew out through the gunfire to the doctors and nurses who would save the young men’s lives.

Do you think those GIs were thankful for what Ed Freeman did that day? Those men have never forgotten; and our Nation thanked him by presenting him with the Medal of Honor.

Giving thanks is more than saying the words. We know the ‘Greatest Story Ever Told.’ But, it is impossible for us to be truly thankful for what our Lord accomplished on our behalf if we refuse to share it with those who have never heard it. When Peter and John were imprisoned for telling the story of Christ and commanded to stop telling it, they said, “*We cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard*” (Ac 4:20). We should do the same.

– *Chris Schaefer (edited for space)*



Faith in Context

Human beings have a remarkable ability to justify anything, whether it be something they participate in, witness, or think of. Many times, these acts of justifying are sinful.

Take, for example, the Hebrew people: Shortly after God commanded them to make no other idols (Ex. 20⁴), they participated in disobedience to God by making an idol, and they justified their actions with their impatience towards Moses (Ex. 32¹⁻⁶).

Look at the Israelites: They chose Saul as their king, rejected God’s kingship, and justified this with the witness they had of all other nations with kings, and desired to be like them (1 Sam 8^{7, 20}).

Consider Pilate: In asking, “What is truth?” he implied truth cannot be

found. With these few words, he was now ‘justified’ to scoff at the truth Jesus proclaimed (Jno 18³⁷⁻³⁸).

However, we were created by God with this ability. So how can we properly use this God-given ability?

Job could have cursed God for what he endured, yet he justified being faithful by counting the goodness of God to him (Job 2⁹⁻¹⁰).

Paul, when looking at the world and all that is in it, justified the belief in a creator God, and that He draws us to Him through that creation (Rom 1²⁰; Acts 17²³⁻²⁹).

And when Jesus hung on that cross with its shame, He justified the worth of His obedience to God by simply trusting in Him (Phl 2⁸⁻⁹).

Let us use this ability to justify our reason for God, to trust and follow Him despite all else. And in the end, it will be us who are justified by our Loving Father (Rom 5¹⁻⁵).

– *WHSmith*