

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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**Tomorrow is the harvest
of what we sow today.**

CLASS SCHEDULE

**Today
All Classes
On Hold**

**Next Sunday
All Classes
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.

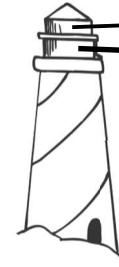
Sick: Mary Lou Lewis, Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, June Self, Diane Willis,
Shirley Cole, Etta Frazelle, & Rai Starr

Military: Logan Dickey

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

CONGRATULATIONS – To Jalen and Lindsey Dickey on the recent birth of Jansen Leel Mom and son are doing fine – Jalen, too, we think.

CONGRATULATIONS – To Will & Haley Smith on their recent wedding! Let's keep all of our young couples in our prayers.



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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Certainly Not!

“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not!” - Ro 6:1-2a

Many are familiar with this general statement from the book of Romans. But it becomes even more poignant when we make specific applications. For example:

Shall we continue to **use corrupt speech** so that grace may abound? Certainly not!

Shall we continue to **hold grudges against our brethren** so that grace may abound? Certainly not!

Shall we continue to **be lovers of money** so that grace may abound? Certainly not!

Shall we continue to **satisfy our fleshly desires** so that grace may abound? Certainly not!

Shall we continue to **be in love with this world** so that grace may abound? Certainly not!

You get the picture. The bottom line is, God's grace will not save you if you continue to walk in sin.

So, just stop it!

- WKing

Another Perspective

It's a show we've probably seen advertised on the television. It has seeped into our popular culture and has been constantly rated as one of History Channel's most popular programs. If you're a follower of social media, you may have even seen the meme based on the show's eccentric host. It a show that challenges hundreds of years of conventional wisdom. The show in question is *Ancient Aliens*.

Ancient Aliens has a simple hypothesis which they extrapolate on every episode of their show. They speculate that aliens came to Earth thousands of years ago and helped progress human development. This means that they helped build the pyramids, Machu Pichu, and the Easter Island Heads. In recent seasons, the show has begun

to make even more outlandish claims. Some episodes have claimed that aliens inspired Leonardo da Vinci's inventions, helped Columbus discover America and that aliens even helped the North win the Civil War.

While most scientists and archaeologists are quick to refute most of these claims, there are people who sincerely believe these theories. For them, knowing that aliens came to Earth and helped humanity is a source of comfort. It's a source of comfort because it helps answer many ideas on why we are here and our ultimate destiny in life. Life becomes more interesting when we think that aliens built the pyramids than if our ancestors did through trial and error.

All these strange theories and speculations can make someone think about humanity's place in the cosmos. A question comes to mind as I think of the poor souls who

sincerely believe in all of this: what will you believe? Is it easier to believe that aliens came to Earth and created humanity as a slave race or perhaps something else? I hold the position that there is something easier and more logical to believe in than aliens.

John 3:16 says, "*For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*" I hold that it is more logical to believe in this verse than it is to believe in "ancient aliens." It is easier to believe in a loving God that selflessly died on a cross for His creation than in aliens needing help to build pyramids with their advanced technology. If we believe in the ancient astronaut theory, then life has no purpose. We are simply an accident in the cosmos. However, if we believe that God came to Earth to die on a cross for us, then life has meaning. Life has

meaning because we have something better to look forward to in this life other than material gain.

As humanity progresses countless new theories will come and go, even the ancient alien hypothesis. What will not go away is the Word of God. Nothing has been able to refute its existence throughout the centuries. What will you believe — the latest fad theory in fringe science or the irrefutable Word of God? The decision is yours.

- Gabriel Chavez

