

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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**Jesus is the only fountain
who can satisfy the
thirsty soul.**

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).**

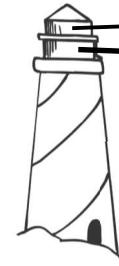
FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.
Sick: Mary Lou Lewis, Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, Rai Starr, Diane Willis,
and Etta Frazelle *Shut-ins:* Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Erton Usrey,
Shirley Cole, & Billie Pennington *Military:* Logan Dickey

CHILDREN'S CLASSES – The elders continue to plan for reopening our children's classes. At the time of this writing, the start date is still undecided.

SENTENCE SERMON – Spoiled children get what they want — wise parents give their children what they need.



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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God's Power

We tend to think of God's power in terms of His creative abilities. After all, only an omnipotent, or all-powerful, God could have created such a universe.

But when the apostle Paul wrote to the Romans of God's power, he did not begin with a discussion of His physical creation. Instead, he was more impressed with the power of God's **message**: "*I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation*" (Ro 1:16). It's easy to ignore God's power here.

The gospel is God's power — His *dunamis* — to save the world. The Greek word is the same from which we get our word 'dynamite'. Translated 'ability', 'might', 'strength', and even 'violence', it refers to the 'muscle' or raw power required to get something done.

And while such power was required to bring the cosmos into existence, it was no less necessary to bring the message of salvation into existence. Both required the power of a 'dynamite' God.

- *WKing*

Another Perspective

Virtue and Manliness

Faith in Context

Virtue is the courage to do what is right. It describes the person who does not give in to peer-pressure. A courageous person has the strength of his convictions. He stands firm. Regardless of the dangers or difficulties, he will do what is right. He will stand firm despite the threat of physical harm, loss of friends, or the loss of position, property, or prestige.

Those who seek the praises of God are worthy of commendation. Their lives demonstrate the qualities of virtue: moral excellence, moral character, and moral goodness. However, those who seek the praises of men are unworthy of true praise.

God wants us to "*Act like men!*" (1 Co 16:13). In the New Testament, manliness is patterned after the type introduced by Jesus Christ. This is different from the Greek or Roman concept of manliness that glorified physical strength above other qualities. It also differs from the modern 'macho-man' concept. Instead it refers to one who seeks moral excellence by walking in the steps of Jesus! He, after all, sets forth the ultimate ideal of manliness.

- *Mark Mayberry (edited)*



There's been plenty of discussion these past few months (years and years, really) about the crumbling of our democracy at large, and the undermining of our personal freedoms and rights. 'One side denigrates this, the other side threatens that,' and so on.

On both sides of the political spectrum voices cry for fear, anger, frustration, and much more. And if I am being honest, some of those same emotions reside in me as well as we all enter an unknown future together.

But there are a couple of things worth considering to calm the mind and soul as we live a life in Christ.

First, our citizenship is in heaven, and we await our Savior (Php 3²⁰). Whatever rights we fear to lose, or oppression we fear to endure in this world that is governed by man, we

should never forget the right God has bestowed on us as heirs of glory (Rom 8¹⁷). We will not lose that right (Jno 10²⁸). Also, remember that God will be righteously just toward all inequities in this world (2 Thess 2⁶⁻⁹).

More importantly, we are not a people who demand rights from the world. In fact, as people of Christ still living in the world proclaiming God's salvation, we are a people who give up our rights (1 Cor 6¹²) and should even embrace that possibility (1 Cor 6⁷).

Why? This is what Christ did (1 Pet 2²¹⁻²⁴). The Creator of all things – to whom all rights are due – let them all go to save souls.

Have no concern for our rights in this world. Instead, focus on our heavenly citizenship and share the good news that others can also have the right to eternal life as an heir of God.

- *WHSmith*