

## 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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**Embrace old age; it is a  
privilege not given to all.**

## 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

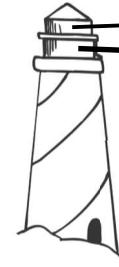
### PRAYER LIST –

*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

**SENTENCE SERMON** – If you are as comfortable with your conscience as you are with your mattress, you should get a good night's sleep.

**CURRENT SCHEDULE** – We continue to have two morning assemblies every Sunday, one at 9 and one at 11. Come if you can; we need each other.



## DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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## Did Your Guy Win?

At the time of this writing, the results of the 2020 presidential election are not known. Whichever way it goes, some will be thrilled, and others will be disheartened. If your guy won, you may plan to rest easy for the next few years. If your guy lost, you may think the world has gone crazy – and just going fishing looks better all the time.

But regardless, the Bible directs Christians in the proper response: “I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, **for kings and all who are in high positions**, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet

life, godly and dignified in every way” (1 Ti 2:1-2, ESV). “Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. **Honor the emperor**” (1 Pe 2:17, ESV). Leaving the ‘kings and emperor’ jokes aside, God’s people are commanded to pray for and to honor those in authority.

Depending on whether your guy won, you may choke on your prayers for the one who did. Pray for him anyway. You may experience intense cognitive dissonance in assigning honor to him. Honor him anyway. And why? So that we may lead a “peaceful and quiet life”; *and that’s worth praying for!*      - **WKing**

## Another Perspective

## Now That the Election is Over

Consider:

Are we capable of evangelizing those whom we make our political foes?

Can we properly teach others to love when we have not loved?

Will we be able to influence for good those whom we have demonized, insulted, and marginalized?

Can we unify in Christ where we have divided in culture?

Are we seeking first His kingdom and His righteousness?

Are we doing all we can, as much as it depends on us, to be at peace with others?

Are we keeping our conduct honorable so that, when others speak of us as evildoers, they may see our good deeds and glorify God in the end?

Are we doing all things without grumbling and disputing?

Are we the salt and light the Lord has called us to be?

Are we aware of the pain of others, and are we doing what we can to help alleviate the pain, whether physical, emotional, or spiritual?

Are we so concerned with what happens here that we become bitter when things don't go our way?

Are we showing to others the grace and mercy that the Lord shows us?

Are we thankful in all circumstances?

- *Doy Moyer*

## Faith in Context

Are you **hurt**, **hardened**, or **helpful**? The world has always been a tough place to live in. Prior to the fall in the Garden, all was good. But after sin entered the world struggle, pain, and death occurred. When the work of sin (whether by others or ourselves) is in full bloom, much pain is involved – cruelties, deceptions, and betrayals abound. All of us experience these trials in one form or another.

All are **hurt**, and many shrink away in their pain and are overpowered by it. Sadly, if this is our **only** reaction to this world, it will simply lead to death (2 Cor 7<sup>10</sup>).

There are others who respond differently: Some will **harden** their hearts to all that is around them. They care not for the needs of

others, nor sympathize in the hurt that others endure. Some even go so far as to join with the sin and pain of the world and wreak havoc on themselves as well as others (Rom 1<sup>25-32</sup>).

There is, however, a righteous response to all the pain in the world, and that is to be **helpful**.

When we see the struggles, the trials, and pains in the lives of others, what better is there to do than to help them? This is what we are called to do (Eph 4<sup>1-3</sup>).

Our brethren may be hurt or hardened, and they need our help (Gal 6<sup>1-2</sup>). Same goes for those in the world. Perhaps your help will even bring them to honor God (1 Pet 2<sup>12</sup>).

Brethren, the only way to lose your life's pain is to lose it on the cross daily, and to help others come to that same realization (Mt 10<sup>38-39, 42</sup>).

- *WHSmith*