

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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**Make prayer part of your
life, and thanksgiving a
part of your prayers.**

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

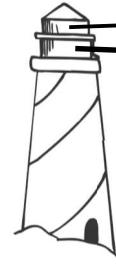
PRAYER LIST –

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

CURRENT SCHEDULE – Our temporary meeting times are 9 and 11am
on Sundays. Also see Facebook Sundays at 6pm & Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

SENTENCE SERMON – Some people avoid criticism by saying nothing,
doing nothing and believing nothing.



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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Thanking Squanto – and God

I like Thanksgiving. It's my favorite holiday of the year. And yes, I'll admit it, food is part of the reason. Dressing with giblet gravy and cranberry sauce – it's enough to make a puppy pull a freight train!

In recent times, some have tried to rewrite American history. They describe the birth of this holiday as a giving of thanks to the Indians for their help in getting naïve white folks established in the New World. Others see it as a first step in advancing white supremacy, which ignores the religious context.

True, they may have been naïve – and yes, they did receive some help from the locals; but, it strains credulity to think that the Pilgrims, who came primarily for religious reasons, would fail to give thanks to the One who saw them through their first winter. “Thank you, Squanto, for the fish fertilizer; but, thank you, Lord, for your mercy.” That sounds reasonable to me.

So, enjoy the holidays; but don't forget the One who makes every blessing possible in the first place (Ac 14:17)!
- *WKing*

Another Perspective

Have you ever gone to someone in sin only to be accused of ‘judging’? It is usually in accusatory tones, as if you were wrong. They may even quote Jesus “Judge not, that you be not judged” (Mt 7:1). But is that right? If so, what do we do with Galatians 6:1, which tells us, “Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted”?

Granted, there are types of judging which are prohibited to us. In Matthew 7, for example, Jesus was speaking of hypocritical judging. He went on to say, “You hypocrite, first pull the beam from your own eye; and then you will see clearly to pull the splinter out of your brother's eye” (vs 5). And Paul wrote about passing judgment against a brother on matters of opinion, and how that can be a stumbling block to faithfulness (Ro 14).

But does this mean that all judging is prohibited to us? While it is true that none of us are perfect, God’s Word is – and IT determines, and convicts, and condemns anyone who is in sin. God has given us the duty to warn the sinner of the error of his way (based on His Word). How can we do that without judging (according to God’s Word) that he is in error? How can we reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine (2 Ti 4:2)? Going to another in an ugly, self-righteous manner is never right, no matter how wrong they may be. But neither are we to just sit back and let someone go to hell. In fact, we are commanded to judge righteous judgment (Jn 7:24). And true love demands it. – *Gene Samford (edited for space)*

Judging Righteously

Faith in Context

Clearly, God has a righteous purpose for the parent/child relationship. The character of our great God is to be taught and learned. This expectation is evident both in the OT (Ex. 12²⁶⁻²⁷; Dt. 6⁶⁻⁷), and in this Christian Age (Eph. 6⁴).

What then does the Christian parent say is the ultimate goal?

Perhaps they would say, “For the child to remember God’s ways (Dt. 6²⁰⁻²³), and to know which path to choose so they can live rightly and with wisdom” (Pr. 22⁶; 2 Tim 3¹⁴⁻¹⁵; Col 3²⁰⁻²¹; Eph. 6⁴).

To be sure, this is absolutely true. However, we are mindful of the fact that mere recognition of God and an ostensible way of living will never be enough (Lk 18⁹⁻¹⁴).

Now, I seriously doubt any parent is teaching their child to be a hypocrite. But we should be wary in how our instruction (or lack

thereof) can do this very thing (Mt 23¹⁵).

‘Teaching Bible’ is well and good, but if the parent’s main goal is for their child to have a relationship (i.e., salvation) with their Creator – to trust, appreciate, and love Him – then that parent must **show** that alongside Bible study.

Know this, your entire life is the witness they will learn from. They will watch every aspect of your life (Dt. 11¹⁹), and they will ultimately imitate it (Pr. 20¹¹) – good and bad.

They will learn how to have relationships with their friends, family, brethren, and spouse because of you (good or bad), and they will learn how to have a relationship with the Lord because of you (good or bad).

So yes, teach the Bible. But *show them from your life* how to trust, appreciate, and love God.

- *WHSmith*

Bring your children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. – *Ephesians 6:4*