

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class on hold
Morning Assembly 10:30
Evening Assembly 5:00

Wednesday

Evening Bible Class 6:30

RADIO PROGRAM

The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
KURM 790AM

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is a choice.

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.

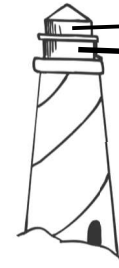
Sick: Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, Rai Starr, Diane Willis, & Etta Frazelle.

Shut-ins: Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Erton Usrey, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, & Mary Lou Lewis

Military: Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins

WELCOME – Welcome to Gerald and Marilyn Robertson who recently placed membership with us! Let's do all we can to encourage them!

SUMMER DATES – Our **VBS** is set for July 18-22 with Chris Reeves and our **Youth Lectures** are set for July 30-31 with Paul Sheehan. Plan ahead!



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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Why Mothers Matter

We recently preached a sermon at the Downtown church entitled “Mothers Who Mattered” — and there is no shortage of material in the Bible to preach such a lesson.

But **why** do mothers matter so much? That's a good question; and once again, the Bible provides an ample response.

Mothers matter because their God-assigned work matters (Ti 2:4-5). Families, churches, and any society that strives for stability, need the nurturing influence of a godly woman. Such a stabilizing effect is fundamentally critical to the survival of any healthy society.

And mothers matter because dads need all the help they can get. Eve's first job was to help Adam (Ge 1-2). Later, as God assigned the role of spiritual leadership to the fathers (Ge 18:19, Ep 6:4), mothers often stepped up to the challenge of helping them, either because the fathers were unable (sickness, death, etc), or they simply refused to accept the responsibility (Ac 16:1, 2 Ti 1:5).

William Ross Wallace had it right: “The hand the rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world.” Never minimize mom's importance. She changed your diaper — and she can change your life.

- *WKing*

Another Perspective

Advice for Godly Mothers

Success in this life will be determined upon the eternal destination of the soul; and it will, in part, be based upon whether my children go to heaven. It is true that parents do not bear the guilt of their children (*Eze 18:20*), but there are some things a mother can do to improve the odds of success.

Put God First. You simply cannot be the mother your children need you to be if God is not the top priority in your life (*Mt 6:33*). Your children are watching and will see what is most important to you.

Love Your Husband. Your children need to know that you love your husband (*Ti 2:4*). Much of what they will seek in their own relationships will be based upon what they see at home. Love their father!

Love Your Children. It seems odd to many of us that mothers would have to be told this (*Ti 2:4*). But society has conditioned us to be selfish. Your children need nurturing, discipline and structure. Provide it for them!

Drag Them to Church. If you are faithful in assembling with saints (*Heb 10:25*), your children will grow to understand the importance of worship. And they will build relationships with other Christians of all ages.

Teach Them the Word. “You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up” (*Deut 6:7*). Do this!

Pray! Pray with them. They need to hear you pray so they will know how to communicate with the Father of their souls! And pray **for** them. “The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous [mother] avails much” (*Ja 5:16*)!

- Author Unknown (edited for space)

Faith in Context

Having a ‘heart-to-heart’ with people is a very difficult task.

Have you ever had to have an intervention for a troubled family member? This is quite an emotional undertaking, but we do it anyway for their sake — and we hope for the best results.

Have you ever had to confront a dear friend when they’ve wronged you? It’s a thing of anxiety, because in the back of our minds we think of how they may reject us. But we do it anyway to hopefully mend the relationship.

Have you ever corrected a brother or sister in Christ when they are in sin? It’s a daunting task because they may choose to forgo their soul (and even blame you for it). But we do it anyway in hopes of saving them.

Having these ‘heart-to-hearts’ can be very difficult and painful, but we do them because there is the hope of a bettered, matured, and reclaimed person in the end. And despite the difficulties, we know this is the right thing to do.

God has asked us to take care of our family (1 Tim 5⁸), to help friends and others who need it (Luke 3¹¹), and have concern for our brethren in Christ (Heb 6¹⁰⁻¹²; Gal 6¹). We know this is the right, and so we do it.

However, it seems to me that one of the most difficult things about these ‘heart-to-hearts’ is taking our own selves to task with them: to admit when I’m wrong; to come to terms with how I am spiritually destitute; to deal with the fact that I will always be a sinful person (Rom 3²³).

You need to have that heart-to-heart with yourself, every day. The mirror of God’s word will help (2 Cor 3¹⁸; Jms 1²³⁻²⁵).

- WHSmith