

## ASSEMBLY TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Class 9:30  
Morning Assembly 10:30  
Evening Assembly 5:00

### Wednesday

Evening Bible Class 6:30

## RADIO PROGRAM

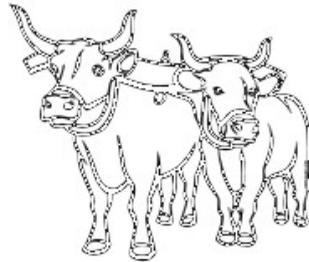
### The Bible Speaks



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

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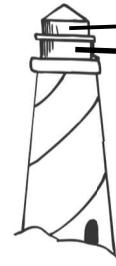
The Lord's yoke does  
not fit a stiff neck.

## ELDERS:

Otis Hardin  
Perry Johnson  
Ken Parker  
Alan Revier  
GW Walsh

## DEACONS:

TJ Burleson  
Scott Hale  
Joel Heiligenthal  
Jason Hill  
Chris Johnson  
Brock McKeel  
Randy Potter  
Tim Roberts  
Randy Shell



# DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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## Guys with Beautiful Feet

It was an exhausting but encouraging week. We heard knowledgeable men lecture on the book of Hebrews (don't give up!), and the book of Nehemiah (principles of leadership!). Others offered lessons on Elijah (courage in preaching!), the glory of the Old Law (more glorious than we usually give it credit for!), and principles of evangelism (just get out there!). It was a full 14-hour slate most every day.

Add to that my own contributions on the very real danger of being crushed by life, or worldliness, or brethren (yes!), or even ourselves (in the battles of the mind), concluding

with lessons on how to prepare and deliver sermons. It was, to be redundant, a full week.

Spending time with our brothers and sisters in Christ in our regular assemblies, gospel meetings, vacation Bible schools, etc. is, of course, very encouraging as well (by design).

But being with thirty aspiring preachers, and several veteran ones, is a different experience — encouraging in a different way. These are men who know the struggles of preaching the gospel (or soon will). They understand the challenge of finding the right message at the right

## FAMILY NEWS

### PRAYER LIST –

*Preachers we support:* Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.

*Sick:* Gary Fletcher, James Swim, Rai Starr, Diane Willis, & Etta Frazelle.

*Shut-ins:* Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, and Mary Lou Lewis

*Military:* Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins, Sean Potter

**YOUTH LECTURES COMING UP –** Our **Youth Lectures** are set for this weekend, July 30-31 with Paul Sheehan: for 'young people' of all ages!

**SENTENCE SERMON –** Life is not so much about where you **are**, but where you are **heading**.

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time for a specific audience, and delivering it in an effective way — and doing that consistently week after week, month after month, year after year, and (by the grace of God) decade after decade; even as he battles his own demons — perhaps the toughest fight of all.

This is not to elevate preachers above other brothers and sisters in Christ. Every Christian is fighting a hard battle, not just preachers. And the body takes the combined efforts of **every** member to function properly. No clergy/laity distinction exists in the church. Big toes and thumbs serve a vital role in the body, as do eyes and ears. A healthy body has all its varied parts.

Besides, while preachers can be an important asset to a local church, they are often the **cause** of problems. When a preacher begins to imagine himself as the sage of the congregation, the most spiritually-minded or intelligent, or \_\_\_\_\_ (fill in the blank), it's probably time to find another preacher. A servant without a servant mindset is not much use to anyone.

And so, back home in Rogers we immediately jumped into our VBS (thanks Chris Reeves and many others) and will soon be hosting our Youth Lectures (thanks Paul Sheehan and others). It's good to be back with my family, and my spiritual family. It's good to sleep in my own bed again.

But I will long remember the time spent in the land of Lincoln with a small group of preachers who have a heart for service, a love for God, and a fervent love for the souls of people.

“How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news” (Ro 10:15). It may seem an odd figure of speech to our modern Western ears; but we get the point. Any man who would sacrifice time and energy, and often money and prestige, to help Christians and others get to heaven, is a man deserving of our respect. They come in all different shapes, sizes, and shades of skin. But they share hearts of compassion for others.

May God increase their ranks.

- *WKing*

## Another Perspective

## When Jesus Got Angry

The popular image of Jesus as a sweet, gentle teacher takes a hit when we read the story of Him cleansing the temple (Mk 11:15-17). Here is a man who was clearly angry at the crass commercialization of the holy place and took action to stop it. How can we reconcile His behavior on this occasion with His message of love and reconciliation?

The ‘temple’ was a large complex of courtyards with the Holy of Holies occupying the innermost section. The area that Jesus cleansed was the Court of the Gentiles, a large outer compound into which anyone could come, even Gentiles. But if any Gentiles came into this Temple compound seeking connection with the true God, it could not be found in the cacophony of noise that overwhelmed the scene, especially in a Passover week. Money-changers, livestock brokers and their animals, and thousands of hapless customers turned the house of prayer into a raucous trading exchange.

To make matters worse, the high priest and his underlings had a stake in every transaction — and there was no SEC to ensure that customers were being treated fairly. So, when Jesus came into Jerusalem to initiate a final showdown with His enemies, the temple was the most obvious target. It was "My Father's house" (Jn. 2:16) in a manner that no one else could claim, and He exercised the right to purify it. No man or animal was harmed, and no property was destroyed — but Jesus made His point: God was to be honored in His house, not mocked.

There is a place in this world for righteous indignation. When people act in flagrant defiance of the rules, love requires firm discipline, and Jesus knew when and how to administer it. Parents, employers, preachers, and elders must learn to do the same.

- *David King (edited for space)*