

## 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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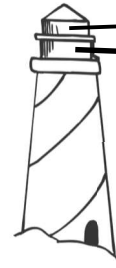
The past is a  
springboard,  
not a sofa.

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# DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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## 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

**AUDITORIUM CLASSES** – Currently our auditorium class is studying the topics of Prayer (Sun AM) & Righteous Judgment (Wed PM). Come join us!

**SENTENCE SERMON** – A rumor is about as easy to UNspread as butter; so don't go spreading it around!

## Attitudes, Shmattitudes

It is no secret that the attitude we bring to any situation in life can make all the difference in the outcome of that situation.

On the job, for example, attitude makes all the difference (Ep 6:5-9). The pleasant waitress or the grumpy one; the positive coworker or the negative one; the supportive boss or the one on a power trip – attitudes make a difference for them and for everyone around them.

And the same principle is true in a local church. Many of the **warnings** in the New Testament which are directed to Christians involve at-

titudes — “do not be high-minded” (Ro 11:20), “do not despise one another” (Ro 14:3), and “let no root of bitterness spring up” (He 12:15). These (and many more) are heart issues that will be self-controlled in a healthy congregation.

Likewise, many New Testament **exhortations** involve our attitudes — “be kind and tenderhearted one to another” (Ep 4:32), “with long-suffering, forbear one another” (Ep 4:2), and “clothe yourselves with humility toward one another” (1 Pe 5:5). These describe a deliberate, proactive mindset toward our



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brothers and sisters in Christ. We will be longsuffering toward those who ‘get on our nerves’. We will be kind, even to those who have treated us unkindly. And we will maintain a humble ‘servant heart’ toward everyone — no longer living for ‘me’ but for ‘thee’.

But such godly attitudes are counter intuitive. Our tendency, instead of being humble, is to be high-minded — to harbor a smug ‘I know better than you’ attitude. We can easily drift into a condescending mindset (as we despise others) or even develop a bitterness that becomes so severe that it taints every facet of our lives — even our relationships with our spiritual family. Such is the natural tendency of fallen humanity.

Only a heart that has been molded by the Spirit-inspired Word of God can overcome these natural tendencies. It is only through the Word of God that we grow to appreciate the alternative attitudes of kindness, longsuffering, and humility. And as we develop those attitudes, the godly behaviors will

follow — what Paul calls the “fruit of the Spirit” (Ga 5:22-23). And the church begins to grow to be what God wants it to be.

To the extent that every member takes these things seriously, this church will be a joy to experience — the nearest thing to heaven on earth. But to the extent we do not, the church will become a war-zone — perhaps not the nearest thing to hell on earth, but not far from it.

So don’t ‘attitudes, shmattitudes’ me. Attitudes matter — for now and for eternity!  
- *WKing*



## Another Perspective

## We Were All Baptized

One of the most significant arguments for baptism that I believe is under-utilized is the fact that the epistles, written to those who are already Christians, assume that the believers were all baptized.

Look at passages like [Romans 6:3-6](#); [First Corinthians 1:13; 12:13](#); [Galatians 3:27](#); [Colossians 2:10-13](#); etc. These were not written to unbelievers to try to persuade them to be baptized. These were written to those who already were baptized, reminding them of what they did and what it meant when they were baptized. If baptism were not expected, necessary, or the norm for all Christians at that time, why is there a pervasive indication that all the believers in these churches were baptized?

There is no distinction being made in the epistles between baptized saints and unbaptized saints. “*For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body...*” ([I Corinthians 12:13](#)). In other words, the epistles were not written to the unbaptized.

But let’s not lose sight of this: these letters were written to remind believers of the significance of their baptism, and how that should affect their living for the Lord!

So, how is your baptism affecting **your** walk with Him?

- *Doy Moyer*

