

## 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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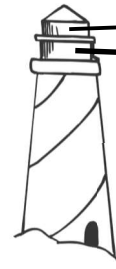
Prayer and Bible study:  
oil for the daily grind.

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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 & Gerald Robertson

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

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

**WELCOME** – We are happy to have Gabel Duke & his fiancée, Abby, with us today! Gabel will teach the adult class at 9:30am and preach at 5:00pm.

**SINGING POSTPONED** – Our usual first Sunday evening singing will be next Sunday evening, so that Gabel can preach for us this evening.

## Lessons Learned from John the Baptist

*Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." - Mt 14:3-4*

This brief account from Matthew's gospel holds several lessons for those with an ear to hear.

We learn, for example, that faithful preaching of God's Word demands plainness of speech. Herod imprisoned John, and ultimately had him executed, because he perfectly understood the message. John did not mince words or hide the message behind positive 'spin'.

We also learn that some marriages violate God's will. Of course, John was addressing a specific situation from the Law of Moses; but Jesus has also prescribed specific laws concerning marriage, divorce, and remarriage (Mt 19:9). Faithful gospel preachers today will continue to teach what Jesus taught.

And finally, we learn that keeping wrong company is destructive. King Herod did not want John dead, but he felt compelled to yield to the sinful desires of others. Peer pressure can affect anyone. - *WKing*

## ***LOVING LIFE***

*by Phillip Strong*

A line from the old movie “Fanny” (circa 1961; with Leslie Caron, Maurice Chevalier, and Charles Boyer) as spoken by Chevalier’s character as he is dying: “It’s not dying I mind; it’s giving up life that annoys me.”

It’s just a line from a movie but is sadly the sentiment of many today. It’s easy to understand this notion being held by and expressed by an atheist, but much more difficult to comprehend why a Christian would feel that way. This is especially true in the light of passages such as Revelation 14:13, “Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord from now on!” and 2 Corinthians 4:16-18, “Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For our momentary, light affliction is producing for us an

eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.”

Perhaps far too many of us ‘Christians’ are far “too much in love” with (physical) life. “For whoever wishes to save his life shall lose it; but whoever loses his life for My sake shall find it” (Mt 16:25).



## **Another Perspective**

## **Don't Fear for Your Kids**

Don't fear for your kids because the world they are growing up in is not what it used to be. God called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life wasn't an accident. Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God. Train them up in the authority of His Word. Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control. Empower them to know they can change the world. Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the world but hopeful that they can do something about it.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan. He knew Daniel could handle the lions' den. He knew David could handle Goliath. He knew Esther could handle Haman. He knew Peter could handle persecution.

He knows that your child can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. He created them specifically for it! Don't be scared for your children but be honored that God chose you to parent the generation that is facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime. Rise up to the challenge!

God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world. He has an army He's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth. Don't let your fear steal the greatness God placed in them. It's hard to imagine them as anything besides our sweet little babies, and we just want to protect them from anything that might be hard on them — but they were born for such a time as this.

*– Alex Cravens (edited for space)*