

## 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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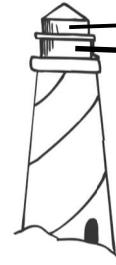
**Minds, like parachutes,  
work best when open.**

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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, Tony Tolbert, Rai Starr, Diane Willis & Gerald Robertson  
*Shut-ins:* Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, Etta Frazelle, Mary Lou Lewis *Military:* Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins, Sean Potter

**TIME CHANGE** – Due to Hayden Cathey’s travel schedule, **this evening’s service will be moved to 2 pm.** We look forward to hearing his lesson!

**SENTENCE SERMON** – The Lord works from the inside out, while the world works from the outside in.

## Thank Whom?

Some history revisionists try to reinterpret the origins of the Thanksgiving holiday. “The Pilgrims were thankful to the Indians”, they say – while God gets dismissed. But no one who understands the Pilgrims’ story takes that revision seriously.

On the other hand, the Pilgrims undoubtedly **were** thankful to the Indians for their help in surviving that first winter. God’s providence often works through human instruments, even heathens — and therein is the lesson for us.

We rightly give thanks to God for His abundant blessings (Col 3:15). He is, after all, the Source of every “good and perfect gift” (Ja 1:17). But His ‘gifts’ often come at the hands of family, friends, brethren, and even strangers. At such times, we should be people-grateful.

Our Thanksgiving holiday was not instituted until 1863 – long after the Pilgrims. But when we sit down to dinner this week, I will be thankful to God **and** my wife, my children, my brethren, the store, the farmer — well, you get the picture. - *WKing*

## Another Perspective

## Why Trust The Bible?

In his final epistle, Paul described the character of the Bible as "profitable" for preparing us to live our lives well (2 Ti 3:16-17). Note these four areas:

First, *it is profitable for doctrine*, or instruction. We come into this world ignorant, and must be taught everything we need to know to survive. Education is essential to our flourishing. But what should we be taught? A host of wildly contradictory philosophies compete with the Bible for our attention. Examine the fruit (Mt 7:15-16)! Look at the practical outcome of each system of thought. By any fair measure, the teaching of the Bible has had the greatest positive impact on humanity compared to any other source.

Second, *it is profitable for reproof*, or rebuke. The Bible calls us out for our misbehavior. It shines the harsh light of truth on our imperfections, and exposes the weaknesses that we try to hide. If we go to the Bible only for inspiring verses that make us feel good, we're not reading it properly.

Third, *it is profitable for correction*. The reproofs of the Bible are not there to humiliate us, but to serve as a first step toward fixing what's broken. It offers counsel on how to overcome bad habits, how to clean up the messes we've made in our relationships, and how to get our priorities straightened out.

Finally, *the Bible is profitable for instruction in righteousness*. Once this initial transformation takes place, the education never stops. The Bible continues to enlighten us on how the world, and we, work. It deepens our understanding of the cause-and-effect relationships that govern so much of life. And it trains us to face the hardships of life with courage.

- David King (edited for space)

## Yet Another Perspective

## Own It

Own it.

When it comes to your sin... Own it.  
When it comes to your words... Own it.  
When it comes to your attitude... Own it.  
When it comes to your excuses... Own it.  
When it comes to your behavior... Own it.  
When it comes to your mistakes... Own it.  
When it comes to your decisions... Own it.  
When it comes to your relationships...  
Own it.  
When it comes to your laziness versus initiative... Own it.  
When it comes to your faith and choices of right versus wrong... Own it.

It's easy to finger-point, excuse, and play the blame game. And so it goes and goes (and goes). If nothing changes, nothing changes. Sadly, for some, nothing changes. It's always his fault, her fault, and their fault.

Maturity happens when we look in the mirror and address the one looking back.

"It's my life!" Yes, it is. So, own it.



- Wilson Adams