

## 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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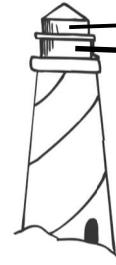
**Live a life that brings  
honor to your Savior.**

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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, and Diane Willis

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

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

**OUR SYMPATHY** to Marilynn and family at the recent passing of Gerald Robertson. Also remember the family of Etta Frazelle, who recently passed.

**WELCOME** – We welcome Cameron Massey to our number, along with Lisa and Morgan Pierce! Let's do all we can to encourage our new members!

## Apocalypse Whenever

With gasoline prices trending upward and reports circulating of food shortages, supply chain interruptions, and hoarding, we are again reminded by a few religionists that 'the end is near'.

Not to ridicule the idea of Christ's return, or the Day of Judgment — the Bible does, indeed, foretell those events. But it will not be as the premillennial doomsayers portray them. Jesus plainly tells us that His coming, and the end of the world, will be completely **without** signs (Mt 24:37-51). So, I am content.

This is not to say that America is destined for perpetual prosperity. If there is one thing history teaches us, it is that countries that lose their moral compass are destined for destruction. When that time comes, it will certainly be a day of weeping and gnashing of teeth.

But, as the prophet Habakkuk was reminded in the face of the approaching armies of Babylon, "*the just shall live by his faith*" (Hab 2:4). That promise sustained the prophet (3:17-18) — and it will sustain God's children today.

- *WKing*

## I Wonder What The Angels Knew

This is pure speculation, but I wonder if the angels in heaven could watch everything that the Lord God Jesus was doing on earth?

If so, I wonder if they were waiting with swords drawn for the Father to utter, “Go!” as they watched the Jewish people cry, “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!”

I wonder if they were straining to keep still when the Romans were beating, mocking, and nailing Him to the cross?

I wonder if their ears tingled when Jesus asked Peter if he knew that He could ask the Father to send twelve legions of angels?

I wonder if the enemies of the Lord God Jesus knew just how close they came to utter annihilation?

My King Jesus showed His tremendous strength in enduring the cross and not giving up on the Father’s will. How many of us could have done what He did, when deliverance was just a breath away?

Could the angels see everything that was going on with Jesus? I don’t know. It’s just speculation on my part...

- Tony Eldridge

*To us they were ministering the things which now have been reported to you through those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven — things which angels desire to look into.*

- 1 Peter 1:12

# The Lettuce Garden

exhortations from the book of Hebrews

Let us give heed to the gospel (2:1-4)

Let us exhort one another daily (3:12-13)

Let us fear God (4:1)

Let us labor to enter the eternal rest (4:11)

Let us pray with boldness (4:16)

Let us grow up (6:1)

Let us be diligent (6:11-12)

Let us draw near to God (10:22)

Let us hold fast to our profession of faith (10:23)

Let us consider one another (10:24)

Let us provoke unto love and good works (10:24)

Let us not forsake the assembling (10:25)

Let us be patient (10:36)

Let us have faith (10:38-39)

Let us lay aside sin (12:1-3)

- Jarod King