

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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DATES TO REMEMBER

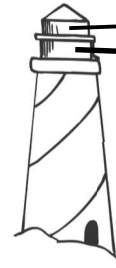
Gospel Meeting
Mar 27-31
Singing Weekend
Apr 22-24
Vacation Bible School
July 24-28
Youth Lectureship
Aug 5-6

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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FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.
Sick: Gary Fletcher, Tony Tolbert, Rai Starr, Diane Willis, James Swim
Shut-ins: Betty Jo Young, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, Mary Lou Lewis
Military: Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins, Sean Potter

OUR SYMPATHY – Our sympathy is extended to the Griggs family at the recent loss of Carol Griggs. A memorial service is scheduled next Sunday.

SENTENCE SERMON – “I would rather beg for bread on earth like Lazarus than beg for water in hell like the rich man.” - D.L. Moody

May God Grant Us More Tibias

Your shin was not designed simply to find furniture in the dark. Properly known as the tibia, the shinbone is the strongest weight-bearing bone in your body (says the Internet – biology was not my strong suit). Without it, we would all have to crawl.

And it serves as another illustration of Paul’s point to the Corinthians: “As the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ” (1 Co 12:12). Many members, with many different functions, yet one body – you know the metaphor.

But let’s take the illustration a step further; because the tibia illustrates certain types of Christians especially well – those whom Paul called ‘pillars’ (Ga 2:9). These people are spiritual giants – well-grounded and stable in the faith. They have a track record of strong morality, Bible knowledge, and good judgment. When members need someone to lean on, they go to these for support. May God grant us more like these – more tibias.

Of course, fibulas are important support structures, too; but they can’t find furniture in the dark.

- WKing

Church is Hard

*“He was moved with
compassion for them.”
- Matthew 9:36*

Church is hard for the person walking through the doors, afraid of being judged harshly. It’s hard for the prodigal soul returning home, broken and battered by the world. It’s hard for the girl who looks like she has it all together, but doesn’t; for the couple who fought the entire ride to service.

Church is hard for the single mom, surrounded by couples holding hands, and seemingly perfect families. It’s hard for the widow and widower with no invitation to lunch after service. Church is hard for the deacon with an estranged child. It’s hard for the person singing worship songs, overwhelmed by the weight of the lyrics.

Church is hard for the man insecure in his role as a leader. It’s hard for the preacher’s family, under the microscope of an entire body. Church is hard for the wife who longs to be led by a righteous man. It’s hard for the teacher in the toddlers’ class who desperately longs for a baby of her own to love; hard for the single woman and single man, praying God brings them a mate. Church is hard for the teenage girl, wearing a scarlet letter, ashamed of her mistakes. It’s hard for the sinners; it’s hard for me.

It’s hard because on the outside it all looks shiny and perfect – Sunday best in behavior and dress. However, underneath those layers, you find a body of imperfect people, carnal souls, selfish motives.

But here is the beauty of church: church isn’t a building, mentality, or expectation. Church is a body. Church is a group of sinners, saved by grace, living in fellowship as saints. Church is a body of believers bound as brothers and sisters by an eternal love. Church is holy ground where sinners stand as equals before the Throne of Grace. Church is a refuge for broken hearts and a training ground for mighty warriors.

Church is a converging of confrontation and invitation. Where sin is confronted and hearts are invited to seek restoration. Church is a lesson in faith and trust. Church is a bearer of burdens and a giver of hope.

Church is a family – a family coming together, setting aside differences, forgetting past mistakes, rejoicing in the smallest of victories. Church, the body, and the circle of sinners-turned-saints, is where He resides. And if we ask, He is faithful to come.

So even on the hard days at church – the days when I am at odds with a friend, when I’ve fought with my husband because we’re late once again. When I’ve walked in bearing burdens heavier than my heart can handle, yet masking the pain with a smile on my face. When I’ve worn a scarlet letter, under the microscope. When I’ve longed for a baby to hold or fought tears as the lyrics were sung. When I’ve walked back in, afraid and broken, after walking away – then I’ll remember...

He has never failed to meet me there.

- A. Freleen (edited for space)