

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30
Morning Assembly 10:30
Evening Assembly 5:00

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Evening Bible Class 6:30

RADIO PROGRAM

The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
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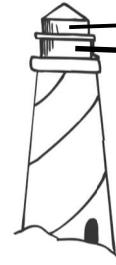
**Some people find fault like
there was a reward for it.**

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Your Back Fence & Your Soul

Dropping out of college seemed a good idea at the time – and The Woman was certainly worth the trade. But after twelve years I decided it was time to get back to it. So, I did. But other projects have not fared so well – like that fence project (a story for another time). “I’ll get around to it” proved to be a lie on more than one occasion.

Some folks treat their soul the same way. Like Felix (Ac 24:25) they have the best of intentions about getting their spiritual house in order – one of these days. But the ‘projects’ of this world have a way of pushing

spiritual matters to a back burner – and the spiritual ‘home improvement project’ never gets done.

The road to hell really is paved with good intentions. But when we consider the magnitude of the stakes involved – our soul, heaven, hell, eternity – then procrastination really makes no sense at all.

If the fence in the backyard never gets built, my soul will not suffer. But if I remain in sin, I will pay the consequences of that neglect for eternity. It's something worth thinking about – and addressing today!

- WKing

FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER LIST –

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

DATES TO REMEMBER – We look forward to our Vacation Bible School scheduled for July 24-28, and our Youth Lectures scheduled for August 5-6.

SENTENCE SERMON – God’s phone is never busy, so give Him a call – often.

SEEDS OF LEADERSHIP

1. Get serious with God's word, 2 Pe 3:18
2. Reject the culture. Turn off the TV and minimize social media.
3. Learn your weaknesses (you know your strengths already).
4. Learn to 'lean forward' and always be ready to help, act, support, lead.
5. Get to know everybody in the congregation. Work hard at this.
6. Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might. Never quit.
7. Develop sound judgment. This includes knowing your Bible so that you can let Jesus do the talking. Listen more and talk less. Control your anger. Contend without being contentious.
8. Develop a good attitude toward society, even a wicked one, Titus 3:1-2
9. Be an encourager.
10. Learn to pray all the time.
11. Prepare now how you will react to unsettling events which may come.
12. Be a spiritual rock to your family. Do not delegate this to your spouse.
13. Think about decisions first. Then act.
14. Learn to say no – and don't capitulate later.
15. If you promised consequences, follow through.
16. If you sin against someone, have the humility to ask for forgiveness.
17. If the occasion calls for it, have the humility to publicly repent.
18. Never say, "You always..."
19. When there is a really hard task to accomplish, you go first.
20. When the task looks impossible, trust God. He will help you.

- Steve Wilsher (edited for space & clarity)

Another Perspective

A Lesson From Nature

Here is a powerful lesson we should all learn from nature:

When the Creator came to earth to live among us,
nature bowed to its Creator's every command.

When He said, "Silence!", The storms obeyed.

When He said, "Carry Me", the water bore Him as He walked on it.

When He said, "Gather", the fish swam into the fishermen's nets.

When He said, "Leave", viruses and bacteria fled the sick He healed.

When He said, "Open", the deaf ears heard and the blind eyes saw.

When He said, "Live", the dead bodies received back their spirits.

All of creation bowed to every word of their Creator without fail.

All, that is, but one.

When Jesus says, "Come unto Me", we say, "No."

When Jesus says, "Obey Me", we say, "I will do what I want to do."

We would do well to look at the wisdom that all nature displays when in the presence of its Creator. Let us simply learn to obey His words.

- Tony Eldridge