

## 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.  
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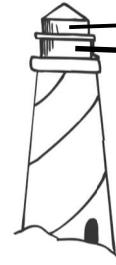
**Political correctness  
is not the same as  
spiritual correctness.**

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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, & Etta Frazelle.

*Shut-ins:* Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Billie Pennington, Shirley Cole, and  
Mary Lou Lewis      *Military:* Logan Dickey, Kyler Sullins, Sean Potter

**VBS STARTS TODAY! Schedule this week:** tonight from 5:00 to 6:30,  
then Monday through Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00. See you there!

**SENTENCE SERMON** – The church is a hospital for sinners, not a rest  
home for saints.

## Redigging the Wells

“And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them after the death of Abraham: and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them.”  
- Genesis 26:18

After the death of Abraham, we read in the account of Genesis that Isaac had to dig again some wells that the Philistines had stopped by filling them with dirt (Genesis 26:15). Surely this must have been frustrating for Isaac. Enemies had

stopped the wells of Abraham and he had to work hard to dig again these wells of his father because well water was essential to the life of the people and the animals.

There is something to be learned here. First, there will always be those people who are mean and want to hurt the righteous. We just have to prepare for this in life. Second, there will always be the need to exercise patience. Isaac displayed patience, perseverance, and piety in the face of his enemies. He quietly dug again those wells and

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and did not return evil for evil. So, what about redigging wells today?

One well that comes to mind that needs to stay open today is God's well. God provides "living water" in His well of salvation for all today (Isaiah 12:3-4; 58:11-12; Zechariah 13:1; John 4:10,14; 7:37-39; Revelation 22:17). Isaiah wrote: "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation" (Isaiah 12:3). And Zechariah prophesied: "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness" (13:1). God's well of salvation was provided by Jesus' death on the cross for all and the gospel plan of salvation for all.

Just like in the days of Isaac, some people in the first century did not want God's well of salvation to be open to all. In Jesus' day, the Jews hindered people from getting to the well through their tradition

(Matthew 15:9; 23:13). In the days of the NT church, the Jews hindered people by binding the Old Law (Acts 15; Galatians 2). The Gentiles, both Greeks and Romans, hindered people from getting to God's well of salvation with their idolatry and human philosophy (Acts 17; Colossians 2).

Just like in the days of Isaac, some people today still try to stop the well of God's salvation. For example, denominationalism stops the well by leading people to manmade churches instead of the Lord's true church (Matthew 16:18; Ac. 2:47). World religions, like Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, stop the well by leading people to the wrong savior and away from Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Ac. 4:12). Unfaithful preaching of God's word, by those preachers in and out of the church, stops the well by telling people what they want to hear and not what they need to hear (2 Timothy 4:2-4).



Worldly living, by those who claim to be "Christians" in and out of the church, stops the well by keeping the word of God from acting in their life (Luke 8:13). Finally, liberalism (acting without Bible authority) in the Lord's church stops the well by adding to and taking from the word of God (Colossians 3:17; 2 John 9). Every generation has those "enemies of the cross" (Philippians 3:18) who will try and stop God's well of salvation and fill it with human error. Because of this, every generation also needs faithful Christians who will patiently dig again the well of salvation.

Friend, will you be the one to do the work it takes to dig again the well of God's salvation? 'Well-restoration' takes patient work and commitment. Well maintenance takes patient work and commitment, too. But it is so worth it if you will do it for yourself and your loved ones.

- *Chris Reeves*

## **The Christian's Crown**

What kind of crown will the faithful Christian receive? It will be a:

**Crown of Life** - *Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him* (James 1:12).

**Crown of Glory** - *And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away* (1 Peter 5:4).

**Crown of Rejoicing** - *For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, you are our glory and joy* (1 Thessalonians 2:19-20).

**Crown of Righteousness** - *There is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day — and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.* (2 Timothy 4:8).

**Crown Incorruptible** - *Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown that will not last; but we do it to get a crown that will last forever* (1 Corinthians 9:25).

Dear Christian, don't you want to wear this crown one day? - **CR Reeves**