

## 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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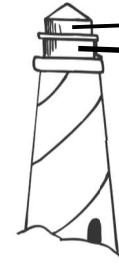
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good race.

## ELDERS:

Otis Hardin  
Perry Johnson  
Ken Parker  
Alan Revier  
GW Walsh

## DEACONS:

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Joel Heiligenthal  
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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, 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

**SINGING** – Tonight will be our regular first Sunday singing. Song leaders come prepared to lead, and everyone else come prepared to sing!

**YOUNG ADULT CLASS** – A class for young adults (single or married, aged 20's and 30's) begins this morning in the adult classroom in back.

Once while living in central Texas, I planted a lemon tree — not a bad idea for south Texas. But this was central Texas, and I should have known better.

The first season found the tree loaded with lemons. “This is going to be easy,” I thought. But the next winter was brutal. I potted the tree and brought it inside. The following spring I planted it again, but it never produced another lemon. Two years later it died.

Berry vines (and grape vines I have since learned) are much more hardy. Let the harsh weather come and do

what it will. The berry vines will be just fine.

Perhaps we think of ourselves as berry vines — able to endure almost anything life may throw our way. But the Bible — and life itself, eventually — paint a different picture. We are, in fact, more like lemon trees — able to flourish under the right conditions, but desperately in need of God's protection. A brief reading of Job 38-41 reminds us of just how weak we really are.

The good news is, God wants to be your Protector — if you will let Him (Mt 23:37).  
- *WKing*

# ***CHRIST AND HIS CHURCH: INSEPARABLE***

Some folks would have us believe that the church is not that important – that we should simply ‘preach the Man and not the plan’. But that’s not what the Bible teaches. Notice the close bond between Christ and His church:

<b>C</b>	<b>BUILT</b> Mt 16:18	<b>C</b>
<b>H</b>	<b>BOUGHT</b> Ac 20:28	<b>H</b>
<b>R</b>	<b>HEADS</b> Ep 1:22-23	<b>U</b>
<b>I</b>	<b>LOVES</b> Ep 5:25	<b>R</b>
<b>S</b>	<b>SANCTIFIES</b> Ep 5:26-27	<b>C</b>
<b>T</b>	<b>ADDS TO</b> Ac 2:47	<b>H</b>
	<b>SAVES</b> Ep 5:23	

Who can look at this chart and still say that the church is not important?

- *WKing*

## **Another Perspective**

## **Do You Know Him?**

Do you know... Him?

You know Bible facts, but do you know Him?

You know Bible verses, but do you know Him?

You know the boxes to check, but do you know Him?

You know the commandments to keep, but do you know Him?

You know what the church should and shouldn't do, but do you know Him?

You know how to be saved, how to worship, how to do for others, but do you know Him?

You know what's wrong with the world, what's wrong with culture, what's wrong with others, but do you know Him?

It's easy to be religiously right yet relationally wrong. It's easy to be outward and not inward. It's easy to know yet never know... Him.

Odd, Jesus had more trouble with the religious than with anyone. He stood in front of them, worked miracles, and declared truth, but they didn't know ...Him. Are we any different?

Do you know... Him?

- *Wilson Adams*