

ASSEMBLY TIMES

Sunday

Bible Class on hold
Morning Assembly 9 or 11
Evening Assembly on hold

Wednesday

Bible Class on hold

RADIO PROGRAM

The Bible Speaks



Sunday 9:00-9:30a.m.
KURM 790AM

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“The time will come
when they will not
endure sound doctrine”
2 Tim 4:3

CLASS SCHEDULE

Today
All Classes
On Hold

Next Sunday
All Classes
On Hold

This info is provided
to help everyone stay
in synch during our
three-year study thru
the Bible (Sunday AM).

FAMILY NEWS

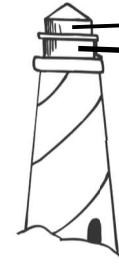
PRAYER LIST –

Preachers we support: Japan, Philippines, Vietnam, Canada, Mexico, Peru, & U.S.

Sick: Mary Lou Lewis, Kathy Fletcher, Marsha Swim, Rai Starr, Diane Willis,
and Etta Frazelle *Shut-ins:* Betty Jo Young, Margaret Abel, Erton Usrey,
Shirley Cole, & Billie Pennington *Military:* Logan Dickey

CLASSES – Wednesday night classes should be opening up again soon. If you are willing to teach a kids' class, please talk to one of the elders ASAP.

SENTENCE SERMON – It's better to be despised for doing what is right than praised for doing what is wrong.



DOWNTOWN GOSPEL BEACON

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David and Instrumental Music

“Praise the LORD!... Praise Him with the timbrel & dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!” - Ps 150:1,4

King David was, among other things, a skilled musician. In his younger years as a shepherd, he apparently had lots of time on his hands to hone his musical abilities. Many of the Psalms are a legacy to his poetic prowess.

Some believe David was sinful in his use of instrumental music in worship to God. The prophet Amos seems to leave that impression. In his rebuke of Israel he wrote, “*you invent for yourselves musical instruments like David*” (6:5). But it is

evident from the context that Amos was condemning the opulent luxury of Israel – a people more concerned with comfort than with sin. David, in fact, was **commanded** to use instrumental music in worship to God (2 Chr 29:25).

So, does this justify the use of instrumental music in worship to God today? Well, David also wrote songs about offering animal sacrifices (Ps 51:19); but no one is in a hurry to quote that passage. “It’s because Jesus is our sin-offering today,” they cry. Which is true. And it is also true that today we are commanded to pluck the strings of our hearts (Ep 5:19). So, let’s do that. **- WKing**

Another Perspective

Name-Calling to Influence Minds

The accusations are oft made that those opposed to the sponsoring church and church support of human organizations are just a 'little bunch of moss-backed antis opposed to everything' and that this is a 'new Anti position.' The use of the pejorative 'Anti,' just like the older denigrating term 'Campbellite,' is simply Satan's clever method of blinding people to truth by arousing unreasonable prejudice.

Satan's henchmen used this method against Paul when the lying Roman lawyer Tertullus, hired by unbelieving Jews to get Paul condemned in a Roman court, slandered the apostle as "*a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes*" (Ac 24:5). Earlier, these Jewish leaders had used the same propaganda against the Lord when they asked rhetorically, "*Do we not say rightly that you are a Samaritan and have a demon?*" (Jn 8:48).

The Lord warned that His disciples would face such verbal abuse. "*A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master... If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more those of his household?*" (Mt 10:24-25).

Those who brought human innovations into the church in the 19th century employed this very pejorative 'anti' as a hateful term to deride faithful brethren such as David Lipscomb and others in opposition to the missionary society, instrumental music in worship, the one-man pastor system, and the social gospel...

-Keith Sharp (edited for space)

Faith in Context

"Therefore, do your best to enter that rest... for the word of God is living and active and more cutting than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. No created thing is hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do." (Heb 4¹¹⁻¹³)

God's word tells us of judgment that will soon come, but some do not consider it seriously (seeing as how there is no immediate judgment now – 2 Pet 3⁹).

But there is a judgment that will come, and on that last day we all will stand fully exposed before God. And it is with the power of the word of God – this tip of the

sword – that it will be at our throat. Then all our thoughts and intentions and motives will be exposed, and God will judge us.

If you don't think the word of God is powerful, just wait until you hear the word that He speaks on that day, "*Depart from Me, I don't know who you are.*" (Mt 7²³); or, "*Enter in faithful servant.*" (Mt 25²¹).

There is no more powerful word the Lord will ever speak to you. With these words we will live in eternity with Him – or not.

Have you considered the judgment to come? Which words do you expect to hear? **- WHSmith**

