

BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1.) How many days after the birth of Christ did Mary and Joseph give him the name Jesus?
- 2.) What prophet predicted the birth of Jesus?
- 3.) Where did Mary place Jesus to rest after his birth?
- 4.) What reason did the Wise men give for coming in search for baby Jesus?
- 5.) What does Immanuel mean?



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. DALE FOSTER

“THE VALLEY OF DRY BONES”

EZEKIEL 37:1-14

P.M. Cancelled

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

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Welcome Visitors

We want to personally thank you for joining us today. It is our prayer you leave our worship service with an uplifted spirit. Below is what you can expect during our services.

SINGING: Non-instrumental singing plays a great part of our worship services. We hope that you will find this to be an uplifting praise to the Lord. (Eph. 5:19)

LORD’S SUPPER: Each Sunday we observe the Lord’s Supper, which reflects on the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord Jesus, and the hope of everlasting life we now can live through Him. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

CONTRIBUTION: During the service, we as members are given the opportunity to give a portion of what God has given us. This money is used to support the church and to help spread God’s Word. (I Cor. 16:2)

Schedule of Services

Sunday morning & online services are available, all Sunday night and Wednesday night service at the building are cancelled due to COVID-19.

Sunday:

Bible Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday Morning	10:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening	6:00 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: (Sept-May)

Tuesday 9:30 a.m.

Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.



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Candy canes to talk about Jesus

Candy canes were invented in the late 1600s, 1670 to be exact. They started out as sugar sticks. The man who invented them was a choir master. The reason? To keep his young singers quiet during a long ceremony. In honor of the occasion, he had the candy bent into shepherd’s crooks. So, what exactly do Candy canes have to do with Jesus?

It wasn’t until the turn-of-the-century that the stripes and peppermint were added. A candy maker from Indiana had an idea. He wanted to make a candy that could be a reminder of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white hard candy, the red-and-white stripes represented Christ's blood and purity. The three red stripes were also said to symbolize God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. The hardness of the candy represented the Church's foundation on solid rock. The shape flipped upside down is a "J" to represent the precious name of Jesus.

So how did the candy cane maker use his candy cane to tell others about the Bible and our Lord Jesus?

He told people why he made it white.

God washes our sins away and makes us white as snow when we trust in Jesus as our Savior.

Isaiah 1:18: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

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Pray for our Family

Betty Love is very weak from her treatment. She would prefer cards instead of calls at this time.

Emileigh Marsh will have VNS surgery on January 25 to relieve seizures.

Debbie White's son and daughter are still in quarantine and have mild symptoms. The children have tested negative so far.

Sherlyn Cartwright's leg wound is healing nicely and should be healed by the end of January.

The Moore family has been ill with a bug.

Please remember: Lydia Walden, Terry Peavler, Debbie White, Emileigh Marsh, Betty Love, Bobby Freeman, Doug Allee, Howard Roden, Debbie White, Sherlyn Cartwright, Mark Florez, Linda Carpenter, Jennifer George, Russel Dukes Jr, Scott Warren And ALL of the first responders and those dealing with Covid-19.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING



WORSHIP SERVICES

Following Governor Abbott's order for re-opening Texas the worship service in person is at a limited capacity. we will have worship services at the building and Facebook live/online service.

If you are over the age of 65, or in a high-risk group, we encourage you to participate in our online services.

We ask that you follow the guidelines below while worshipping at the building:

- **All attendees over the age of 10 will need to wear a face mask.**
- The only exceptions for wearing the face mask will be when partaking of the Lord's Supper and men that are publicly speaking while leading in our worship service.
- Enter and exit the building through the front door. This will help to minimize the touching of common items.
- For communion, we will have disposable cups. They will be available as you enter the building.
- Sit in alternate rows. Half of the auditorium rows will be closed.
- Individuals may sit with members of their household but must maintain 6 feet between members of different households.
- **There will no bible classes, evening worship, Tuesday lady's bible class or Wednesday night services at this time.**
- Please maintain social distancing while fellowshiping with other members. We look forward to seeing each of you this Sunday. Please continue to pray that we all may come together soon with all of the saints here at 249 Church of Christ.

Bible Trivia Answers

- 1.) Luke 2:21
- 2.) Isaiah 7:14
- 3.) Luke 2:7
- 4.) Matthew 2:1-2
- 5.) Matthew 2:23

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The red. A picture of the blood Jesus Christ shed for each of us; the red stripes depict the stripes on His back as He was beaten
Isaiah 53:5: "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

The hardness of the candy" - the hardness represents that Jesus is our "Rock" if we build our lives upon Him, they will be secure and lasting
Luke 6:38: "He is like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built."

The candy cane's shape - the candy cane is shaped like a shepherd's staff; the Bible calls Jesus our Good Shepherd who watches over us and cares for us; we are called the sheep of His pasture

John 10:11: "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

Psalms 100:3: "Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture."

"Upside down candy cane" - if you turn the candy cane upside down though, it makes a J for Jesus!

Matthew 1:21: "She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."

As for the candy canes peppermint flavor, it represents the use of hyssop, an herb referred to in the Old Testament.

Exodus 12:22

And just like candy the Lord's love for us grows sweeter each day.

We should all be like the candy maker and find some way to tell others about Jesus Christ.