BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1.) Whose rod sprouted with blossoms and almonds?
- 2.) Whose wife had a dream about Jesus?
- 3.) How is the name "Emmanuel" interpreted??
- 4.) Who witnessed Elijah being taken up to Heaven?



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. Jamie Cobb

"The Sower" (Mark 4:1-20)

P.M. Cancelled

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

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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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December 19, 2021 A REFRESHING BROTHER!

There are some people who are like a breath of fresh air. Just to be around them is an encouraging, uplifting experience. This must be the case with Philemon. Paul wrote a personal letter to Philemon on behalf of Onesimus. Paul wished to have Onesimus returned by Philemon to Paul to help with the work.

No doubt Paul wanted to say some things to Philemon, but I do not for one minute believe Paul would have lied or exaggerated just to get his way. Philemon is described in glowing terms by Paul. Then Paul adds, "For we have great joy and consolation in your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed by you, brother." Philemon 7 NKJ

What a great thing to say about someone! What a great gift! Philemon brought great joy, consolation, and refreshing to Paul and the early Christians. Joy refers to cheerfulness or calm delight. When one came into contact with Philemon he walked away a calmer, more serene person. When life gets us bent out of shape, angry, upset, in turmoil, it is important to have someone to go to who can by a word of encouragement restore the balance of our life, get us "unbent".

Philemon was such a person. In addition, he brought great consolation or solace to others' lives. When one had experienced a great loss, trial, or tragedy, Philemon was a person one could go to and receive solace.

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Pray for our Family

Terry Peavler is tolerating his treatment so far with only minor side effects.

Dena Peavler came through her neck surgery fine. She is recovering at home.

Doris Peavler's granddaughter Meredith and her husband Jonathan have tested positive for COVID.

Audrey Parker recently fell and may need surgery.

Andrea Rucker is not feeling well and continuing to suffer from health problems.

Dixie Roden suffering with a cold, but is improving.

Martha Polk (friend of the cobb's) still recovering from ovarian cancer surgery and infection.

Sandra Frasier is undergoing radiation treatment and would like prayers for her and her family.

Please remember: Tywanna Williams, Karen Gentry, Yvonne Warner, Gregg Johnson, Pattie Yazell, Andrea Rucker, Jackie Crawford, Barnwell Family, Doug Holdorf, Michael Howsley, Lydia Walden, Carolyn Moon, Debbie White, Emileigh Marsh, Doug & Linda Allee, Debbie White, Mark Florez, Linda Carpenter, Russel Dukes Jr, Scott Warren and ALL of the first responders and those dealing with Covid-19.



To Brian Dukes on creating an awesome billboard design for his job at ToDoolie, way to go Brian.

Bible Trivia Answers

- 1.) Numbers 17:8
- 2.) Matthew 27:19
- 3.) Matthew 2: 23
- 4.) 2 Kings 2:11-12

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How many times in your life have you wished for someone just to offer a word of comfort or solace? Philemon was a person who brought such comfort.

Philemon is also spoken of having "refreshed" the hearts of the saints. When one is emotionally distressed, he longs for refreshment.

Jesus himself spoke of the reward of one who offers just a "cup of water" in the name of Jesus. Mark 9:41 Water refreshes the body and slakes the thirst. How much more valuable it is to refresh the heart!

Yet this is what is said about Philemon; he refreshed the hearts of the saints.

When one finds himself in an emotional desert, how soothing it is to have our hearts refreshed! Yes, Philemon was such a person.

Perhaps because of the context in which these things are said, Philemon does not get the recognition he deserves.

Yet, he offered such consolation, joy, and refreshing to the saints that one cannot afford to overlook such a supreme example. There is a lesson here. Regardless of one's station in life, a slave as Onesimus or a master as Philemon, one can still be an oasis in the midst of a spiritual and emotional desert.

Doug Allee