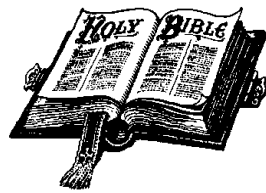


BIBLE TRIVIA

- 1.) What city did John see coming down from heaven in his vision of Revelation?
- 2.) Who shall `hardly enter the kingdom of heaven`?
- 3.) What should a disciple of Christ do when someone takes away his or her goods?
- 4.) Who alone knows the day and the hour in which Jesus shall return?



SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

A.M. Jamie Cobb

“Power”

(John 18:4-11)

P.M. Cancelled

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

Cancelled

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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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The Claw Machine Game

There sits what could quite possibly be the softest, cutest, and most lovable stuffed animal ever to exist. You insert a couple of shiny quarters and the exciting 20-seconds countdown begins. The claw begins to move at your command.

You check your angle on the prize from the front, then from each side. You meticulously adjust the claw so it lines up perfectly. Satisfied, you push the shiny red button and the claw begins to drop. Time seems to slow down as the claw inches closer to your prize. As the grabber lands directly on the adorable plush animal, your heart quickens. The claw closes its grasp. Could this be the time you go home with your prize? Then, as if it had the grip strength of a dead fish, the animal slips right through the claw’s grasp. But you dare not stop there. You almost had it! Two more quarters go in. Same result.

Fifty cents more and it pulls the animal up slightly then slips out once more. After some 4-5 dollars have been placed into the fate of the metal claws, you finally decide to walk away.

Empty-handed. Broken-hearted. Frustrated.

Many of us have put more money into these machines than we would like to admit. However, there is good news and bad news. The good news is, the animal you were trying to get is probably still in the machine. The bad news is, these machines are rigged.

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Pray for our Family

Terry Peavler awaiting results from 6-month checkup.

Carolyn Moon came home from hospital on Monday. She will be having more tests performed soon.

Lydia Walden had a fall and injured herself. She is very sore and is recuperating at home.

Jackie Crawford has been in and out of the hospital. She is trying to regain her strength.

Doris Dromgoole has been diagnosed with stage 1 lung cancer. Will be treated with radiation soon.

Lynda Murphy (Debbie Hollander's sister) has been diagnosed with stage 3 lung cancer.

Debbie White needs prayer for her family as they deal with the loss of two family members.

Andrea Rucker has been diagnosed with stage 4 kidney failure.

Cevin Worley (friend of Renee Wood) and the Worley family as they mourn the loss of Margaret their mom.

Please remember: Ira Goode, Sandra Frasier, Martha Polk, Tywana 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, Susan Wyche, Debbie White, Mark Florez, Dena Peavler, Linda Carpenter, Russel Dukes Jr, Scott Warren and ALL of the first responders and those dealing with Covid-19.



Supplies Requested:

Clorox wipes

Vegetable oil

Crackers / Salty snacks

Children medicine (pain relief, cold & sinus)

Last day to drop off supplies will be Sunday March 6th

Bible Trivia Answers

1.) Revelation 21:2

2.) Matthew 19:23

3.) Luke 6:30

4.) Matthew 24:36

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Claw machine games are frustrating because they are just unfair. This is something that we should naturally want very little of, and yet, even though we know it's rigged, there is still something alluring about it. Maybe it's because we like taking the chance. Maybe because it doesn't actually cost us that much. Or many it's because we believe that "this time" could be the time when we win.

Unfortunately, the claw machine is not the only game we play that is rigged. We often play another game with much higher stakes. In fact, the stakes are so high that we're putting literally everything at risk – life, eternity, salvation, etc. And even though the stakes are high, we still play. Sadly, this game is also rigged. While we may receive a temporary reward, we will always lose. The game we play is called "sin."

Why would we risk an eternity of pleasure in heaven for a moment of pleasure here? Why would we chance an eternity of pain just so we can escape temporary pain here? Why would we play this game of sin when we know the stakes?

With vivid imagery, Peter warned, "For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world by the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and are overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first. For it would be better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than having known it, to turn away from the holy commandment handed on to them. It has happened to them according to the true proverb, 'A dog returns to its own vomit,' and, 'A sow, after washing, returns to wallowing in the mire'" (2:20-22).

There is nothing worth risking eternity for (Mark 8:36-37). Let's stop playing the claw machine game of sin. True meaning and value aren't found on this earth, even if we get a little prize from time to time. Let's look for treasure in heaven (Matthew 6:19-21). If we do this, we will win every single time!

Brett Petrillo