#### **BIBLE TRIVIA**

- 1. Who is mentioned in the Bible as a very fat man?
  - 2. Who invented the harp and flute?
- 3. What is described as cruel and harsh towards their young, having no wisdom or understanding, but faster than a horse?
- 4. What kind of bird brought Elijah food while he hiding?
- 5. Which wood has been used by Noah to build the ark?

#### **SERMONS FOR SUNDAY**



A.M. Jamie Cobb "Mercy" (Psalms 145:8)

P.M. Singing Night

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE DEVOTIONAL

**Bro Phillips** 

# 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:**

Bible Study 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning 10:00 a.m. Sunday Evening 5:00 p.m.

## Wednesday:

Wednesday Night 7:00 p.m.



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# Pray like Jesus

Although we want God to answer our prayers with the request we want, we must remember God is in control in all things, and His vast knowledge is unmeasurable as He knows all. The God who knows the end from the beginning knows our needs and the needs of this world we live in. We must trust God when the answer to our prayers is not what we want.

Like Jesus, we must submit to God's will in all things. We should always pray, "Your will be done" just like Jesus did in Gethsemane.

(Mark 14:36-37) 35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless, not what I will, but what thou wilt.

Jesus is always the answer, we should seek his example in our study. Our faith is when we live like Jesus we are pleasing to God in every way.



### **Pray for our Family**

**Terry Peavler** had a CT scan and will receive the results on the  $5^{th}$ .

**Kenny Stine** has been ill with flu and so has his mom and brother.

Cliff and Veta Redmond have been under the weather and they have asked for prayers for their friend Carl Gaines.

**Sandra Collins Mother** is home with family taking turns caring for her.

**Jason (Doris Rings son)** will have an MRI on his knee and most likely need surgery.

**Lydia Walden** and **Family** as they mourn the sudden loss of her niece **Lynette Mendoza**.

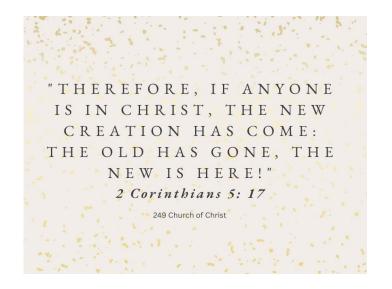
**Richard Jordan (Cheryl's Father)** is in a rehab facility receiving physical therapy and is improving.

**Michael Rucker** has started chemo treatment which has been hard on his body. **Andrea Rucker** is dealing with health issues.

**Angela Jones** has asked for prayers for her brothers **Don** and **Ben** concerning their health, **Faye Jones** has been dealing with back pain.

Keep those who are traveling in prayer and those who are home sick in prayer for a speedy recovery.

Please remember: Glynn Cobb, Ernest Johnson, Martha Polk, Rex McCracken, Johnny Atkinson, Cedric Rucker, Larry Moore, Charles Smith, Mark Kuhn, Andrescia Frank, Curtis Williams, Gov. Clements, Donald Jones, Chloe Phillips, Erin LeDoux (COBB), Krystal Spearman, Cliff Redmond & Veta, Sandra Collins, Ira Goode, Sandra Frasier, Tywanna Williams, Karen Gentry, Yvonne Warner, Pattie Yazell, Andrea Rucker, Jackie Crawford, Michael Howsley, Lydia Walden, Barbra Marsh, Emileigh Marsh, Linda Allee, Susan Wyche, Mark Florez, Linda Carpenter, Russel Dukes Jr and ALL the first responders and police.



**Sunday Morning Bible Class** (Romans 11)

### **Bible Trivia Answers**

- 1. Judges 3:17
- 2. Genesis 4:21
- 3. Lam.4:3, Job 39:13-18
- 4. 1 Kings 17:4
- 5. Genesis 6:14

# **Looking Into the Word**

(James 1:23-25)

To illustrate what it means to hear but not heed God's Word, James described an individual who observes his face in a mirror but fails to make changes necessary to improve his appearance (1:23-24). According to Kurt A. Richardson, "Ancient literature is replete with references to the mirror and its use as a metaphor for moral development". Given this fact, James' point would have been quite powerful to a first-century audience. Like the individual who looks at a mirror (i.e., a polished piece of metal) and realizes that changes need to be made but does nothing about his appearance, the individual who looks at God's Word but fails to change his behavior acts inappropriately. This is significant, for as Jim Samra noted, "The Bible doesn't just show us who we are; it shows us who we are supposed to be". Consequently, we must not only know where we fall short but also address those issues in our lives.

Having pointed out the error of hearing but failing to heed God's Word, James turned his attention to the individual who both hears and obeys. Describing this individual, he wrote, "But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does" (1:25). Unlike the individual who fails to change his life when Scripture prescribes such, the one who alters his life according to God's instructions will be blessed.

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