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Bible Trivia References:
1. *(Matthew 4:5)* *2. (John 2:1-11)* *3. (Matthew 17:1-9)* *4.(1 Samuel 5:2-4)*

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Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. *Galatians 5:25*

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From The Pastor's Desk

Lately I've heard folks asking how members of groups like the Islamic terrorist group, ISIS, can do the things that they do — beheading people, burning others alive, cutting off people's hands, blowing people up.

I'm encouraged that the question is being asked and the subject is being talked about. That means that people are thinking about what's happening and don't see these actions as "normal" or even "right". But some of the answers to the question that people have given recently have crossed into the realm of absolute and utter stupidity.

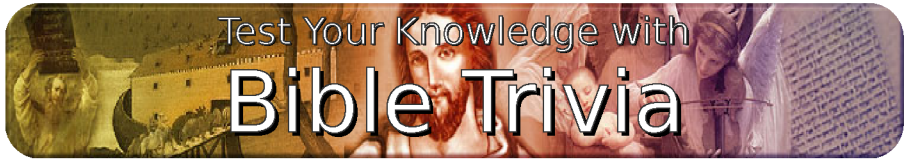
The one that I'm still reeling from is the idea that the members of ISIS, (or any other terrorist group for that matter) – who get a "thrill" out of torturing and murdering men, women, and children – do such things because they "need better job opportunities."

Now I'm not trying to get political here. It wouldn't matter to me who made a statement like that – Republican, Democrat, Socialist, Communist – stupid is stupid. And I'm not about to blow the "George W. Bush" horn and say how wonderful he is, (because he's said and done some really stupid things in the past too) – but he did get the answer to the question about ISIS right when he was at a university giving a lecture a short time ago. He said, "Evil is real." How true and spot-on that statement is.

What we're seeing happening in the world today is not a battle over political ideologies. It's not about "good jobs". It's an all-out battle between "good" and "evil". It's a never-ending war driven by sin.

We need to keep a few things in mind when we think about that war and the things that we've been seeing and hearing about in the news.

This struggle with evil is not new. It's been around since the days of Adam. It's manifested itself in every generation since the beginning of time. And it's not going to go away in our lifetime here on earth or at any time before the new heaven and



The answers will be printed in the following Crosswalk Newsletter. There will be references printed on the last page of the newsletter in case you get stuck.

Trivia Questions

1. *Who was taken to the highest point of the Jerusalem temple?*
2. *Where did Jesus work his first miracle?*
3. *Who appeared with Jesus at his miraculous Transfiguration?*
4. *What holy object was taken by the Philistines into the temple of Dagon, causing Dagon's image to fall down?*

January / February Answers

1. *In the New Testament, a new covenant is instituted by Jesus. What does he use to symbolize this new covenant?*
   Wine, which symbolizes the blood of sacrifice *(Mark 14:24)*
2. *Why did John not see a temple in the New Jerusalem?*
   God and the Lamb are the temple *(Revelation 21:22)*
3. *What was Jesus talking about when he spoke of destroying the temple and raising it up in three days?*
   His body *(John 2:19-21)*
4. *What kind of baptism did John promise the Christ would administer?*
   A baptism with the Holy Spirit and with fire *(John 30:12-16)*

March/April Mystery Member

This CLC member is the only boy in a family of 6 children. One of the last to be drafted into the military 1971-1973. Has been a member for 34 years.

January/February Mystery Member

Karla Lokker

Karla's father was over seas when she was born, and she did not see him until she was over 1 year of age. She caught her first musky this year. Karla's first full-time job was at a bank.

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new earth arrive at Christ's second coming.

We also have to remember that the battle against evil has been won. Christ defeated evil through the cross on Good Friday and the empty tomb on Easter Sunday. And there is no way that anyone can take that victory of our Lord's away from us. He's done it, once, and for all.

Third, we shouldn't expect that evil things like the ones that we are seeing are not going to happen. As long as sin is around, sinful and wicked acts will be carried out. Christ told the disciples (and us) that it's going to get progressively worse and worse in this world as the time for His second coming draws near. That time does not seem to be very far down the road.

In the meantime, what can we do? We can continue to be shocked and outraged over what is happening. We can speak up and speak out – not for social programs or even for bombing campaigns. We can speak up with the only thing that can combat evil and can make a difference in this world – the pure, life-giving Word of God – the Word that centers on Jesus and what He has done for all of sinful humanity.

And we can pray. And not only for ourselves or for the ones who are being brutalized and killed by terrorists – but also for the ones who are wielding the guns, knives, bombs, and torches. Christ died for them too. Christ died for all of us because there isn't a single one of us who has been spared from inheriting the same evil disease of sin.

We are not witnessing brutal acts of a war that will be won by bullets or bombs. This is a war that will not end until the Victor has returned in triumph. That time is coming. And until it arrives, we can rely on our Lord Jesus to keep is firm in the faith and to provide us with what we need to get us through.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. *(Psalm 23:4-6)*

Pastor Westover

Announcements

Where Did All the Pink Envelopes Go?

When you opened your new box of offering envelopes you may have noticed a lot fewer pink Building Fund Envelopes. The Council decided, that as a cost saving measure, that instead of a Building Fund envelope every week that there would be one per month. It is the hope of the Council that our members will continue their support of the building fund using the single,monthly envelope. Please contact a Council member with any questions you may have.

Memorial Fund?

Over the years you have probably heard someone around church mention something about the Memorial Fund and may have wondered just what it is. The Memorial Fund is separate from the General Fund, set up to receive “funds donated to the congregation for the purpose of improving the congregation's property” (per CLC by-laws)” and is overseen by the Board of Stewardship. The Memorial Fund is made up of several different sub-funds which are added and removed as various projects are started and completed. Projects that have been funded include the new garage, the electronic sign board, part of the new boiler going in this year, just to name a few. A current sub-fund that is receiving donations is the redecoration of the sanctuary to include paint, carpet,seat cushion reupholstery, and carpeting of the fellowship area. The current sub-funds are: Alter Guild, Choir, Copier, Education, Evangelism, Garage, Genesis (subject of a future article), Health Ministry, HVAC, Hymnal, Kitchen, Landscaping, Library, Organ upgrade, Parking lot, Phone System Update, Proverbs 1 (former tuition fund),Road sign, Roof/furnace, Sunday School, Transportation medi, Redecoration, and Undesignated. Some of these funds are at zero balance while the rest have a balance.

If you would like to make a donation to a specific sub-fund of the Memorial Fund just place your donation in an envelope with your name on it and specify which fund you would like your donation to go towards.

Please contact any member of the church council should you have any questions

Quilting

We read in Matthew 25:40 - **Let Me assure, anything you did for one of My brothers here, however humble, you did for Me.**

This comes to me often as I work on the LWR Quilts, they all are not fancy, but they are received by many that have little or nothing. They become very special to them.

I know we all have plenty of bedding at our homes, but a quilt given out by LWR is often the only one people have. We are a country of much and we can afford to give. For some of us it is the time we put into getting the material ready to make that quilt. We always need more hands to tie the quilts. PLEASE consider giving and hour of your time. Yes, that hour can make a difference as to how many we will have ready when shipment to MN comes in October.

On the note of shipment take a look at the chart on the wall by the mailboxes it shows where the shipments from the MN warehouse have been going. Many more are needed each year.

We will go back to the 3rd Wednesday of the month in April. but do join us whenever you can. The working together makes for a good feeling and we can help those in need from our own church home this way. No big travel plans are needed to do the work.

So please consider joining us for whatever time you can spare to help those in need.

REMEMBER the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 9:30 AM to around 3:00 PM with the shared lunch and devotion time.