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NEWSLETTER



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How much do you know about the turkey?

- When was the first Thanksgiving celebration?
 - 1492
 - 1567
 - 1621
 - 1777
- Where was the turkey first domesticated?
 - Canada
 - Mexico and Central America
 - New Zealand
 - India
- What is a female turkey called?
 - A rooster
 - A cuckoo
 - A chick
 - A hen
- What is a male turkey called?
 - A larry
 - A clark
 - A harry
 - A tom
- What great American statesman lobbied to make the turkey the national symbol?
 - Benjamin Franklin
 - Thomas Jefferson
 - John Adams
 - Andrew Jackson
- What sound does a female turkey make?
 - Gobble
 - Cluck
 - Chirp
 - Peep
- What sound does a male turkey make?
 - Gobble
 - Click
 - Chirp
 - Peep
- About how many feathers does a mature turkey have?
 - 1,500
 - 2,000
 - 3,500
 - 5,000
- Which state produces the most turkeys annually?
 - Kansas
 - Ohio
 - Arkansas
 - Minnesota
- How fast can wild turkeys run?
 - 5 mph
 - 15 mph
 - 25 mph
 - 45 mph
- How does Arkansas rank among the other states in turkey production?
 - First
 - Third
 - Eighth
 - Fourteenth
- What Native American tribe celebrated the first Thanksgiving with the colonists?
 - The Wampanoag Tribe
 - The Sioux Tribe
 - The Choctaw Tribe
 - The Arapaho Tribe
- Can wild turkeys fly? If so, how fast?
 - No
 - Yes, up to 25 mph
 - Yes, up to 40 mph
 - Yes, up to 55 mph
- Approximately what percentage of American homes eats turkey on Thanksgiving?
 - 49%
 - 67%
 - 82%
 - 90%
- Approximately what percentage of American homes eats turkey on Christmas?
 - 34%
 - 50%
 - 67%
 - 89%
- What is the name of the skin that hangs from a turkey's neck?
 - Snark
 - Wattle
 - Garble
 - Swag
- Which U.S. president specified that Thanksgiving would fall on the last Thursday of November?
 - Martin Van Buren
 - Andrew Jackson
 - William H. Taft
 - Abraham Lincoln
- Which president attempted to move the Thanksgiving holiday to the fourth Thursday in November to create a longer Christmas shopping season?
 - Franklin D. Roosevelt
 - Dwight D. Eisenhower
 - Harry S. Truman
 - Gerald R. Ford
- Which country consumes the most turkey per year per capita?
 - The United States
 - Israel
 - Spain
 - The United Kingdom
- What is the best way to defrost a turkey?
 - With a hair dryer
 - In the refrigerator
 - In cold water
 - In the microwave oven

Bible Quiz True or False

- We are to be thankful to God for His mercy.
- Paul taught the church in Colossians to be thankful.
- In the Old Testament there were specific offerings for thanksgiving.
- The tribe of Judah was given assigned duties and times to give thanksgiving unto God.
- When we offer praise to God, we glorify Him.
- We can give thanks to God through singing of God.
- We should give thanks in everything.
- Jesus provided an example of giving thanks for food.
- It is not necessary to give thanks to God for what others do for us.

Riddle for Today

I stare all day at the things in front of me and behind me, although I know nothing of the things by my side.
You may not be able see me, but I can see you.
I can be broken and I can't be fixed.
Everyone owns me at one time or another.
Life is hard to imagine without me. What am I?
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For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

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Birthdays in December - Happy Birthday to All!

The Greatest Love Story Ever Told

1 John 4:5-21 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 7 Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 8 He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. (Text Verse) 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. 12 No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. 13 Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. 16 And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. 17 Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 We love him, because he first loved us. 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? 21 And this commandment have we from him, That he who loveth God love his brother also.

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There are many famous love stories in literature: Romeo and Juliet, Cinderella and her handsome prince, and others. Love stories are still published regularly. The used book stores are full of them. Look at [1 John 4:10](#) again.

The greatest love story ever told is the love of the Lord Jesus Christ for sinners. **Because of the Personalities Involved** A good part of what is called "news" today is nothing more than gossip stories about the love lives of the rich and famous. There are also talk shows with people arguing about something others did or did not do.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. This story is much better. It's about the mighty, magnificent, marvelous Master of Heaven and earth and the mindless, misdirected, miserable multitudes of people on earth.

Because of the Problem We Have on Earth The problem is that we are sinners. *Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

The Soda Pop Story

More than a century ago, pharmacists first created and sold sodas as health tonics at soda fountains in America's drugstores. For example, ginger ale contained real ginger, a common remedy for digestive problems.

"Pharmacists prescribed and administered soda water to their clients," says Gyvel Young-Witzel, co-author of *Soda Pop! From Miracle Medicine to Pop Culture*. "That's because early additives to soda water were viewed as medicine."

In 1886, Coca-Cola was invented to serve as a daytime pick-me-up by pharmacist John Styth Pemberton, who created other successful compounds including Triplex Liver Pills and Flower Cough Syrup. "Coca-Cola was originally marketed to relieve headaches and as a brain tonic," Young-Witzel says.

Pepsi-Cola was created by pharmacist Caleb Bradham to help customers calm their stomachs with extracts of cola nut and pepsin, a digestive enzyme. "Brad's drink" quickly became a favorite in his drugstore in New Bern, N.C.

We Serve an Amazing God

The shortest chapter in the Bible is [Psalms 117](#).

The longest chapter in the Bible is [Psalms 119](#).

The chapter in the center of the Bible is [Psalms 118](#).

Fact: There are 594 chapters before [Psalms 118](#).

Fact: There are 594 chapters after [Psalms 118](#).

Add 594 + 594 and the answer is 1188.

The center verse of the Bible is [Psalms 118:8](#).

Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives? The next time someone says they would like to find God's perfect will for their lives and that they want to be in the center of His will, just send them to the center of His word.

[Psalms 118:8](#) *It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.*

Now isn't that odd how this worked out?

Or was God in the center of it?

Just Like Mom

Europeans had been eating pies - including fruit pies - since the 1400s. Sugar had been relatively scarce in America, but once supplies improved, the Old World pie was revived with American apple varieties, says Corn. Eventually, apple pie became a symbol of American prosperity, according to the U.S. Apple Association.

"No pie-eating people can be permanently vanquished," stated one American newspaper in 1902. To this day, "no other country eats as many apple pies as we do," Corn says.

No matter how you slice it, it was American genius that transformed many European foods into our own unique cuisine. As a result, our favorite foods will be always linked with American culture throughout the world.

One of My Favorites



Q: What's the best thing to put into a pie?

A: Your teeth!

Q: Why did the pie go to a dentist?

A: Because he needed a filling!

The Angry Atheist

The story is told of the atheist who accosted a preacher. "Do you believe in eternal life?" The preacher had no time to reply. "Well, it's a load of rubbish!" shouted the atheist. "I believe in science, evolution, survival of the fittest, and when we die, that's it! No eternal life, no great judgment, and no God!" The atheist continued his assault against the preacher repetitiously and tirelessly. "Eternal life! Eternal life! Ha! It's all pie in the sky when you die. When I die, that's it, the end, no eternal life, no nothing." He continued until he reached his climax, "I will be buried six feet under when I die and that's it! Nothing! Caput! When I die, I am utterly convinced that that will be the end of me!"

"Well, thank God for that!" replied the preacher.

[Revelation 21:8](#) *But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.*

Forest Gump and St. Peter

When Forest Gump died, he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Welcome, Forest. We've heard a lot about you." He continued, "Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here, and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"Okay," said Forest. "I hope it's not too hard. I've already been through a test. My momma used to say, 'Life is like a final exam. It's hard.'"

"Yes, Forest, I know. But this test is only three questions. Here they are:

- 1) Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'?
- 2) How many seconds are in a year?
- 3) What is God's first name?"

"Well, sir," said Forest, "The first one is easy. Which two days of the week begin with the letter 'T'? Today and Tomorrow." St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have a point. I'll give you credit for that answer."

"The next question," said Forest, "How many seconds are in a year? Twelve."

"Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused.

"Yes, sir. January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd ..."

St. Peter interrupted him. "I see what you mean. I'll have to give you credit for that one, too."

"And the last question," said Forest, "What is God's first name? It's Andy."

"Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. "How did you come up with 'Andy'?"

"I learned it in church. We used to sing about it." Forest broke into song, "Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me, Andy tells me I am His own."

St. Peter opened the gate to Heaven and said, "Run, Forest, Run!"

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Romans 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

The problem is not, "How can a just God send good people to Hell?" It is, "How can a just God send bad people to Heaven?!!" Have you ever thought, "How could a righteous, holy God ever love a sinner like me?" I have. Have you ever considered the corrupt condition of man? I have been saved for close to thirty years, and the longer I am saved, the more I realize how great a love our Jesus has for us. You look at the world and the people in it and say, "Wow, our God is good!"

Jesus showed us His love because of the price paid.

1 John 3:16 Hereby perceive we the love of God, **because he laid down his life for us:** and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

He left the glories of heaven, and he lived as a man. He let men humiliate Him. He lay down His life on the cross.

Luke 23:46 And when Jesus had cried with a loud voice, he said, Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: and having said thus, he gave up the ghost.

1 Corinthians 15:3-4 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; 4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

He shows His love because of the possibility for you and I.

Revelation 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

God proposes to you. God's pleading with man. He promises you His eternal presence and faithfulness. God promises you eternal life. God promises a mansion in glory. God promises riches untold. Do you hear Him calling? I did.

He shows His love because of God's permanent love.

Colossians 1:18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **that in all things he might have the preeminence.**

Preeminence defined: to be first (in rank or influence):-- foremost (in time, place, order or importance.)

The Lord's love for His people is an unconditional love for the believer - an unchanging love, an unending love as God put in His Word.

Romans 8:35-39 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. 37 Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

God's love is so great that even death, the highest mountain, or the deepest ocean can separate us from God's love. We cannot say that about man whose divorce rate near sixty percent. The means that six out of every ten houses I visit have people that have been divorced or separated. The answer to man's problem is Jesus. You hear Him calling. ARE YOU SAVED, ARE YOU WASHED IN THE BLOOD?

Dollar Bills



There were two old dollar bills. One was a \$100 dollar bill and the other was a \$1 dollar bill. The \$100 dollar bill said, "I've lived a good life. I've been to the amusement park, the theater, the zoo, and baseball games."

"Wow," said the \$1 dollar bill. "You sure have had a good life."

"Where have you been?" asked the \$100 dollar bill.

"Oh, I've been to a Baptist church, a Methodist church, a Lutheran church and an Episcopal church."

The \$100 bill said, "What's a church?"

Riddles

#1

Mysterious creatures with no thought.

They help us survive is what's taught.

They're home to many critters whether they're dead or alive.

Humans have gutted them in and out to survive.

In fact these mysterious creatures have helped us thrive.

Although there is abundance the time is drawing near,

When these greatly needed creatures just might disappear.

And with them we too will soon follow their lead.

Why? Because we overlook their importance and give into feelings of greed.

What am I? _____

#2

For some it is a thing of hope,

Others, a thing of dread,

Yet never predictable.

It is always coming,

But never arrives.

What am I? _____

#3

Sleek as a tuxedo

Smooth and shiny

Producing soft harmonious language

That speaks of its player

What am I? _____

Answers to Turkey Trivia Quiz

1. C) 1621
2. B) Mexico and Central America
3. D) A hen
4. D) A tom
5. A) Benjamin Franklin
6. B) Cluck
7. A) Gobble
8. C) 3,500
9. D) Minnesota
10. C) 25 mph
11. B) Third
12. A) The Wampanoag tribe
13. D) Yes, up to 55 mph
14. D) 90%
15. B) 50%
16. B) Wattle
17. D) Abraham Lincoln
18. A) Franklin D. Roosevelt
19. B) Israel
20. B) In the refrigerator

Picking Out Hymns

During the depression the church had a hard time finding support since so many were out of work. As the minister started toward the pulpit, he noticed a fifty dollar bill lying in the collection basket. Stunned and excited, he announced his find to the congregation and said he was so excited he wasn't sure he could preach. When he proposed that the person who donated the money stand up and pick out three hymns, an old maid in the back of the building stood and then, pointing her finger, said, "I'll take him, him, and him."

Hymns for Professionals

Dentist's Hymn: "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
 Contractor's Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation"
 Baker's Hymn: "I Need Thee Every Hour"
 Weatherman's Hymn: "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing"
 Optometrist's Hymn: "Open My Eyes That I May See"
 Tailor's Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"
 IRS's Hymn: "All to Thee"
 Shopper's Hymn: "By and By"
 Golfer's Hymn: "There is a Green Hill Far Away"
 Politician's Hymn: "Standing on the Promises"
 Gossiper's Hymn "Pass it On"
 Electrician's Hymn "Send the Light"

Poor Old Peanuts

Did you hear about the two peanuts that went walking around the Bronx in the middle of the night? One of them was assaulted.

Blonde's Thanksgiving

Last Thanksgiving, my mom decided to play a trick on my sister (who's blonde). To get her out of the house, she convinced her that we needed more half and half for the coffee. While my sister was out, my mom took the turkey out of the oven, removed the stuffing, stuffed a Cornish hen, then put it inside the turkey, packing stuffing all around it. **††**

Answer to Riddles

#1 Tree
 #2 Tomorrow
 #3 Guitar
 Answer to Riddle for Today - Window

***Psalms 8:3** When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained;*

Blonde's Thanksgiving continued

She then put the turkey back in the oven. When everything was ready, my sister took the turkey out of the oven and began to remove the stuffing. When she felt something, she reached in and pulled out the Cornish hen. Pretending to be shocked, my mother exclaimed, "Patti, you've cooked a pregnant turkey!"

My sister began to cry and was inconsolable. It took us half an hour to convince her that turkeys lay eggs!

Bible Quiz Answers

1. True **Psalms 106:1**
2. True **Colossians 2:6-7**
3. True **Leviticus 7:12**
4. False **1 Chronicles 23:27-28,30**
5. True **Psalms 50:23**
6. True **Psalms 92:1**
7. True **1 Thessalonians 5:18**
8. True **John 6:11**
9. False **1 Thessalonians 5:18**

Riddles for Your Younger Brother or Sister

1. What kind of shoes do snakes wear for swimming?
2. Why are deer willing to lend you money?
3. What's the angriest kind of wind?
4. What do you call a short black bird?
5. What kind of bird has the weirdest hairdo?
6. What kind of stone is the most sour?
7. Why was the polar bear upset with her test grades?
8. Why were E.T.'s eyes so big?
9. Why did the chicken throw a record over the fence?
10. Why do flies walk on the ceiling?

Answers to Riddles for Your Younger Brother or Sister

1. Water moccasins
2. Because if they don't have any doe, they'll have a buck!
3. A crosswind
4. A low crow
5. A mo-hawk
6. Limestone
7. They were all 20 below 0!
8. He saw his phone bill.
9. To listen to the other side
10. So they won't get stepped on

Anachronism?

Abraham announced to Isaac one day that he had decided to upgrade their family computer to Windows 95. Isaac said, "But father, we don't have enough memory!"

To which Abraham replied, "Don't worry, my son, the Lord will provide the RAM."

a'nach'ro-nism
 a person, thing, idea, or custom that seems to belong to a different time in history.

Riddle #4

It shines bright in the sky.
 Most wish upon it.
 There are too many to count.
 Sometimes it just shoots by.
 What am I? _____

This is so easy but, if by some chance if you cannot get the answer, it is in one of the verses.

The End