

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

December 16, 2012

## ++ Welcome to our Worship Service! ++

**Devotional:**----- David Martin

**Message:**----- Dannie Diener

**Offering:**----- General

**SS Lesson:**----- Luke 1

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. Zech. 9:9

**Intermediate Verse:** The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow with it. Prov. 10:22

**Junior Verse:** Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12

**Today's Host Family:** Jonathan & Mary K Miller

**Next Sunday Hosts:** Elmer & Pauline Yoder

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Singing Mice and Scientific Breakthroughs

-Kids Answers Website

Have you ever heard a mouse sing? Some mice in Costa Rica can produce a song very similar to that of birds, only the mice are monotonous (using only one tone). These mice, called *Scotinomys teguina*, communicate in a series of chirps, sometimes chirping as fast as 20 times per second!

The mice chirp because of a gene called FOXP2. People also have a version of the FOXP2 gene in their genetic code. Even a small mutation—a change in genetic information—in the human FOXP2 gene can cause problems such as autism and speech disorders. Scientists have decided to study the FOXP2 gene in singing mice to see if they can discover why these disorders occur in people. Maybe they can find a cure!

The singing mouse *Scotinomys teguina* chirps up to 20 times per second. Both males and females chirp, though males chirp more. Their song may seem like birdsong to humans, but the mouse song is usually composed of only one note.

"Often we see "evolution" get credit for medical breakthroughs, but if Phelps [the scientist leading the study] learns something from singing mice applicable, for instance, to autism, it will not be a proof of the importance of evolutionary belief—as we so often hear—but rather a deciphering of the genetically designed similarities that bears fruit. Our common Designer naturally uses many common designs, from genes to anatomical structures, to perform similar functions in different kinds of animals and people." —Dr. Elizabeth Mitchell"

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Reorganization at 7:00.
- ✓ There are 35+ requests for caroling this year. We would appreciate all available volunteers. Please sign up on the sheet on the table if you can go. Be at the school house at 5:30 PM tomorrow.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service has been canceled for this week.
- ✓ Church Social has been canceled for this month.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Nevin Miller

## ○ ○ ○ ○ ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~ ○ ○ ○ ○

Dec. 19, Happy Birthday! Andrea Martin, 2010

## ===== HOW DOES JESUS COME TO NEWTOWN? =====

-December 15, 2012, by John Piper

We do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize . . . but one who in every respect has been tested as we are. (Hebrews 4:15)

Mass murder is why Jesus came into the world the way he did. What kind of Savior do we need when our hearts are shredded by brutal loss?

We need a suffering Savior. We need a Savior who has tasted the cup of horror we are being forced to drink.

And that is how he came. He knew what this world needed. Not a comedian. Not a sports hero. Not a movie star. Not a political genius. Not a doctor. Not even a pastor. The world needed what no mere man could be.

The world needed a suffering Sovereign. Mere suffering would not do. Mere sovereignty would not do. The one is not strong enough to save; the other is not weak enough to sympathize.

So he came as who he was: the compassionate King. The crushed Conqueror. The lamb-like Lion. The

suffering Sovereign.  
Now he comes to Newtown, Connecticut.

- Perfected through suffering. (Hebrews 2:10)
- Hated by the proud. (John 7:7)
- Demonized by the strong. (Matthew 9:34)
- Willingly poor. (2 Corinthians 8:9)
- A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. (Isaiah 53:3)
- Planning to be crushed. (Isaiah 53:5)
- Despised and rejected. (Isaiah 53:3)
- Ready to be wounded. (Isaiah 53:5)
- Submissive like a lamb led to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7)
- Enduring anguish. (Isaiah 53:11)
- Poured out in death. (Isaiah 53:12)
- Risen to help. (Romans 14:7-9)

The God who draws near to Newtown is the suffering, sympathetic God-man, Jesus Christ. No one else can feel what he has felt. No one else can love like he can love. No one else can heal like he can heal. No one else can save like he can save.

-kirkcameron.com

*It is not your business to succeed, but to do right; when you have done so, the rest lies with God.*

-C.S. Lewis