

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

July 28, 2013

✚✚✚ Welcome to our Worship Service! ✚✚✚

Devotional:----- Justin Miller
Message:----- Henry Nissley
Offering:----- School
SS Lesson:----- Hebrews 3

Adult and Youth Verse: For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. Heb. 3:4

Intermediate Verse: "Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind one toward another" Rom. 12:15-16

Junior Verse: Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. Heb. 11:28

Today's Host: Henry & Fannie Nissley

Primary Verse: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49

Preschool Verse: "I must be about my Father's business" Luke 2:49

SS Lesson for next week: Hebrews 4

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. Heb. 4:9

Next Sunday Host: Jonathan & Mary K Miller

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Experiment: How Much Does Air Weigh?
-July 25, 2013

Have you ever wondered why you can feel the wind blow against your face? How can something as empty as air cause ferocious hurricanes or tornadoes that rip apart whole cities?

Blasts of wind are possible because air has weight, just like your shoes or chair or car. Air actually weighs a lot because there is so much of it. Think about it—air covers the entire earth, way above the mountains. All that air is constantly exerting weight on every one of us.

How much does air weigh? That is actually a very complicated question. Air, being a gas, moves around. Its concentration varies from day to day, with changing weather and different altitudes (it weighs more on the beach than on top of a mountain). But if we assume it's a pretty day and we're standing on the beach, an average adult male is constantly subjected to a force of nearly 22 tons—just from the weight of the air!

—Excerpt from Experiment: Air Mass, Answers magazine, Vol. 7, No. 1

-Kids Answers <http://goo.gl/Fjq2L1>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (NRU) 5:00 PM. To go: Henry, James, Nevin, Elmer-devotions.
- ✓ Henry Nissley and sons will be mowing school and church yards.
- ✓ Last eve about 5:30 Norm said Moms condition was reported as hardly any response all day. Then about 9:30 we spoke again & he said that when Kathy wiped her lips with wet cotton she seemed to give slight response of appreciation. The family wants to thank each one for praying!

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

July 30, Happy Birthday! Nathaniel Martin, 1993

Sabbath Day Devotion, July 27, 2013

-Suffering for Jesus (part 3) –

In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted... 2 Timothy 3:12

Two weeks ago, I said, "One thing that Christians, and non-Christians alike, don't like to think about or discuss is suffering. Some suffering may be inevitable – but it sure isn't something we look forward to."

In our last two SDDs, I shared several Bible verses that clearly indicate that disciples (students and followers) of Christ should expect to suffer and to be persecuted. However, most of the people reading these devotions are just like me. They have never had to give up much for Christ's sake and have never been in serious danger because of their faith in Christ. We have had it easy – perhaps too easy.

I know a few of you think I am trying to lay a guilt trip on all of our email subscribers who claim to be a Christian. I had not considered that to be the case – but if it is, I am laying the same guilt trip on myself. Many of my weekly devotions originate from the convictions God has placed on my heart. In other words... when God talks to me, I share some of those conversations with you through these weekly devotions.

Thinking Out Loud...

In my lifetime, there have been many times when Christians should have stood up and taken a stand. Instead of taking a stand, we chose to take the easy way out. When ungodly things started creeping into our culture, we stepped aside and did nothing. After all, it didn't seem like that big of a deal at the time. What could we have done? What difference could we have made?

Think back fifty years... How much of what goes on in our daily lives today would have been tolerated by our parents and/or grandparents fifty years ago? For example, would your grandma have tolerated the things you allow your children or grandchildren to watch on television today? I think not!

How did we get to where we are today? Little by little! Satan knows that if he takes big steps, we will easily recognize him for who he is. However, if he takes very small steps, we won't pay him any attention. Little by little, Satan has succeeded in permeating our culture, our homes and our churches. I have said it before – and I will say it again – when I look at what the church has become, I have to wonder if this is God's design or Satan's design.

On the Other Hand...

We all know a few people who are so passionate and forceful about their faith in God that they do more harm than good.

Very few people (including me) respond well to in-your-face evangelism. Folks, we

do NOT have to be belligerent to effectively take a stand for Christ. We do, however, have to be alert and on our toes.

Not only do we need to be vigilant, we need to seriously consider all of the areas

that we have inadvertently allowed Satan to take control of. Little by little, we need to reclaim control of those areas – for Christ's sake. If we suffer for doing so – so be it.

We will rejoice as the early disciples of Christ did.

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