



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

Feb. 24, 2019

Devotional:----- Kenny King
 Message:----- Henry Nissley
 Offering:----- School
 SS Lesson:----- Titus 1

Adult and Youth Verse: Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. Titus 1:15

Intermediate Verse: Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. Psalm 127:1

Junior Verse: Endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Ephesians 4:3

Primary Verse: Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge. Genesis 26:5

Preschool Verse: Abraham believed God. Romans 4:3

SS Lesson for next week: Titus 2

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. Titus 2:14

☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

Fun Alligator Facts

Check out our range of fun alligator facts for children. Learn about alligator's powerful bite, how much they weigh, what they eat and much more. Read on and enjoy a variety of interesting information about alligators.

- Alligators are reptiles
- There are two different species of alligator, the American alligator and the Chinese alligator.
- American alligators live in south-eastern areas of the United States such as Florida and Louisiana.
- Chinese alligators are found in the Yangtze River but they are critically endangered and only a few remain in the wild.
- Like other reptiles, alligators are cold-blooded.
- Alligators can weigh over 450 kg (1000 lb).
- Alligators have a powerful bite but the muscles that open the jaw are relatively weak. An adult human could hold the jaws of an alligator shut with their bare hands.

<http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/sciencefacts/animals/alligator.html>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
- ✓ School devotions this week by: -Louis Kauffman
- ✓ Out Of State Correspondence this week by: Kathy Yoder

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Feb. 27, Elma Petersheim 1978

Happy Birthday! Feb. 28, Kathleen Yoder 1993

Happy Birthday! Feb. 28, Zachary Yoder 2004

The Bird

I once watched a most incredible thing. I watched a small bird trying to gather string, which I presumed would have gone into the building of a nest. It is amazing that this little creature acting on instinct alone would gather this kind of material for building. You see, a bird cannot reason, "A piece of string would be nice to use for building my nest, so I'll take it." God has given this little bird the natural instinct to function.

You probably are thinking, "What's so incredible about watching a bird do what it naturally does?" I watched as the bird made several attempts to gather the string. She would pick up one end of the string in her beak and fly upward, but the string would fall, and she would try again. This activity went on for several minutes. What made this so incredible to me was that the other end of the string was attached to a boat sitting on a boat trailer.

I thought of the bird's PERSISTENCE in her efforts. No matter how many times she failed, the bird kept on trying. How often do you and I show this kind of persistence in our endeavors? Even though the odds of getting that particular piece of string were greatly against the bird, I found myself hoping that she would succeed.

I thought of the bird's FOCUS on the string. She was oblivious to the fact that the string was attached to an immovable object. All she saw was the string, and she went after it. How often do we keep a singular focus on a particular goal? Too often we allow our focus to scatter to several objectives, and then we wonder why we don't succeed in achieving any of them.

I thought the bird had great CONFIDENCE. Her intention was to get that string. The bird was not deterred by the fact that a large boat was in her way. Watching the scene unfold as time and again the bird would try to fly away with that string, I almost expected to see the boat lift off the ground.

We need to be PERSISTENT, FOCUSED, and CONFIDENT in our efforts as we serve the Lord. I am sure we will find more success in our endeavors.

<http://varietyreading.carlsguides.com/christian-stories/bird.php>

Mission & Vision Statement Of: Calvary Christian Fellowship

Mission: To realize our need of Christ.

To help one another on life's journey.

Vision: To surrender to Christ our Head, to walk in the Spirit, to love as Jesus loves.

To be a place where it's safe to share failures, struggles, hopes, and dreams.

To encourage, and empower one another to find God's purpose as we walk with Christ on our journey to Heaven.

To help the hurting find healing, and the lost experience salvation, in Christ.

To assist in physical needs among, and around us.