



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

September 15, 2019

Devotional:----- Louis Kauffman

Message:----- Henry Nissley

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- Mark 7:24-37

**Adult and Youth Verse:** And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it; And were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well: he maketh both the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak. Mark 7:36-37

**Intermediate Verse:** Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. 1 John 4:7

**Junior Verse:** If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat, and if he be thirsty,

give him water to drink. Proverbs 25:21

**Primary Verse:** The hearing ear, and the seeing eye, the Lord hath made even both of them. Proverbs 20:12

**Preschool Verse:** He hath done all things well. Mark 7:37

**SS Lesson for next week:** Mark 8:1-21

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? Verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation. Mark 8:12

## □ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ □ ○ □

### Tony's Silver Dollar

Tony lived in the middle of a big city. His family was poor, but they were a happy family. They were happy because each one in the family, including Tony, had accepted the Lord Jesus as his Saviour. Even though Tony was only eight years old, he knew he was a sinner and had asked the Lord Jesus to wash away his sins. Because he believed what the Bible says, he knew for sure that he would be in heaven with the Lord Jesus someday. Anyone who knows this is happy.

One day Tony's grandfather was visiting them and he gave Tony a silver dollar. Tony had never had a silver dollar before. He was so pleased with it that he kept looking at it, turning it over and over. He would put it in his pocket and then take it out to look at it again. How shiny and bright it was. He thought of many things he could buy with it.

Later that afternoon Tony reached into his pocket to take out his silver dollar again. It wasn't there! Where did it go? He turned all four of his pockets inside out, but it wasn't in any of them. He looked everywhere he remembered being that day, starting in the house. He even checked down in the basement. Then he ran outside where he had been playing games on the sidewalk, but he couldn't find it. Tony felt so badly he began to cry.

When he still had not found it by evening, he was so "down in the dumps" he just went to bed. He was so unhappy that he didn't even take the time to pray.

As he tried to go to sleep, a small, still voice seemed to say, "Tony, you didn't pray." He would turn over and try to forget about it, but pretty soon the same small, still voice would remind him again.

Tony tossed and turned for quite a while. Each time he was about to fall asleep, he would hear the voice in his mind saying, "But, Tony, you haven't prayed."

Finally, he sat up in bed and said to himself, "Maybe I had better pray after all." Tony climbed out of bed and knelt down on the floor beside his bed. "Ouch! What's that?" His knee was pressing down on something cold and hard. It was his silver dollar!

Do you think that the Lord Jesus in heaven really listens to children's prayers? Yes, He certainly does, and don't let anyone try to tell you that He doesn't. Don't be afraid or get discouraged when things seem to be going all wrong. Talk to the Lord Jesus about it, and ask Him for help. Tony would have found his silver dollar much sooner if he had knelt down to pray when he first went to bed. We will get help and guidance from the Lord much sooner if we take our trouble to Him right away.

"Call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jeremiah 33:3.

<https://www.wholesomewords.org/children/stories/tony.html>

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## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Marlin Wagler has been asked to share about their Ukraine experience at 7:00 PM at the churchhouse.
- ✓ Hot Lunch this week by: Michael Yoder's, Elmer Yoder's & Justin Miller's
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:00 PM. Those to go: Justin & Jason - Devotions
- ✓ School devotions this week by: LaWayne Wagler
- ✓ Church Social Thurs. Eve. 6:30 PM
- ✓ Out of State Correspondence this week: Kathleen Yoder

## ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Sept. 16, Wilson Yoder 2010

Happy Birthday! Sept. 21, Henry Nissley 1968

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## Blessed –

Many people have been blessed by God. Some know it, while others do not recognize the blessings they have received. Contrary to popular opinion, not all blessings are financial or material in nature.

I think it is safe to say Christians in America have a totally different understanding of the word "blessed" than Christians in the Middle East who are suffering and dying

because of their faith in Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us that Christians should expect to suffer for Jesus.

I would like to direct your attention to what we commonly refer to as “The Beatitudes” which can be found in the fifth chapter of Matthew. The meaning of the word “beatitude” is “supreme blessedness.” Each of the nine beatitudes found in Matthew 5:3-12 pronounces a blessing upon those who possess a certain characteristic.

The word “blessed” is often misinterpreted as “happy.” Happiness comes from earthly things – but blessedness comes from God. Whereas happiness is most often based on feelings and/or emotions, blessedness is a gift from God that describes a genuine state of being that is **not** dependent on a feeling or an emotion.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

*“**Blessed** are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

*“**Blessed** are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”*

*“**Blessed** are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.”*

*“**Blessed** are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.”*

*“**Blessed** are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”*

*“**Blessed** are the pure in heart, for they will see God.”*

*“**Blessed** are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”*

*“**Blessed** are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”*

*“**Blessed** are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”*

The Beatitudes put a different twist on the word “blessed,” don’t they? Notice there is **NOT** a beatitude that says, “**Blessed** are the rich and famous...”

**Don’t just *GO* to church; *BE* the church**

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### **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.