



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 15, 2019

Devotional:----- Robert Martin

Message:----- Michael Yoder

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- Mark 13:1-37

Adult and Youth Verse: And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch. Mark 13:37

Intermediate Verse: Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. Romans 13:1

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

Primary Verse: Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him. 1 Corinthians 16:2

Preschool Verse: Give unto the Lord. Psalm 96:8

SS Lesson for next week: Mark 14:1-25

Adult and Youth Verse for next week:
No memory verse

☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

10 Interesting Leopard facts

1. Most leopards are light colored and have dark spots on their fur. These spots are called "rosettes" because their shape is similar to that of a rose. There are also black leopards, too, whose spots are hard to see because their fur is so dark.
2. Leopards can be found in various places around the world – they live in Sub-Saharan Africa, northeast Africa, Central Asia, India and China.
3. Leopards are fast felines and can run at up to 58km/h! They're super springy, too, and can leap 6m forward through the air – that's the length of three adults lying head to toe!
4. Leopards are very solitary and spend most of their time alone. They each have their own territory, and leave scratches on trees, urine scent marks and poop to warn other leopards to stay away! Males and females will cross territories, but only to mate.
5. These big cats have a varied diet and enjoy different kinds of grub. They eat bugs, fish, antelope, monkeys, rodents, deer...in fact, pretty much any prey that is available!
6. Leopards are skilled climbers, and like to rest in the branches of trees during the day. They are strong beasts, too, and can carry their heavy prey up into the trees so that pesky scavengers, such as hyenas, don't steal their meal!

7. Nocturnal animals, leopards are active at night when they venture out in search for food. They mostly spend their days resting, camouflaged in the trees or hiding in caves.

8. When it comes to hunting for food, these big cats know their stuff! When a leopard spots a potential meal, it approaches with legs bent and head low, so as not to be seen. It then stalks its prey carefully and quietly, until it's five to ten meters within range. Then.... pounce! The leopard dashes forward and takes down its victim with a bite to the throat or neck. Small prey, such as small birds or mice, will receive a fatal blow from the feline's paw. Ouch!

9. Female leopards give birth any time of the year – when they do, they usually give birth to two or three cubs. Mothers stay with their cubs until they are about two years old, when they are old enough to hunt and take care of themselves.

10. Leopards communicate with each other through distinctive calls. For instance, when a male wants to make another leopard aware of his presence, he'll make a hoarse, raspy cough. They also growl when angry and, like domestic cats, purr when happy and relaxed. Cute, eh?

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/general-animals/leopard-facts/>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Michael Yoder
- ✓ Out of State Correspondence this week by: LaDonna Nissley

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Dec. 19, Andrea Martin 2010

Happy Birthday! Dec. 21, Jonathan & Julia Yoder 2011

Why Did Jesus Come?

The first few verses in the Gospel of John tell us that Jesus existed in the very beginning – before anything else existed. We are told that not only was Jesus with God – he IS God. He took part in the creation of all things.

In verse 14, we are told that Jesus became a human being and lived here on earth for while among us. This happened approximately 2000 years ago. It was an event unlike any other event in history. God became human and came to dwell with us on earth. Time, itself, is divided by this event. We refer to the years before Christ as BC, and the years after the birth of Christ as AD. AD is an abbreviation for "Anno Domini" which means in the year of the Lord.

Why did Jesus leave the splendors of heaven to come live as a common man here on earth? That's something that is very difficult for me to fully understand.

In John 3:16, we read, "For God so loved the world he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Simply put, Jesus came down from heaven to provide us with a way to get to heaven.

In John 14:6. Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

Jesus left the splendors of heaven with only one purpose and goal in mind – to die a horrible death on an old wooden cross. His death provided the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. He paid a debt that we would never have been able to repay.

1 Peter 2:24 says “Jesus bore our sins in his body on the tree (cross), so that we might die to sins and live to righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed.”

1 John 2:2 says, “Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the world.”

As we enter the commercialized Christmas season...I ask you to pause for a moment to remember why Jesus came to earth and to consider the price he paid for our sins. Jesus came down from heaven to suffer and die in order to provide a way for you and I to get to heaven. That is the greatest gift we will ever receive.

Don’t just GO to church; BE the church

Kit Pharo Pharo Cattle Co.

Website: www.PharoCattle.com

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.