



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

February 23, 2020

Devotional:----- Jason Yoder

Message:----- Michael Yoder

Offering:----- School

SS Lesson:-----Proverbs 4

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men. Proverbs 4:14

**Intermediate Verse:** But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Gal. 1:11-12

**Junior Verse:** For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love.

Hebrews 6:10

**Primary Verse:** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6

**Preschool Verse:** Teach me, O Lord. Psalm 119:33

**SS Lesson for next week:** TBA

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** TBA

## ☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

### Seahorse Facts

Grab your snorkels and join us as we get up close to these colorful critters... Seahorses are tiny fish that are named for the shape of their head, which looks like the head of...yup, you guessed it -a tiny horse. There are around 36 seahorse species, which are found in tropical and temperate coastal waters where they swim upright among seaweed and other plants.

Seahorses' bodies are covered in tiny, spiny plates, all the way from their head down to their curled, flexible tail. The tail can grasp objects, which comes in handy when these cool critters want to anchor themselves to vegetation. To move forward through the water, seahorses use their dorsal fin (back fin). To move up and down, they adjust the volume of air in a tiny pocket inside their body, called a 'swim bladder'.

The seahorse life-cycle is one of the most fascinating nature has to offer! A female seahorse lays dozens, sometimes hundreds, of eggs in a pouch on the male seahorse's abdomen. Called a 'brood pouch', it's a bit like the pouch of a kangaroo, used for carrying young. Depending on the seahorse species, the eggs remain in the brood pouch for up to 45 days, until the eggs are ready to hatch. The new baby seahorses, each about the size of an M&M, find other baby seahorses and float together in small groups, clinging to each other using their tails. Cute, eh? Unlike kangaroos, though, baby seahorses do not return to the pouch. These guys have it

tough, and must find food and hide from predators as soon as they're born! A master of camouflage, these fab fish can be incredibly difficult to spot. Camouflage not only helps the seahorse avoid predators, such as crabs and other fish, it helps it to be a predator, too. Feeding on small crustaceans, seahorses are super-skilled ambush predators. Rather than chasing their food, they wait, unnoticed, for prey to pass by. They then suck their unsuspecting victim through their tube-like mouth, before swallowing it whole. Gulp!

Two species of seahorse can be found in coastal waters off the UK and Ireland – the Spiny Seahorse and the Short Snouted Seahorse. Have you ever been lucky enough to see one?

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/animals/sea-life/seahorse-facts/>

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### Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM
- ✓ School Spring Break this week beginning Wed. Feb. 26 – Fri. Feb. 28.
- ✓ Out of State Correspondence this week by: Kathleen Yoder

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Happy Anniversary! Feb. 23, Michael & Virginia Yoder 1989  
 Happy Birthday! Feb. 27, Elma Petersheim 1978  
 Happy Birthday! Feb. 28, Kathleen Yoder 1993  
 Happy Birthday! Feb. 28, Zachary Yoder 2004

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### Two Doors –

Imagine that you are on a television game show and you have the opportunity to choose the type of life that lies behind Door #1 or the type of life that lies behind Door #2. Behind Door #1 is how your life could be according to your will and/or preference. Anything you desire, you could have. You could have riches, power and fame. Now, that is exactly what you have been looking for, isn't it? It is hard to imagine the type of life behind Door #2 being even remotely comparable to the type of life behind Door #1.

Behind Door #2 is how your life could be according to God's will – not yours. What is God's will for your life? You really don't know, do you? Will it involve riches, power and fame, or will it involve hardship and suffering, or will it involve something in between? You do not know. Do you have enough faith in God to choose Door #2? While most of us desire to follow God, few of us are willing to do it at any cost. How much are you willing to give up to live the life that God would have you live?

Jesus said, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Matthew 16:24

Most of us know we will be much better off in the long run if we choose the type of life God has for us – especially when we consider eternity. However, making that decision is much easier said than done.

You will never be on a television game show that gives you the opportunity to select the type of life that lies behind Door #1 or the type of life that lies behind Door #2. In reality, though, you are making that decision each and every day of your life. Which door have you been selecting?

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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.