



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

March 1, 2020

Devotional:----- Kenny King

Message:----- Samuel Yoder

Offering:----- Missions

**Adult and Youth Verse:** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

**Intermediate Verse:** For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. Romans 1:16

**Junior Verse:** I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty. Revelations 1:8

**Primary Verse:** Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. Psalm 124:8

**Preschool Verse:** Our help is in the name of the Lord. Psalm 124:8

### ☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

#### Rhino Facts

These animals are big, bulky and absolutely brilliant! Learn all about one of our planet's coolest creatures with our ten top rhino facts!

- 1) Our planet is home to five species of rhinoceros – the black rhino and the white rhino, which live in Africa, and the Sumatran, Javan and Indian (or greater one-horned) rhino, which inhabit the tropical forests and swamps of Asia.
- 2) These brilliant beasts are known for their awesome, giant horns that grow from their snouts – hence the name “rhinoceros”, meaning “nose horn”. Javan and Indian rhinos have one horn, where as the white, black and Sumatran rhinos have two.
- 3) These incredible creatures are some of the biggest animals in world! The largest of the five species is the white rhino, which can grow to 1.8m tall and weigh a massive 2,500kg – that's the weight of 30 men!
- 4) Despite their huge size and strength, these bulky beasts don't prey on other animals for food. They're herbivores, and instead like to munch on lots of grass and plants at night, dawn and dusk.
- 5) During the heat of the day, these magnificent mammals can be found sleeping in the shade or wallowing in muddy pools to cool off. They love to get mucky, in fact! Mud protects their skin from the strong sun (like a natural sunblock) and wards off biting bugs, too.
- 6) For the most part, rhinoceroses are solitary animals and like to avoid each other. But some species, particularly the white rhino, may live in a group, known as a 'crash'. These crashes are usually made up of a female and her calves, although

sometimes adult females (called cows) can be seen together, too.

7) Males (called 'bulls'), on the other hand, like to be left alone, unless in search of a female to breed with. They're very territorial, too, and mark out their area of land with, believe it or not, poop! In fact, rhinos often use pongy piles to communicate with each other, since each individual's dung smells unique.

8) They may rarely hang out with each other, but they spend a lot of time with their feathered friends! Rhinos are often seen with Oxpeckers (or 'tick birds') perched on their back, which live off the pesky parasitic insects living in the rhino's thick skin. The birds' loud cries also help alert their big buddies of potential danger, too!

9) Because of their huge bodies, strong horns and thick, armour-like skin, rhinos have no natural predators. Nevertheless, these brilliant beasts get frightened easily! When they feel threatened, they're instinct is to charge directly at whatever has spooked them – whether it be another animal or a harmless object!

10) Sadly, it's estimated that there are only around 29,000 rhinos left in the wild, compared to 500,000 at the beginning of the 20th century. The main threat to these beautiful animals is illegal hunting, largely because their horns are used in traditional folk medicine, particularly in Asia.

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### Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening. Visitation encouraged.
- ✓ Fellowship Lunch at the Schoolhouse after Services today. Everyone welcome!
- ✓ Sister's Sewing Tues.
- ✓ Brotherhood Meeting Tues. Eve. 7:00 PM
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Northwest) 5:30 PM. Those to go: Robert, Ralph & LaWayne – Devotions
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Jonathan Miller
- ✓ Out of State Correspondence this week by: Steve & Edith Nissley

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Anniversary! (Today!) Mar. 1, Louis & Susan 1990

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### Never Promised You a Rose Garden –

It is God's will that we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Jesus, himself, said whoever believes in him will not perish, but will have eternal life (John 3:16). Jesus provides the ONLY way to spend eternity with God in the splendors of heaven (John 14:6). Jesus also promises to always be with his followers (Mt. 28:20) and to help them to be productive and to answer their prayers (John 15:15-16).

However, Jesus never promised us a rose garden. A life spent following Jesus will not always be full of bliss. The lives of the apostles and other early Christians had more than their share of suffering. In fact, I believe all of the apostles were martyred

except for John. Much of the New Testament was written by the apostle Paul while he was in prison. Jesus said his followers would suffer – and they did. I think it is wrong for today's Christians to think they will never suffer or face trials and tribulations. We know, however, that our final reward will be worth whatever we have to go through to receive it.

**Jesus said,** *"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."* Matthew 5:11

*All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."* Matthew 10:22

*Now if we are children, then we are heirs – heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

Romans 8:17

*Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance.* James 1:2-3

*It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.* 1 Peter 3:17

I'm not saying we must suffer to follow Jesus, and I'm not saying that we must give up something to follow Jesus. I am saying, though, that we may suffer and we may be asked to give up something to follow Jesus – and we must be ready and willing to do so.

God promised us eternal life and much, much more when we decided to follow Jesus – but he did not promise us a rose garden. As a Christian, you will probably face some trials and tribulations. As the 1971 Lynn Anderson song says, "Along with the sunshine, there's gotta be a little rain some time."

Forty years ago, an older, wiser Christian brother told me, "If it wasn't for the bad times, we wouldn't appreciate the good times." I've lived long enough now to know there is a lot of truth to that statement.

### **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.