



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

July 12, 2020

Devotional:----- James Yoder

Message:----- Ralph Yoder

Offering:----- General

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in His goodness: otherwise thou shalt be cut off. Romans 11:22

**Intermediate Verse:** Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. Deuteronomy 4:2

**Junior Verse:** And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart and with all thy soul and with all thy might. Deuteronomy 6:5

**Primary Verse:** As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up. John 3:14

**Preschool Verse:** Be ye thankful. Colossians 3:15

### ▣ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ▣ ○ ▣

#### The Elephant And His Friends

A lone elephant walked through the forest, looking for friends. She soon saw a monkey and proceeded to ask, 'Can we be friends, monkey?'

The monkey quickly replied, 'You are big and can't swing on trees like I do, so I cannot be your friend.'

Defeated, the elephant continued to search when it stumbled across a rabbit. She proceeded to ask him, 'Can we be friends, rabbit?'

The rabbit looked at the elephant and replied, "You are too big to fit inside my burrow. You cannot be my friend."

Then, the elephant continued until she met a frog. She asked, "Will you be my friend, frog?"

The frog replied, "You are too big and heavy; you cannot jump like me. I am sorry, but you can't be my friend."

The elephant continued to ask the animals she met on her way, but always received the same reply. The following day, the elephant saw all the forest animals run in fear. She stopped a bear to ask what was happening and was told the tiger was attacking all the small animals.

The elephant wanted to save the other animals, so she went to the tiger and said, "Please, sir, leave my friends alone. Do not eat them."

The tiger didn't listen. He merely told the elephant to mind her own business.

Seeing no other way, the elephant kicked the tiger and scared him away. Upon hearing of the brave tale, the other animals agreed, "You are just the right size to be our friend."

**Moral:** Friends come in every shape and size.

<https://momlovesbest.com/short-moral-stories-kids>

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### Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Church Social Thurs. Eve. 6:30 PM

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Happy Birthday! July 16, Heidi Nissley 2013

Happy Birthday! July 18, Wayne Nissley 2004

Happy Birthday! July 18, Jeremy Miller 2016

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In 2001, I wrote a weekly devotional thought that was sent out via email to thousands of people who were interested in growing in their relationship with their Heavenly Father.

In an effort to try and unpack the life changing implications found in each line in the Father's Love Letter, I decided to focus on one statement per week with the hope that I might be able to help someone better grasp God's love for them. Following is the Father's Love Letter.

*In Father's love, Barry Adams*

#### Father's Love Letter

*My Child... You may not know me, but I know everything about you. I know when you sit down and when you rise up. I am familiar with all your ways. Even the very hairs on your head are numbered, For you were made in my image. In me you live and move and have your being, For you are my offspring. I knew you even before you were conceived, I chose you when I planned creation. You were not a mistake, For all your days are written in my book. I determined the exact time of your birth and where you would live. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, I knit you together in your mother's womb, And brought you forth on the day you were born. I have been misrepresented by those who don't know me, I am not distant and angry, but am the complete expression of love. And it is my desire to lavish my love on you, Simply because you are my child and I am your Father. I offer you more than your earthly father ever could, For I am the perfect Father. Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand, For I am your provider and I meet all your needs. My plan for your future has always been filled with hope, Because I love you with an everlasting love. My thoughts toward you are countless as the sand on the seashore, And I rejoice over you with singing. I will never stop doing good to you, For you are my treasured possession. I desire to establish you with all my heart and all my soul, And I want to show you great and marvelous things. If you seek me with all your heart, you will find me, Delight in me and I will give you the desires of your heart, For it is I who*

*gave you those desires. I am able to do more for you than you could possibly imagine, For I am your greatest encourager. I am also the Father who comforts you in all your troubles. When you are brokenhearted, I am close to you, As a shepherd carries a lamb, I have carried you close to my heart. One day I will wipe away every tear from your eyes, And I'll take away all the pain you have suffered on this earth. I am your Father and I love you even as I love my son, Jesus, For in Jesus my love for you is revealed. He is the exact representation of my being And He came to demonstrate that I am for you, not against you, And to tell you that I am not counting your sins. Jesus died so that you and I could be reconciled. His death was the ultimate expression of my love for you. I gave up everything I loved that I might gain your love. If you receive the gift of my son Jesus, you receive me, And nothing will ever separate you from my love again. Come home and I'll throw the biggest party heaven has ever seen. I have always been Father and will always be Father. My question is... Will you be my child? I am waiting for you ... **Almighty God***

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotionals.html>

**\* I will be sharing these devotional thoughts in the coming weeks, 53 weeks to be exact, unless ya'll get tired of it. Let me know if you do. ~ Elma 😊**

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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.