



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

October 11, 2020

Devotional:----- Simeon Molner

Message:----- Michael Yoder

Offering:----- General

Adult and Youth Verse: If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:6,7

Intermediate Verse: He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. Proverbs 25:28

Junior Verse: Good understanding giveth favour: but the way of transgressors is hard. Proverbs 13:15

Primary Verse: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46:1

Preschool Verse: The Lord God will help me. Isaiah 50:9

☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

How Did All The Animals Fit On The Ark?

A lot of people have one big (or is it little?) question about Noah and the ark. They do not understand how Noah could fit all the animals on the ark. But people asking this question often do not know how many animals needed to be on the ark or how big the ark was. Knowing those two key facts are important if we are to understand how Noah fit all the animals on the ark.

Thankfully, the Bible gives us some details about the ark's construction. The ark had three decks, or floors and was 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide, and 30 cubits high. A cubit is the measurement from a man's elbow to the tip of his index finger. Obviously, this varies based on the size of the man. For the Ark Encounter, we used the royal cubit, which is 20.4 inches in length. So when we built Ark Encounter, we made the ark to these measurements: 510 feet long, 85 feet wide, and 51 feet high. That is a big ship. You could fit 450 semi-trailers into the hull of the ark. That's a lot of space!

A lot of people still say that even all of this space would not be enough for all the species of animals in the world today, but Noah did not have to take all the species. In fact, the vast majority of species did not have to get on the ark. God told Noah he would only be taking air-breathing, land-dwelling animals on the ark. That means that none of the sea creatures needed to go. Further, God told Noah he would not be taking all the species. God said Noah would take members of every kind. ([GENESIS](https://answersingenesis.org/kids/science/baraminology/how-did-all-animals-fit-on-ark-part3/)

[6:20](https://answersingenesis.org/kids/science/baraminology/how-did-all-animals-fit-on-ark-part3/)).

Kinds are not the same as species. Most kinds consist of dozens or more species. Answers in Genesis asked scientists to do a large-scale study to determine what the kinds that were on the ark would have been. For most land animals, the kind level is probably about the family level of modern classification, which is a grouping of similar animals, such as cats like lions, tigers, and Burmese (oh, my).

In determining how many animals were on the ark, we assumed a worst-case scenario. In other words, if we weren't sure if two animals were of the same kind, we assumed they were different kinds. For example, in bats we made every family its own kind, even though some of the families could probably be grouped together. Being very careful, the scientists decided that the maximum number of animals that needed to be on the ark was 16,000, with the vast majority being less than 22 pounds. Answers in Genesis believes that there were slightly less than 7,000 animals on the ark, representing slightly less than 1,400 kinds. Some more recent studies show that all that were needed may be as few as 2,000–3,000 animals from as few as 1,000 kinds.

With all this in mind, take another look at the ark. Fitting even 7,000 22-pound animals onto an ark that could fit 450 truckloads inside is no issue at all, right? That amounts to about 16 dog-sized animals per semi-truck trailer. Have you ever seen a livestock truck? There are a lot more than sixteen animals on those, though those animals don't look very comfortable! God knew exactly how much space was needed because he knew exactly how many animals would need to be on it. God gave Noah the blueprint for the perfect ship to ensure Noah, his family, and the animals could survive the flood—even somewhat comfortably.

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/science/baraminology/how-did-all-animals-fit-on-ark-part3/>

Announcements:

This Evening: Free Evening

Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM

School devotions this week by: Robert Martin

Thursday evening: Church social is canceled

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~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Oct. 13, Sheldon Yoder 1995

Happy Birthday! Oct. 16, Nathan Yoder 1995

Devotional #14 of The Father's Love Letter

And brought you forth on the day you were born.

From birth I have relied on you; you brought me forth from my mother's womb. I will ever praise you. Psalm 71:6 (NIV Bible)

God was there the day you were born. He wasn't watching at a distance, but was intimately involved in your birth. There may have been a doctor and a team of nurses

in the room participating in your triumphant entry, but it was your Father who was really the One who welcomed you into this world.

It was He who with great affection, declared to the heavens that this day, another one of His offspring would join the outside world. What a Father we have! He knew us before we were conceived, He formed us in our mother's womb, gently knitting our members together, and then on the day of our glorious arrival, He was there to welcome us.

Many of us have felt that we have not been welcomed into this world, and tragically, some of us have experienced rejection even from the day of our birth. But it was God, your Father, who planned your existence before the foundation of the world, and then called you to life. When we begin to believe this truth, our hearts and our emotions, we will begin to change. For it is the cry of each one of our hearts to know that we have been absolutely and unconditionally loved, all the days of our life.

Father was there to welcome you into His wonderful world and to affirm your destiny as His child. And since that day, He has not left you, but has numbered each one of your days in His special book. As you reflect on you're the day you were born, be comforted to know that your Father was there, and He was the proudest Papa of all!

PRAYER

Father, I thank You for bringing me forth from my mother's womb. It was You who welcomed me into this world and called me to life. You have always been there for me, and You will always be there for me. It is Your love and acceptance that is the bedrock of my life. I will ever praise You! In the name of Your beloved Son Jesus, I pray. AMEN

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-14.html>

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.