



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 13, 2020

Devotional:----- Nathan Yoder

Message:----- Michael Yoder

Offering:----- General

Adult and Youth Verse: And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of mans wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power. 1 Corinthians 2:4

Intermediate Verse: And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: And on my servants and on my

handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. Acts 2:17-18

Junior Verse: Then Joseph being raised from sleep did as the angel of the Lord had bidden him, and took unto him his wife. Matthew 1:24

Primary Verse: Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. Luke 1:30

Preschool Verse: God sent forth His Son. Galatians 4:4

▣ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ▣ ○ ▣

The Honest Woodcutter

Once, there lived a woodcutter, Ramu, was his name. He lived a very simple life. He was poor but he was a good man and worked hard. One day while chopping down a branch, Ramu's ax slipped and fell into the adjacent river. He tried searching for his axe but all in vain.

He sat down by the river bank and started weeping. Hearing his cries, an angel appeared and promised to help him find his ax. She dove into the water and retrieved an ax completely made of gold. Ramu said that this wasn't his ax and refused to accept it. The angel dove again and returned with a silver ax, Ramu refused again and said that his ax was made of steel. The angel went into the water for one last time and returned with Ramu's ax. Elated, Ramu thanked the angel profusely.

Impressed by his simplicity and honesty, the angel decides to give Ramu the gold and silver axe too. Ramu went home happily.

Moral of the story: *Honesty is the best policy.*

<https://www.hopscotch.in/blog/8-moral-stories-for-kids-teach-them-honesty-patience-and-more/>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ There is a work bee planned on Tues. (15th) at 8 AM, to put metal on Mary Kathryn's house roof. We invite all the youth boys & men that can, to help. Bring cordless drills or impact drivers.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Justin Miller
- ✓ Church Social Thurs. Eve. At 6:30 P.M.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Happy Birthday! Dec. 19, Andrea Martin 2010

Devotional #20 of The Father's Love Letter

Every good gift that you receive comes from my hand.

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. James 1:17 (NIV Bible)

Every good and perfect gift that we receive comes from the hand of God. Our life, our families, everything good comes from the Father of heavenly lights. And God does not change like shifting shadows for He is always faithful and dependable.

We have not always experienced such consistency and purity in our earthly relationships. Some gifts that we have received have come with strings attached and people that we have trusted in have changed like shifting shadows. But God is not like that. He is the giver of good gifts and He never changes. Never. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. His love is not fickle or conditional, His gifts are showered on us, not because we have earned them, but because He loves to give good gifts to the ones He adores.

Every golden sunrise is a token of Father's affection. He paints the sky with rainbows and scatters clouds simply for our delight. All of creation bears witness to His love and His majesty.

If we begin to understand that all we receive in life comes as a gift from our Heavenly Father, then we will begin to look at even the simple things with awe and child-like wonder. Our Father is the most generous person in the universe. He loved us so much that He gave us His only begotten Son, and He continues to love us by giving us the gift of life every day that we live. May every breathe that you take, remind you that your life is a gift from your Father, who loves you and does not change like shifting shadows!

PRAYER

Father, I confess that I have not always recognized that every good gift comes from Your hand. I pray that I would have a new awareness and a thankful heart for all that You freely give to me. May each breath that I take, remind me of your precious gift of

life, and each sunset of the canvass that You have painted for my enjoyment. I am thankful that You do not change like shifting shadows, and Your love is something I can rely on every day of my life. In the name of Your beloved Son Jesus, I pray, AMEN.

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-20.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.