



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 20, 2020

Devotional:----- Christmas Carol Singspiration

Message:----- Ralph Yoder

Offering:----- General

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Emmanuel. Isaiah 7:14

**Intermediate Verse:** And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. Jeremiah 29:13

**Junior Verse:** Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women. Luke 1:28

**Primary Verse:** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

**Preschool Verse:** I bring you good tidings of great joy. Luke 2:10

## ▣ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ▣ ○

### A Young Boy's Donkey

A long time ago, there was young boy who loved horses. He begged his father to buy him one all the time. He even saved up some of his own money to buy his very own horse.

"Pappa," he said one day. "Look, I have money now to buy my horse." His father looked at the boy, then at the money, and said, "Son, you did a good job saving your money, but I'm afraid that won't be nearly enough to buy a real horse."

"Okay," the boy said, "I'll keep on saving. Someday I'll have enough. I want to buy a horse like the Roman soldiers ride."

What the young boy did not know was that his father was planning to buy him a horse this very day for his birthday. Later that morning, his father went to the only stable in town to find the perfect horse for his son.

When he arrived, he found a young colt, just the right size. "How much for this young colt?" he asked the owner.

"Oh no," the owner replied. "That colt is already sold and we don't have any more horses for sale. The Roman soldiers came yesterday and bought all I had. Well, except for that little donkey sleeping over there in the corner."

"My son will be so disappointed," said the boy's father. "I was planning to give him a horse for a birthday gift. How much do you want for the donkey?"

"The donkey belongs to my son," the owner replied. "He has never been ridden but he is very gentle and well behaved. My son is away working for the Roman governor and can't take care of him anymore, so you can have him if you promise to give him a good home."

"Oh that would be wonderful!" said the boy's father. "I'm sure my son will love to

have his very own little donkey."

The donkey was indeed very small, so the boy's father decided to walk him back home. Besides, he wanted his son to have the first ride. When he arrived, he proudly presented the little donkey to his son and explained how he once belonged to the stable owner's son.

The young boy upon seeing the donkey started crying. "It's not a horse father. How can I become a respected rider with a little donkey? Famous people all ride horses." Then he walked away, looking very sad.

The boy's father went up to the donkey, and spoke gently to him. "You may be small and have no experience, but you seem gentle, and friendly, and....oh well, maybe someday my son will accept you." Then he tied the little donkey to a tree. Moments later, two men came up to him. They pointed to the little donkey and asked the boy's father for a special favor. They wanted to borrow the donkey.

A few hours passed when suddenly his son came running up to the house with his friends. "Father, come with us!" the boy shouted. "The King is here! Everyone is along the roadside waiting for Him."

"What do you mean, 'The King'?"

"Jesus, 'The King,' remember? He is at the city gate and everyone is rejoicing. Let's go and see Him!"

They all ran together down to the roadside. When they got there, they found everyone singing praises and waving palm branches. They could hear the people shouting, "Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

The young boy grabbed his father's hand and said, "Father, look! Jesus is almost here!"

"My son, look closely!" said his father with excitement. "Jesus is riding on a little donkey!"

"Yes father," the boy said sobbing with joy. "The King is riding on my magnificent donkey."

**THE END**

<https://www.kidssundayschool.com/preschool/stories/a-young-boys-donkey>

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### Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting cancelled this week.
- ✓ School Christmas Vacation Dec. 23-Jan.3. School resumes on Jan. 4.

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Dec. 21, Jonathon Yoder 2011

Happy Birthday! Dec. 21, Julia Yoder 2011

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## Devotional #21 of The Father's Love Letter

*For I am your provider and I meet all your needs.*

*So do not worry, saying, What shall we eat or What shall we drink or What shall we wear? For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Matthew 6:31-33 (NIV Bible)*

One of the biggest causes of stress in our lives is the pressure we put on ourselves for daily provision. We work hard to provide for the necessities of life and can be anxious about our future. Will there be a recession? Will I still have a job? What about the mortgage? All of these questions are valid, but Jesus tells us that we don't have to worry about all these things, because our Father in heaven knows what we need and wants to provide for us.

All we have to do is become like little children, seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness trusting that Father will care for us as He promised. My children have never worried about the mortgage. As teenagers, they are only now beginning to understand the dynamics of our household budget. They have trusted that there will always be food on the table, a bed to sleep in, and clothes to wear. They have confidence that their parents will provide all of their needs and more.

They do not need to carry these kind of responsibilities on their shoulders because that is their parents' job. God wants us to become very little, so He can be very big in our lives. We don't have to worry and strive about what we are going to eat, what we are going to wear, and where we are going to sleep.

We have a Heavenly Father who has promised to look after all the details of our life. If He cares for the sparrows, who neither sow or reap or store into barns, how much more will He look after His own children!

### PRAYER

*Father forgive me for worrying about my life. I confess that I have been anxious about many things. I know that You promised to provide everything I need because You are my Father. Help me to trust You with today's provision and leave tomorrow's needs in Your care. I want to seek You first today. I want to spend my time in relationship with You, trusting that all I need will be provided at the right time by my loving Heavenly Father. In the name of Your beloved Son Jesus, I pray, AMEN*

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-21.html>

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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.