



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

January 3, 2021

Devotional:----- Kenny King

Message:----- Ralph Yoder

Offering:----- Missions

Adult and Youth Verse: For I think that God hath set forth us the Apostles last, as it were appointed to death: for we are made a spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. 1 Corinthians 4:9

Intermediate Verse: Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Romans 14:19

Junior Verse: Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Luke 2:29-30

Primary Verse: And he taught in their synagogue, being glorified of all. Luke 4:15

Preschool Verse: He hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted. Luke 4:18

□ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ □ ○ □

EXPLAINING GOD:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth.

He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think they are smaller and easier to make. That way, He doesn't have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because He hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in His ears, unless He has thought of a way to turn it off.

God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere, which keeps Him pretty busy. So, you shouldn't be wasting His time by going over your mom and dad's heads asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think that there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church. Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Him preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind like His Father and He told His Father they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK.

His Dad (God) appreciated everything He had done and all His hard work on earth,

so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore, He could stay in Heaven. So He did. And, now, He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of Himself without having to bother God -- like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to hear you, because they got it worked out so that one of them is on duty at all times.

You should always go to church on Sunday, because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong! And, besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you are scared in the dark or when you can't swim very good and you got thrown into really deep water by big kids.

But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases.

And that is why I believe in God."

(by Danny Dutton, a third grader from Chula Vista California)

<https://www.kidssundayschool.com/gradeschool/stories/inspirational-stories-part-1>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Sister's Sewing on Tues.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Justin Miller

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Jan. 9, Marilou Nissley 2012

Devotional #23 of The Father's Love Letter

Because I love you with an everlasting love.

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. Jeremiah 31:3 (NIV Bible)

All that Father does is motivated by His everlasting love for us. A love that is perpetual, unending, and eternal. He has drawn us with a loving-kindness that will never run out or dry up. When describing what everlasting love means, I believe that Jack Winter says it best... "There was never a time in all of eternity when we were not loved by God."

Father's everlasting love has always been there and will always be there. There is nothing we can do to make God love us any more than He does right now and there is nothing that we can do to make God love us any less than He does right now. It is

difficult for us to be able to comprehend this kind of unconditional love and acceptance.

That is why the Apostle Paul prayed in Ephesians 3:17-19 that we might be rooted and established in love, may have power together with all of the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. (NIV Bible)

We may know that God loves us in our heads, but He desires for this revelation to seep into every fabric of our being. Love is meant to be experienced, not only intellectually understood. If we never feel love from those around us, life becomes very empty.

A big hug from someone we care about FEELS good. A kind word or a loving glance FEELS good. While our access to God is through faith, we must believe that there is a reward for those that diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). Our ultimate reward is the revelation of our Father's everlasting love for us.

PRAYER

Father, I thank You for loving me with a love that will never run out or dry up. May Your loving-kindness seep into every area of my being...spirit, soul and body. I want to experience Your love in a deeper way than I have ever experienced before. I pray that my heart may be rooted and established in Your love, and that I might have power to grasp how wide and how long and how high and how deep is your love for me expressed in the person of Your Son, Jesus Christ. In the name of Your beloved Son, Jesus I pray, AMEN.

<https://www.fathersloveletter.com/devotional-23.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.