

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!
August 1, 2021

| D evotional :Wagler |
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| Message: Henry Nissley |
| Offering:Alms |
| Offering Next Sun: General |

Adult and Youth Verse: O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are ye in mine hand. O house of Israel. Jer 8:16

Intermediate Verse: Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth. Ephesians: 4:28 Junior Verse: Greet Priscilla and Aquila my helpers in Christ Jesus: who have for my life laid down their own necks. Romans 16: 3&4

Primary Verse: If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

Preschool Verse: I believe God. Acts 27:25

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.

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Topic about Christian martyrs from the past @ 7:00 pm
- ✓ Tuesday Evening: Brotherhood Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Work bee at the school house @ 6 pm for all available men and youth boys. Supper will be served afterwards.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Happy Birthday! August 4, Justin Miller 1994 Happy Anniversary! August 1, Steve & Edith Nissley

Devotional #52 of The Father's Love Letter

I am waiting for you. Luke 15:11-24

The Parable of the Lost Son

This is a story of a lost son's return home to his loving father. In the culture in which this story takes place, the son's request for his share of the inheritance before his father had died was an incredible insult to the father. It was as though the younger son was wishing that his father was dead.

But as the story goes, his father gave him what he asked for and let him go. It wasn't until he had spent everything he had and ended up in a pig pen, that he realized what he had lost and decided to return home. While he was still far away, his father who had been waiting for him, saw him and ran to meet him. Instead of a reprimand for his disobedience, the son received hugs and kisses from his loving father. Instead of being treated like a servant, his father affirmed him as his son by giving him a family robe, his ring of authority and sandals for his bare feet. Instead of demanding a season of penitence, his father cooked the best calf on the farm and threw a huge party to celebrate his son's home coming.

At one time or another, we have all been like this lost son. We have all gone our own way. But God is not looking to condemn us but is waiting for our return to Him. He can't force us to come because that would violate our freedom of choice. But He is waiting anxiously for the return of every lost child who is wandering aimlessly without hope and without a Father's love. He has been misrepresented to us by people who have had a twisted view of who He is. He is not distant and angry, but tender and compassionate. And He is not like our earthly fathers, for He is the perfect father and He loves us perfectly. If we come home, we won't find rejection and punishment, rather hugs and kisses. If you have strayed away from the Father's love, He is waiting for you with arms outstretched. He has a special robe with your name on it. He wants to put His ring of authority on your finger and sandals for your tired road-weary feet. Father is waiting for you to come home so He can throw you a party! So don't waste any more time, come home to the love that you have been looking for all your life.

Prayer:

Father, I acknowledge that even though I have sinned and turned away from Your love, You continue to call me home. I am not worthy to be even a servant, yet You call me Your beloved child. Your love has won my heart, so I return into Your loving arms. This is where I have always belonged and where I will stay for the rest of my life. Thank You for sending Jesus, so that He could help me find my way home. It's good to be home. In the name my Savior and big brother Jesus I pray, Amen.

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