

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service! August 22, 2021

Devotional:----- Julian King Message:----- Michael Yoder Offering:----- School Offering Next Sun:----- School

Adult and Youth Verse: Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, where with the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger. Lamentations 1:12

Intermediate Verse: If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Romans 12:18

Junior Verse: For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Titus 2:11

Primary Verse: Charity suffereth long, and is kind. 1 Corinthians 13:4

Preschool Verse: Let us love one another. 1 John 4:7

# 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: Free Evening
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Henry Nissley
- ✓ Union Friendship Church will be hosting a hymn sing with a potluck meal afterwards next Sunday evening (August 29, 2021) @ 5 pm. All are welcome to attend!

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## 2 Corinthians 11:23 – 30

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Paul spent years serving Christ, yet he experienced continual suffering. It doesn't seem fair, does it? Why would God let him go through so much pain? It's a question many of us ask today about ourselves. We think the Lord should protect us from hardships, but He doesn't always do so.

Maybe our reasoning is backward. We think faithful Christians don't deserve to suffer, but from God's perspective, suffering is part of being a Christian. If we all had lives of ease without pain, we'd never really know God, because we would never need Him. Like it or not, adversity teaches us things that simply reading the Bible never will.

I'm not saying we don't need to know Scripture; that's our foundation for faith. But if what we believe is never tested, it remains head knowledge. How will we ever know the Lord can be trusted in the midst of trouble if we've never experienced hardships? God gives us opportunities to apply scriptural truths to the difficulties facing us, and in the process, we find Him faithful.

Trials can be a means of building faith or an avenue to discouragement and self-pity—it's up to you. But if you'll apply God's Word to your situation, your trust in Him and your faith will be strengthened through adversity.

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