

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

October 28, 2012

✚✚✚ Welcome to our Worship Service! ✚✚✚

Devotional:----- Elmer Yoder
Message:----- Henry Nissley
Offering:----- School
SS Lesson:----- 1 Corinthians 2

Adult and Youth Verse: But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. 1 Cor. 2:9

Intermediate Verse: Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. 2 Tim. 4:2

Junior Verse: But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. 1 Cor. 15:20

Today's Host Family: Ervin & Louise Yoder
Next Sunday Hosts: Everett & Elmina Yoder

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Zebra Shark, Created on Day 5

Design Like other bottom-dwelling sharks, the zebra shark can pump water over its gills. This ability was a provision within this creature's original created kind.

Features This shark is cylindrical with a long tail and broad head. Its gray body is covered with dark brown spots. The young zebra shark has stripes and a darker body. As it grows, the zebra shark loses its stripes and develops spots.

Fun Facts The zebra shark is oviparous. The pups hatch from eggs that are left on rocks at the bottom of reefs. This shark's tail is sometimes as long as, if not longer than, its body, and it lacks a distinct lower lobe. This shark is commonly, and incorrectly, referred to as a leopard shark because of the pattern of leopard-like spots that develop with maturity.

CLASS: Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fish—sharks, skates, and rays) ORDER:

Orectolobiformes (carpet sharks)

FAMILY: Stegastomatidae (zebra sharks) GENUS/SPECIES: Stegastoma fasciatum (or Stegostoma varium) Size: 8–10 ft (2.4–3 m) Depth: Up to 203 ft (62 m) Diet: Mollusks and crustaceans Habitat: Indian Ocean, west Pacific Ocean; abundant in Australian coastal waters - Kids Answers Website/ Animals

Primary Verse: But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: Luke 14:13

Preschool Verse: "Do good unto all men." Gal. 6:10

SS Lesson for next week: 1 Corinthians 3:1-15

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 1 Cor. 3:11

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Youth Bible Study this evening at 6:30 hosted at Norman Yoder's. We'll be studying Chapter 3.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Services NRU 5PM To go: Dean, Loren, Philip & James- devotions
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Henry Nissley
- ✓ Meetings this week starting Thurs, 7PM - Sunday eve by Steve Stoltzfus. They will be staying at the Guest House at Everett's. A sign up sheet is back on table to host them for meals.
- ✓ Daylight saving Time ends next Sunday. Remember to set your clocks back at Midnight!

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Oct. 29, Happy Birthday! Norman Yoder, 1957

Oct. 29, happy Birthday! Janice Nissley, 1972

Oct. 29, Happy Birthday! Maria Yoder, 1997

Sabbath Day Devotion
Halloween –

Next week, most families in America will be celebrating Halloween. Many schools and businesses have spent the entire month of October promoting and preparing for this day. A few homes and businesses have very elaborate Halloween decorations. Sadly, many churches get caught up in the celebration of this satanic celebration.

As a Christian, I refuse to acknowledge or celebrate this so-called holiday. I hate to refer to this day as a holiday because the word holiday originally meant "holy day". Of all the so-called holidays celebrated by our society, Halloween is by far the most openly anti-Christian and anti-God. There is absolutely no doubt about its satanic origin.

I'm sure I have a few of you all bristled up by now. You do not have to agree with me. You can continue thinking Halloween is nothing but fun and games. For the most

part, Halloween is relatively harmless, but it wouldn't hurt you to take some time to study the origin of what we call Halloween – especially if you consider yourself to be a Christian. It wouldn't hurt you to discover what takes place on Halloween besides school parties and trick-or-treating.

The Druids, a pagan priestly cult group in northern Europe, celebrated October 31 as a holiday long before the Christian era. They called this celebration the Festival of Samhain. The Druids believed that Samhain was the Lord of Death. Nearly all of our seemingly harmless Halloween traditions and customs are takeoffs from this satanic celebration.

During the seventh century, the Roman Catholic Church made an attempt to put an end to the Festival of Samhain by instituting a holy evening called All Hallows Eve, designed to honor the saints of Catholic Church history. All Hallows Eve eventually came to be known as Halloween. We may have changed the

name – but that is about all. Halloween is anything but Christian. Once again, nearly all of our seemingly harmless Halloween traditions and customs are takeoffs from the Festival of Samhain.

In recent years there has been much renewed interest in Satanism and witchcraft. Yes, this really is happening. Fortunately, most of us in rural America are somewhat insulated from these things – but not completely. Most of you would probably be shocked to discover what is going on in many (perhaps most) rural communities. True followers of sorcery, Satanism and witchcraft consider Halloween a sacred time to invoke the help of Satan in performing their dark trade.

What is wrong with Halloween? Many Christians believe everything is wrong with it. They believe it is a festival that glorifies the devil. Through much study, I have been exposed to enough information that I simply cannot have any part in the Halloween celebration. If you take time to learn the truth about the dark side of Halloween, I think you will take the same stand.

What does the Bible say about Halloween? Nothing – but it does speak concerning witches, the occult and paganism.

Do not allow a sorceress (witch) to live. Exodus 22:18

Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the Lord... Deuteronomy 18:10-12

The Bible definitely speaks negatively about occult practices, spirits and witches. It condemns not only the practice, but also the people who are involved in it. As Christians, we are to have nothing to do with the occult. Tarot cards, contacting

the dead, séances, lucky charms, etc., are all ungodly and can harm a Christian's fellowship with God.

What Can We Do?

In an attempt to fit in, many churches host Halloween parties for their youth. They may call it something different, but it is still a Halloween party – and the kids know it. They play games and dress up in costumes. Sure, it keeps church kids off the streets, but who are they glorifying with these parties? Are they glorifying God when they participate in the world's celebration of Halloween? If Christian parents don't want their children roaming the streets on Halloween (or any other night), they should simply tell them to stay home.

If you are going to host a Halloween party, I suggest you forget the costumes and games. Instead, use the time to teach the kids (and their parents) the history and the truth about Halloween. Christians, young and old, can make a big difference in this world – but not until we differentiate ourselves from the world. It is nearly impossible to lead the world to Christ when we spend so much time following the ways of the world.

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

Don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. James 4:4

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the power of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil... Ephesians 6:12

May God's Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven

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