

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

December 30, 2012

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

Devotional:----- Gene Yoder
Message:----- Ervin Yoder
Offering:----- General
SS Lesson:----- 1 Corinthians 7

Adult and Youth Verse: Brethren, let every man, wherein he is called, therein abide with God. 1 Cor. 7:24

Intermediate Verse: So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Rom. 14:12

Junior Verse: Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 1 Pet. 3:8

Today's Host Family: Elam & Nina Nissley
Next Sunday Hosts: James & Elsie Yoder

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Stingray Created on Day 5

Design The eyes of the stingray are on the top of its body, while its mouth is on the underside of its body. This makes it impossible for a stingray to see what it is eating. Therefore, the stingray relies on its keen sense of smell and the electroreceptors that help it identify its food.

Features The stingray is most recognized for its large, wing-like pectoral fins that make this creature look like it is flying through the water. A stingray's coloring often reflects the shading of the seafloor. Some species are spotted or shaded. The stinger of the stingray is actually an extension of its spine. The entire spine is covered with a layer of skin where venom is concentrated. The stingray has a greatly depressed disc (roundish, flat body).

Fun Facts Ancient Greek dentists used the venom in the stingray's spine as an anesthetic. If the stingray loses its stinger, it can grow another one in its place. This species lacks dorsal fins. The stingray respire ("breathes") by drawing water through a small hole, or spiracle, behind each eye and expelling it through gill slits located under the disc.

CLASS: Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fish—sharks, skates, and rays) ORDER: Myliobatidiformes (rays)
FAMILY: Dasyatididae (stingrays and whiprays) GENUS/SPECIES: 70 species in 6 genera Size: Up to 6.5 ft (2 m), without the tail Weight: Up to 790 lbs (350 kg) Diet: Worms, carrion, squid, crustaceans Habitat: Common in tropical coastal waters worldwide; freshwater species in Asia, Africa, and North America
Kids Answers/ Animals

Primary Verse: "Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path" Ps. 27:11

Preschool Verse: "Teach me to do thy will" Ps. 143:10

SS Lesson for next week: 1 Corinthians 8

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. 1 Cor. 8:9

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Open Sunday
- ✓ Youth Bible study has been canceled till next month due to full schedules.
- ✓ School resumes Wednesday.
- ✓ Brotherhood Meeting Thursday evening at 7:00.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Elam Nissley

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Jan. 2, Happy Birthday! Jason Ahmed, 1977

Serving Money –

Jesus said, "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." (Matthew 6:24)

What does it mean to serve money?

I'm sure you've discovered, perhaps the hard way, that "no payments until June of next year" is a seductive way of getting you to purchase what you know you cannot afford. The frequency in which we get bombarded with offers of free credit cards is another indication of the seriousness of this situation. One thing you can be sure of is that no one is going to offer you a free credit card in hopes that you will pay them off on time every month. They want you to charge them up and then pay them the interest each and every month.

I recently read that American shoppers are currently carrying a whopping \$793 billion in credit-card debt – with a household average just short of \$16,000. If you are continually running the rat race of keeping up with payments on debt, aren't you really serving money? It may take years, along with some sound financial advisors, to get the financial affairs of many people in

order and under control. Only then will they be free to serve God again – but it will be worth it.

Debt and credit card problems seem to escalate every year around Christmas time. Why? Most people do not understand the true meaning of Christmas.

Christmas is NOT about buying and giving gifts. Christmas is NOT about trees, blinking lights and decorations. Christmas is NOT about Santa Clause. Christmas is NOT about family get-togethers and turkey dinners. What is Christmas really about?

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Christmas is about God's gift to us.

Very few, if any, of the things we do to celebrate Christmas are spiritual or biblical in nature. In fact, most of the things we do actually have pagan origins. If you are going to get caught up in the Christmas celebration, be sure you are doing it for the right reason – and be sure you are serving God, instead of money. You CANNOT serve two masters!

Don't just GO to church; BE the Church
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