

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

January 6, 2013

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

**Devotional:**----- Dennis Yoder  
**Message:**----- Norman Yoder  
**Offering:**----- Missions  
**SS Lesson:**----- 1 Corinthians 8

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

**Intermediate Verse:** For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. 1 Thess. 1:5

**Junior Verse:** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. Heb. 7:25

**Today's Host Family:** James & Elsie Yoder

**Primary Verse:** I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. Phil. 4:13

**Preschool Verse:** "The Lord God will help me" Is. 50:7

**SS Lesson for next week:** 1 Corinthians 9

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Cor. 9:27

**Next Sunday Hosts:** Ervin & Louise Yoder

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"The Answer" (Daily Devotional for April 27, 2002)  
Psalm 40:1-5,16-17

After a simple dinner one evening, Dad picked up the Bible for family devotions. "I waited patiently for the Lord, and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry," Dad read slowly. "That's a good verse for us," he said. "We must be patient and wait for the Lord to help us."

Jack frowned. "But why doesn't God answer our prayers?" he asked. "We've prayed and prayed, but things haven't gotten any better."

"Yeah," agreed Janet. "You're still out of work, and Mom's still in the hospital."

"And now that big storm knocked down most of the old barn on our property," added Jack. "It almost seems like God doesn't really answer prayer at all."

"Well," said Dad, "God always answers the prayers of Christians, but He doesn't always say 'yes.' He sometimes says 'no,' or 'wait a while.'" Jack, do you remember when Janet got her first two-wheel bike?"

"I remember!" exclaimed Janet. She grinned. "Jack begged for one, too, but that was silly. He was too little to ride one."

Dad nodded. "When you were old enough, we were happy to get you a bike, Jack," he said. "It's like that with God-He knows what's right for us, and if

something is good for us, He'll give it to us at just the right time."

A few days later, Dad went to talk to Mr. Johnson at the bank about getting a loan. When he returned home, he was smiling. "God used the old barn to answer our prayers," he said. "Mr. Johnson's brother is in the construction business and buys old barn wood. I talked with him on the phone. He's eager to buy it, and he also offered me a job!"

"Wow! God did work things out!" exclaimed Jack. "I guess I should have known He would."

"But what about Mom?" asked Janet. "She's still not back home."

Dad nodded. "We'll keep on praying for Mom," he said. "God will work out the very best plan for her life, too. Trust Him to do that."

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Do you sometimes think your prayers aren't being answered? God's will, though not always what you would choose, is best for you. Keep praying and wait for God's answer. His timing is always right.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: Psalm 40:1 (KJV)

I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me, and heard my cry. I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.

-Keys for Kids, CBH Ministries

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Singing at 7:00.
- ✓ Teachers' appreciation this week: Michael & Virginia Yoder
- ✓ Sister's Sewing Tuesday.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Jason Ahmed

## ○ ○ ○ ○ ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~ ○ ○ ○ ○

Jan. 1, Happy Birthday! Natasha Nissley, 2012 (overlooked last week)  
 Jan. 8, Happy Birthday! Luann Ahmed, 1989  
 Jan. 8, Happy Birthday! Matthias Nissley, 2004  
 Jan. 9, Happy Birthday! Mary Yutzy, 1988  
 Jan. 9, Happy Birthday! Marilou Nissley, 2012

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Better to be patient than powerful; better to have self-control than to conquer a city.  
 Proverbs 16:32, NLT

Why can't I lose weight? Why can't I get in shape? Why can't I consistently spend time with God? Why can't I get out of debt? Why can't I break this bad habit? Maybe it is because of a lack of self-control. Could it be that many, if not most, of our personal problems are caused by a lack of self-control?

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow wrote: "Great is the art of beginning, but greater the art is of ending."

Somewhere past the starting point a problem exists. Wouldn't it be nice to have a genie who could help us finish what we start? Or, an angel that would protect us from falling into the snares of the evil one? Or, a guide that would direct us on the straight and narrow path of godly upright behavior? Unfortunately, we don't have those available to us. But we do possess the inner dynamic of self-control, which is a needed and essential virtue for effective living.

Self-control is one of the best friends we can have. It is one of the best friends we can introduce to our kids. It will enable us to

become the persons we want to be and to perform the activities we want to do. We need to cherish this friend always. It is a real lifesaver.

Yet self-control extracts a high price. Following one of the famed Polish concert pianist Ignace Paderewski's outstanding performances, a fan said to him, "I'd give my life to play like that." The brilliant pianist replied, "I did." On another occasion Paderewski was asked by a fellow pianist if he could be ready to play a recital on short notice. The famous musician replied, "I am always ready. I have practiced eight hours daily for forty years." The other pianist said, "I wish I had been born with such determination." Paderewski replied, "We are all born with it. I just used mine."

The point is not that we could all become concert pianists just by exercising enough self-control. But when it comes to effective living we each have the makings of triumph, if we will apply our wills and come under God's control and pay the price.

-NLT Marriage and Family Devotional, Tyndale House Publishers

"It may be hard for an egg to turn into a bird: it would be an impossibility for it to learn to fly while remaining an egg. We are like eggs at present. And you cannot go on indefinitely being just an ordinary, decent egg. We must be hatched or go bad."

-C. S. Lewis