

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

April 21, 2013

✝ ✝ ✝ Welcome to our Worship Service! ✝ ✝ ✝

Devotional:----- Jay Ahmed
Message:----- Henry Nissley
Offering:----- General
SS Lesson:----- 2 Corinthians 3

Adult and Youth Verse: Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God; 2 Cor. 3:5

Intermediate Verse: The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them. Ps. 34:7

Junior Verse: "By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house;" Heb. 11:7

Primary Verse: For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven. Ps. 119:89

Today's Host Family: Norman & Dorothy Yoder

Preschool Verse: "I will hear what God the Lord will speak" Ps. 85:8

SS Lesson for next week:
2 Corinthians 4

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. 2 Cor. 4:2

Next Sunday Hosts: Robert & Rachel Martin

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Excerpt from The Battle for Truth, by Stacia McKeever April 18, 2013
"Having put on the breastplate of righteousness. . ." Ephesians 6:14 (ESV)
A soldier's breastplate covered him from his neck to his thighs—both front and back. It protected all his important organs, such as his heart, lungs, stomach, and intestines, from attack by the enemy.
We can be protected from the attacks of our Enemy when we put on the breastplate of righteousness.
Righteousness means doing right in God's sight. When we obey God's

commands in the Bible, we are acting righteously (Psalm 119:172; 1 Corinthians 15:34). But unless we are part of God's kingdom and have faith in Jesus Christ, we cannot produce the fruits of righteousness of the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in each believer.
Once we know the truth (by studying God's Word), we need ask the Lord every day to help us to obey the truth and live righteously.
-Kids Answers -
<http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/kw/breastplate-of-righteousness>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Activity at Jonathan Millers, more details to be announced.
- ✓ School picnic is planned for Monday afternoon. Softball game starts at 3:00, if it suits, your help would be appreciated to be there to help the children play. There will be supper following the ball game.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM. (Henry will have a topic on "Proper use of Technology")
- ✓ The 4th annual KY Haiti Benefit auction is Friday, May the 17th. (There is more info in your mailboxes.) They are needing volunteers to bake for the bake sale. There is a paper on the table in the back that you can tear off the listing for any items you would be willing to bake. All baked goods should be at the Bethel Fellowship school by 8 AM Friday, May 17th.

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The Boston Massacre

We gasped in horror as the news unfolded Monday afternoon. The triumph and anticipation of 20,000 elite athletes crossing a finish line was shattered by the malevolent behavior of anonymous cowards.

I'm especially troubled that this has occurred while our nation is still crawling out from underneath the shadow of Sandy Hook. And I find myself saying, "Really? Again?" In the aftermath of that Connecticut tragedy, we so desperately wanted to believe that evil of this nature was rare on American soil, or that it could be prevented with new gun legislation or increased security. Apparently not, as more trauma and mind-numbing heartache was unleashed on an unsuspecting and innocent public; this time on a Bostonian stage, with a 1/2 million spectators.

I join those of you searching for answers, and find a degree of refuge in a Psalmist's prayer penned thousands of years ago. We forget that our generation is not the first to wrestle with exhausting contradictions between righteousness and evil. Read with me, and find solace.

Psalm 55 (select verses)
"Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea; hear me and answer me.
Fear and trembling have beset me; horror has overwhelmed me.

I said, "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest. I would flee far away and stay in the desert; I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm"

Apparently I'm not alone in my desire to run and hide while clamping my hands over my ears muttering, "not listening...not listening..."; it's an age-old characteristic of humanity. But then I see how swiftly the author turns his focus at this point and becomes an active participant defending truth and abhorring evil; he is no longer a bystander, but has now entered the battle and pleads with the Lord for justice:

"Lord, confuse the wicked, confound their words, for I see violence and strife in the city. Day and night they prowl about on its walls; malice and abuse are within it. Destructive forces are at work in the city; threats and lies never leave its streets.

"But as for me, I trust in you."
This stark reality brings me crashing to my knees. I am truly helpless apart from His overarching omnipotence. And I can only utter, "God have mercy on our city streets. Evil seems to abound for this brief season, but I trust in you."

-The God who Sees Me (blog) -LuAnne Crane
<http://thegodwhoseesme.blogspot.com/2013/04/the-boston-massacre.html>