

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

June 9, 2013

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

Devotional:----- Robert Martin
Message:----- Henry Nissley
Offering:----- Alms Offering for Iva Yoder to assist with counseling costs.
SS Lesson:----- 2 Corinthians 10

Adult and Youth Verse: Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 2 Cor. 10:5

Intermediate Verse: But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:19

Junior Verse: But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of

Today's Host Family: James & Elsie Yoder

whom thou hast learned them; 2 Cor. 3:14

Primary Verse: For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: Col. 3:20

Preschool Verse: "God hath heard. . .my prayer" Prov. 15:3

SS Lesson for next week:
2 Corinthians 11:1-17

Next Sunday Hosts: Ervin & Louise Yoder

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Buzzing Past Computers

Perspective, September 23, 2011

A recent study shows that bees can do the same work as computers in determining the shortest path when making multiple stops (aptly named the "traveling salesman problem").* Plug the locations into a computer, and the system can pull up all possible routes and calculate the shortest one. But bees can also make the best determination with uncanny accuracy—all without RAM and "on the fly."

Dr. Nigel Raine, who conducted the experiments at the University of London, tested whether bees would return to flowers in the order they discovered them or if they would fly the shortest return route. With brains the size of a grass seed, the bees picked out the most energy-efficient route. Such extraordinary behavior points to the Creator, who programmed bees with this incredible ability.

*Mathieu Lihoreau, Lars Chittka, and Nigel E. Raine, "Travel Optimization by Foraging Bumblebees through Readjustments of Trapplines after Discovery of New Feeding Locations," *The American Naturalist* 176(6).

For more information about bees, read *Honeybees—Always on the Move*

- Kids Answers, <http://goo.gl/FHUyn>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Youth are invited to James Yoder's for lunch and will be Morningside after wards.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

June, 12 Happy Birthday! Rachel Martin, 1967

June 13, Happy Birthday! Kendall Miller, 2008

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One More Memorial Celebration

Two weeks ago, we discussed the Memorial Day (weekend) celebration that takes place in America to honor those who died fighting in one of America's wars. Last week we discussed a memorial celebration that was established by Jesus Christ himself to help us remember how he willingly gave up his life so that you and I might have eternal life. As I pondered all of this, it dawned on me that God, the creator of the universe, established a weekly memorial of his creative power and ability. Unfortunately, most of mankind pretty much ignores this memorial.

By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done. (Genesis 2:2-3)

Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the

earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Exodus 20:8-11)

The Sabbath (seventh day) was given to mankind at the close of creation by God himself as a memorial of his creative power. God blessed it and made it holy. Later, God reestablished the importance of the Sabbath when he gave us his Ten Commandments. The Fourth Commandment (above) is the only one of the ten that begins with the word "remember" – and yet it is the only one of the ten that has all but been forgotten and ignored by most of today's so-called Christians. If God did not intend for us to remember the Sabbath day and to keep it holy, why did he give us the Fourth Commandment?

Many of today's so-called Christians teach that we now only have Nine Commandments. In doing so, I believe they are gravely in error. You may or may not agree... but I am convinced, now more than ever, that God's Ten Commandments represent his standard of holiness – they always have and they always will, at least until heaven and earth disappear

(Matthew 5:17-18).

I have no trouble acknowledging the fact that I can only be saved by God's grace through my faith in Jesus (Ephesians 2:8-9). It is impossible for me to be good enough to deserve God's gift of salvation. It is impossible for me to earn God's gift of salvation. I cannot be saved by obeying the Ten Commandments, because it is impossible for me to perfectly obey them. From God's perspective (when he looks at my heart and my mind), I have broken all of his Ten Commandments.

Even though I cannot be saved by obeying God's Ten Commandments, I firmly believe I should do my best to obey them – all of them. Why? Because they represent God's standard of holiness. Disobeying

them would be wrong. If I love God and if I love Jesus, I will obey their commandments (John 14:15, I John 2:3-4 and I John 5:1-3).

Now... don't get all bent out of shape about what day you GO to church. I don't care what day you GO to church – and I don't think God cares what day you GO to church. Instead of just GOING to church, I encourage you to start BEING the church. I realize that BEING the church is a new concept to most of today's so-called Christians – but that is exactly what God had in mind when he created the church.

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

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