

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

August 25, 2013

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

Devotional:----- Nevin Miller
Message:----- Sanford Yoder
Offering:----- School
SS Lesson:----- Hebrews 6

Adult and Youth Verse: Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Heb. 6:1

Intermediate Verse: Is not my word like as a fire? saith the Lord; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? Jer. 23:29

Junior Verse: And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory. Ex. 29:43

Today's Host: James & Elsie Yoder

Primary Verse: And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. Matt. 16:16

Preschool Verse: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God" Matt. 16:16

SS Lesson for next week: Hebrews 7

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: 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

Next Sunday Host: Ervin & Louise Yoder

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Did a Whale Swallow Jonah? June 27, 2011

When the prophet Jonah disobeyed and ran from God, he ended up on a ship heading as far away from home as he could (Jonah 1).

The problem? You can try to run from God, but He's everywhere you go.

Jonah's actions put others in danger from a terrible storm. To save their ship, he had himself thrown into the water. And then a giant sea creature swallowed him.

So, what was this sea creature that gulped down Jonah? The Bible says that God "prepared a great fish" (Jonah 1:17). In the language of Jonah's day, "great fish" could mean any large creature of the sea. So we don't know exactly if it was a

whale, a large fish (like the enormous basking shark), or some now-extinct animal.

What we do know is that God heard Jonah asking for a second chance while inside the "great fish." God kept Jonah safe and had the sea creature spit him up on land (Jonah 2) after three days.

Some people claim Jonah wasn't really inside a fish because they think that no one could survive. But Jesus said it actually happened (Matthew 12:40). In fact, Jesus compared Jonah's terrible situation to His own death and return to life. We may not know what the name of the big fish was, but we know that the account is true!

-Kids Answers <http://goo.gl/5ad5o8>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Youth Bible study at 6:30 this evening at Henry Nissleys. Come prepared to take notes.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Norman Yoder
- ✓ Jonathan Miller and sons will be mowing school and church yards this week.

-Coming up next week:

- ✓ A "low country broil", homemade ice-cream and singing is planned for next Sunday evening at the schoolhouse.

Loving the Church

BY GREG LAURIE, CHRISTIAN POST CONTRIBUTOR

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too. - 1 John 5:1
Some people who claim to be Christians actually will say, "You know, I love the Lord. I just don't love the church." Sorry, but that is impossible, because 1 John 5:1 says, "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has become a child of God. And everyone who loves the Father loves his children, too."

When I become friends with someone (and I have friends that I have known for 25 or 30 years), I become friends with their kids, too. If I love them, my love extends to their family. In a way, their kids become like nieces and nephews to me.

In the same way, when we love God, we also will love His children. And if you don't love His children, then one has to question how much you really love God. As a pastor, I have had people disagree with me on certain things, and I don't take

offense to that. But it is a different matter altogether when it comes to my wife. A surefire way to offend me is to insult her. I take that personally. The church is the bride of Christ. We belong to Him, and He loves us. In fact, the apostle Paul used that analogy in Ephesians 5 when he wrote, "For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word" (verses 25-26). It is popular today to criticize the church. But understand this: When you insult the church, you are speaking critically of someone whom Jesus loves.

Some people claim to be Christians, yet they don't attend church. But if you are a Christian, then you will long to be with God's people. Copyright © 2012 by Harvest Ministries. All rights reserved.

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