

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

October 20, 2013

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

**Devotional:**----- Jonathan Miller  
**Message:**----- Norman Yoder  
**Offering:**----- General  
**SS Lesson:**----- Hebrews 12

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: Heb. 12:28

**Intermediate Verse:** Them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear. 1 Tim. 5:20

**Junior Verse:** In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:6

**Primary Verse:** "Our Father which art in

heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." Matt. 6:9, 10

**Preschool Verse:** "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name." Matt. 6:9

**SS Lesson for next week:** Hebrews 13

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. Heb. 13:15

**Today's Host:** Jonathan & Mary K Miller **Next Sunday Host:** Elmer & Pauline Yoder

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## A Fin with a Function (June 23, 2012)

The fish in many fish families have a small fin on their backs, called an adipose fin, located between the large dorsal fin and the tail fin. For years researchers believed the fin was a useless leftover from the fish's supposed evolutionary past, so at salmon hatcheries they would clip the fins as a harmless way to mark each fish so they knew where it spawned.

But a marine biologist in Canada noticed that fish jerked when the fin was cut. After further investigation, he discovered that these fish had to work harder to swim, putting the altered salmon at a disadvantage in the wild.

In fact, the adipose fin contains a network of nerves that likely serves as a sensory organ. Clipping the fin may decrease the salmon's ability to navigate turbulent waters.\*

In this instance, it looks like evolutionary assumptions led hatcheries to handicap the very fish they had hoped to save.

Recently marine biologists noticed the importance of a seemingly useless small fin on the backs of salmon.

\* "Clipped Fins Hamper Hatchery Salmon," July 11, 2011, -Times Colonist

-Kids Answers <http://goo.gl/2IYWwY>

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM.
- ✓ School Hot Lunch this week by Ervins, Normans & Everetts.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Simon Yoder
- ✓ PTL Elmina's scans came back clear from cancer so all the cancer was removed in surgery. They have a direct flight to Nashville Tuesday, more tests later. Thank-you for your prayers!

## ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Oct. 24, Happy Birthday! Sharon Nissley, 1963

Do NOT Conform –

*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)*

As you know, cattle are social animals. They like to be a part of a herd. It gives them a sense of comfort and security that they don't have when they are alone. Cattle prefer to do everything as a herd. When one cow takes off for a drink of water, for example, the entire herd will follow. When one cow stands up to resume grazing, the entire herd will do the same. No one wants to be left behind – and no one wants to be different.

People, as you probably know, share this same predisposition. We call it the "herd instinct" or "running with the herd." This influence moves people to buy and wear the same clothing because "everyone" is wearing whatever happens to be popular. It also motivates us to "keep up with the Joneses." We become very nervous about standing out from the crowd – and we definitely do NOT want to become the objects of scorn or ridicule.

However... this propensity will work against us as Christians because it can easily influence us into going the way of the world. As you may or may not know, it

takes a very strong willingness to NOT conform to what everyone else is thinking and doing.

If you are truly a child of God, you will stand out from the crowd because you are different from those of the world. Others should be able to quickly and easily see that something is different about you – that you belong to a different world.

My observations of what the church has become in the 21st Century are very disturbing.

Most modern-day church goes in America do NOT stand out from the world. Although they may be in the habit of GOING to a church building at a specific time on a specific day of the week to passively sit in rows (looking at the back of someone else's head) while being entertained by a so-called "clergy" person, they almost always leave Jesus at the church building when they return home – to casually blend in with the rest of the world.

Only when we start BEING the church every minute of every hour of every day will we truly be transformed. At that point, we will no longer be a part of this world. Only then, will we become everything that God wants us to be.

Don't just GO to Church; BE the Church  
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