

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

February 23, 2014

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

Devotional:----- Val Miller
Message:----- Philip Knepp
Offering:----- Heritage Youth Bible School Chorus

SS Lesson for next week: Proverbs
15:18-33

The Lord is far from the wicked: but he
heareth the prayer of the righteous. Prov.
15:29

Adult and Youth Verse for next week:

Today's Host: Fellowship Lunch Everyone
Welcome!!

Next Sunday Host: Robert & Rachel Martin

☐ ○ ☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

Word of Mouth

"How did your appointment go?" Dad asked as Kristen bounded into the kitchen when she and her mother returned from the dentist.

"Good," replied Kristen. "No cavities!"
"Great," said Dad. He held out a plate of blueberry muffins. "I was just ready to have one of the muffins Mom made this morning," he said. "Care to join me?"

"Yummy! My favorite," Kristen replied. She took a muffin and poured a glass of milk. "I saw two kids from my school at the dentist's office," she added.

Mom nodded. "Dr. Cranston seems to be pretty busy," she said.

"Dad, what does word of mouth' mean?" Kristen asked.

"It means to communicate orally--by talking," said Dad. "Why?"

"The receptionist thanked one of their patients for referring a friend to Dr. Cranston," replied Kristen. "Then she said something like, We advertise only by word-of-mouth."

"So . . . the patient must have told someone else that Dr. Cranston is a good dentist," said Dad reaching for another muffin. "Satisfied customers are great advertisements."

"I'll advertise for him by word of mouth, too," Kristen said. "I'll tell my friends he's a good dentist."

"Okay," said Dad with a smile. "I'm sure

he'll appreciate that." A minute later, he added, "In a way, we all continually advertise something."

"You mean because we tell other people about stuff we like?" asked Kristen.

"Yes," agreed Dad, "and as part of that, we should advertise for Jesus."

"By word of mouth, right?" Kristen asked. "We should tell people about Him."

"Yes, and also by the way we live. Our attitudes and actions should reflect the fact that we love God. They should encourage others to want to know Him, too," Dad said.

"But you're right. We should talk about Him. We should tell people how great and good Jesus is and that they can know Him, too."

Kristen nodded slowly. "It never occurred to me that I was always advertising things like my school or church--or Jesus," she said. "I'm going to pay more attention to the message I give out. I want to recommend Jesus for sure!"

HOW ABOUT YOU? Does your behavior and speech advertise for Jesus? Would what you do and say cause others to want to come to Him, too? Are you cheerful and helpful? Are you patient and kind? Do you tell other kids about Him? Don't keep the good news that Jesus loves them all to yourself. Spread the word that He wants them to come to Him and have their sins forgiven. Be an advertisement for Jesus.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: Psalm 107:2 (KJV) Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy. *Verse displayed is NKJV

-Keys For Kids,
<http://www.cbhministries.org/ForKids/KeysforKids/ReadListen.aspx>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free evening
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Loren Yoder

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Feb. 23, Happy Anniversary! Michael ♥ Virginia, 1989

Feb. 24, Happy Birthday! Jennifer Yoder, 1993

Feb. 27, Happy Birthday! Elma Petersheim, 1978

Feb. 28, Happy Birthday! Kathleen Yoder, 1993

Feb. 28, Happy Birthday! Zachary Yoder, 2004

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"Quick question Ray, Whenever I'm having a bad day, I pull up your famous banana video. It makes me giggle like a little school girl. My question is, if the banana is the divine design of God, made just to fit in the hands of humans, what was He thinking when He designed the coconut? It most definitely isn't designed to be easily eaten." Ben Bolling

At the risk of being labeled "coconut man," I will answer you. The coconut is a healthy drink and food that lasts for months in a hygienically sealed container, without preservatives. Coconut flesh is highly nutritious and rich in fiber, vitamins, and minerals (with no trans-fats and is gluten-free).

You said that it isn't designed to be eaten easily. That's not true. They are easy to open, if you know how: **-Ray Comfort**

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A SUPERB THOUGHT FOR TODAY

There once was a farmer who discovered that he had lost his watch in the barn. It was no ordinary watch because it had sentimental value for him. After searching high and low among the hay for a long while; he gave up and enlisted the help of a group of children playing outside the barn.

He promised them that the person who found it would be rewarded.

Hearing this, the children hurried inside the barn, went through and around the entire stack of hay but still could not find the watch. Just when the farmer was about to give up looking for his watch, a little boy went up to him and asked to be given another chance.

The farmer looked at him and thought, "Why not? After all, this kid looks sincere enough."

So the farmer sent the little boy back in the barn. After a while the little boy came out with the watch in his hand! The farmer was both happy and surprised and so he asked the boy how he succeeded where the rest had failed.

The boy replied, "I did nothing but sit on the ground and listen. In the silence, I heard the ticking of the watch and just looked for it in that direction."

Moral: A peaceful mind can think better than a worked up mind. Allow a few minutes of silence to your mind every day, and see, how sharply it helps you to set your life the way you expect it to be!