

Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

May 18, 2014

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

Devotional:----- Robert Martin
Message:----- Henry Nissley
Offering:----- General
SS Lesson:----- Proverbs 23: 1-35

Adult and Youth Verse: Apply thine heart unto instruction, and thine ears to the words of knowledge. Prov. 23:12

Intermediate Verse: But godliness with contentment is great gain. 1 Tim. 6:6

Junior Verse: I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. Jn. 10:14

Primary Verse: "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men"

Gal. 6:10

Preschool Verse: "We should remember the poor" Gal. 2:10

SS Lesson for next week: Proverbs 24: 1-34

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Through wisdom is an house builded; and by understanding it is established: Prov. 24:3

Today's Host: Dean & April Yoder

Next Sunday Host: Robert & Rachel Martin

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Buzzing Past Computers

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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.

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/bugs/buzzing-past-computers-kids-answers/>

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Lester Miller will have a Bondage to Freedom Topic at 6:30 at the church.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM. To go: Dean, Loren & Jason-devotions.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

May 21, Happy Birthday! Victoria Yoder, 2009

What are you afraid of?

Recently Caty Medrano published an article called top 10 strong human fears. These are the top fears shared by people everywhere. The list in many ways is self-explanatory.

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| 10. Losing Your Freedom | 9. The Unknown |
| 8. Pain | 7. Disappointment |
| 6. Misery | 5. Loneliness |
| 4. Ridicule | 3. Rejection |
| 2. Death | 1. Failure |

Many of these fears are tied together, such as death and the unknown, rejection and ridicule, pain and misery, and failure and loneliness. We can also observe that these are mostly existential fears that describe an inner condition of the heart. That is, these are not fears of specific things. In the latter category, I ran across a Gallup Poll answering the question, what scares americans most? In order the answers are:

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| 1. Snakes | 2. Public Speaking |
| 3. Heights | 4. Being closed in a small space |
| 5. Spiders | 6. Needles and getting shots |
| 7. Mice | 8. Flying on an airplane |
| 9. Dogs | 10. Thunder and lightning |
| 11. Going to the doctor | 12. The dark |

This is obviously a much more concrete list. I can identify with the part about snakes, heights, needles and spiders. I fly so much that airplanes don't bother me, and I speak so much that while I do get nervous sometimes, I don't "fear" public speaking. I have no clue how dogs could possibly make that list. I cannot imagine why anyone would be afraid of Dudley and Gary, our two fine basset hounds. And while I may not fear the dark, I sometimes find little noises waking me up with a start in the middle of the night.

We all have our fears, don't we?

Fear is a basic human emotion:

Your list won't be same as mine, but we can all identify with some things on the second list and most of the first list. If we aren't worried about mice, we certainly fear rejection by those we love. And we all think about our own death from time to time. When will it happen and under what circumstances? If we are wise, we also wonder, what then?

I'm not surprised that fear of failure comes at the top for many people. How frustrating to feel like you've wasted your short sojourn on planet earth. It's a terrible thing to conclude that your life was a bust because it didn't turn out the way you hoped it would.

Somewhere in all our thinking God has to figure into the equation. There must be a reason that the Bible tells us (in various ways and in various places) to "fear not" hundreds of times. Fear is such a basic human emotion that many of us constantly live in the grip of fear, worry and anxiety. God told us to "fear not" because he knew that we would all wrestle with fear sooner or later. God says hundreds of times in hundreds of ways "Fear not."

What do you do when your fears seem to be winning the day? What if you pray and God still hasn't come through for you? If you are like most people, you begin to lose hope, and you wonder why you bothered to pray in the first place. Deep in the soil of your heart, little seeds of doubt take root, growing up into a harvest of frustration and anger. It happens to most of us eventually. Some of the best men and women of the Bible struggled with their inner doubts when their dreams didn't come true

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