

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

September 21, 2014

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

**Devotional:**----- Sheldon Yoder  
**Message:**----- Henry Nissley  
**Offering:**----- General  
**SS Lesson:**----- Galatians 4:21-31; 5:1-12

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage. Gal. 5:1

**Intermediate Verse:** Without counsel purposes are disappointed: but in the multitude of counsellors they are established. Prov. 15:22

**Junior Verse:** For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. Is. 55:8

**Primary Verse:** For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. Phil 1:21

**Preschool Verse:** "The gift of God is eternal life" Rom. 6:23

**SS Lesson for next week:** Galatians 5:13-26

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. Gal. 5:25

Today's Host: James & Elsie Yoder

Next Sunday Host: Ervin & Louise Yoder

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## Design

### Alligator Snapping Turtle



The alligator snapping turtle has a fascinating hunting technique. Since this creature eats primarily fish, it spends most of its time in the water. It waits motionless with its mouth open. It then moves its worm-like tongue to entice fish into its mouth. This hunting practice was not part of the original created kind, since all animals were originally vegetarian.

#### Features

The alligator snapping turtle is usually brown, black, green, or gray in color with a distinct yellow pattern around its eyes. The most distinguishing features of this turtle are the three large ridges that run from the front to the back of its shell.

The alligator snapping turtle is active both day and night.

#### Fun Facts

This turtle is the largest freshwater turtle in North America; the largest one on record weighed 236 lbs (107 kg).

Some people have called the alligator snapping turtle the dinosaur of the turtle world.

They must be handled with extreme care because of their powerful bite.

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/reptiles/alligator-snapping-turtle/>

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Hotdog Roast at Simon Yoder's Bring hot dogs, roasting sticks, camping chairs, marshmallows & finger foods. Would like to begin eating by 6:30,
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM.
- ✓ School Devotions this week by Justin Miller.
- ✓ Larry Sommers is in the lot at Santa Fe Mennonite Church (Lake Butler, FL) Ordination is to take place at 2PM today. Please keep them in your prayers!

## ~BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

(today) Sept. 21, Happy Birthday! Henry Nissley, 1968  
(today) Sept. 21, Happy Birthday! Chadwin Nissley, 1995  
Sept. 27, Happy Birthday! Violet Martin, 2000

## Hidden Treasure –

If I told you that somewhere in Eastern Colorado there was a pile containing 100 tons of dirty black coal, you probably wouldn't be too impressed or interested. However, if I told you this pile of coal had several thousand diamonds hidden in it and some of those diamonds were as big as walnuts, you would be very interested, wouldn't you? What if I told you that everything in that pile was free for the taking?

Most of you wouldn't hesitate a bit to drive non-stop to Eastern Colorado in search of this pile of coal with the hidden diamonds. Once you found it you would jump out of the car, run to the pile and start digging in search of those diamonds. I doubt if you would even take time to change your clothes.

What would cause good, upstanding, well-dressed people like you and I to act in such a way? We know how valuable a big diamond is. What if we could find several of those big diamonds? It would be worth driving all night and digging through a pile of dirty coal, wouldn't it?

God's Word, the Bible, is similar to that pile of coal. There are literally thousands and thousands of hidden treasures and promises in it – all free for the taking. In reality, the treasures that can be found in God's Word are worth much, much more than all the diamonds in the world.

Take time to get to know God, your creator, by reading his word. Take time to discover the treasures and promises that can be yours just for the taking.

Suppose you really do find 10 diamonds as big as walnuts. What value will they have to you in 100 years? None of your worldly treasures will have any value to you in 100 years. In contrast, the treasures you find in God's Word will still have tremendous value to you in 1,000 years – and in 1,000,000 years.

*The grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of God stands forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

*What good will it be for a man if he gains  
the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?*

Matthew 16:26

I suggest you take time to read the "Parable of the Rich Farmer" that is recorded in Luke 12:16-21.

Don't just **GO** to church; **BE** the church

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