

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

December 7, 2014

## Welcome to our Worship Service! + + +

**Devotional:** Chadwin Nissley  
**Message:** Henry Nissley  
**Offering:** Missions  
**SS Lesson:** Eph. 6:10-24

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:13

**Intermediate Verse:** I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. Phil. 3:14

**Junior Verse:** O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. Ps. 34:8

Today's Host: Jonathan & Mary K Miller

**Primary Verse:** "By love serve one another" Gal. 5:13

**Preschool Verse:** "A friend loveth at all times" Prov. 17:17

**SS Lesson for next week:** Phillipians 1:1-11

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; Phil. 1:9

Next Sunday Host: James & Elsie Yoder

## □ ○ □ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ □ ○ □

Quiz (May 17, 2007)

Fill in the blanks below using these words:

Genesis; disobey; 4,300; rainbow; fossils; dinosaurs; sinners; Ararat

Questions:

God promised never to flood the whole world again. The \_\_\_\_\_ reminds us of that promise.

\_\_\_\_\_ and humans lived together after God created them on Day 6, about 6,000 years ago.

You can read a lot more about Noah, the Flood, and the Ark in the book of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible.

Many of the \_\_\_\_\_ we see today are the remains of animals that drowned during the time of Noah's Flood.

God sent a global Flood during Noah's day because people were terrible \_\_\_\_\_.

The Bible says that Noah's Ark landed in the mountains of \_\_\_\_\_.

The Flood of Noah happened \_\_\_\_\_ years ago.

We all sin whenever we \_\_\_\_\_ God.

<http://goo.gl/WjSw8H> -Kids Answers

Answers: -rainbow -Dinosaurs -Genesis -fossils -sinners -Ararat -4,300 -disobey

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Fellowship Supper at the schoolhouse at 6:30. Bring your favorite Christmas foods.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting at 7:00 with reorganization afterward.
- ✓ The school Christmas program is planned for Friday evening at 7:00. Children are to be there at 5:45 for pictures.
- ✓ School devotions this week by Sheldon Yoder.
- ✓ Make any corrections in Church Calender back on table. So we can get 2015 Church Calenders Ordered.

## ~BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Dec. 10, Happy Birthday! Hannah Yutzy, 1977

## Serving Money –

Jesus said, "*No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.*" (Matthew 6:24)

What does it mean to serve money?

I'm sure you've discovered, perhaps the hard way, that "no payments until June of next year" is a seductive way of getting you to purchase what you know you cannot afford. The frequency in which we get bombarded with offers for free credit cards is another indication of the seriousness of this situation. One thing you can be sure of is that no one is going to offer you a free credit card in hopes that you will pay them off on time every month. They want you to charge them up and then pay them interest each and every month.

I recently read that American shoppers are currently carrying a whopping \$880 billion in credit card debt – with a household average of nearly \$16,000. WOW! If someone is continually running the rat race of keeping up with payments on debt, aren't they really serving money? It may take years, along with some sound financial advisors, to get the financial affairs of many people in order and under control. Only then will they be free to serve God again.

The Bible says, "The borrower is slave to the

lender" (Proverbs 22:7). It is impossible to function at your very best when you are a slave to someone else.

Debt and credit card problems seem to escalate every year around Christmas time. Why? Most people do not understand the true meaning of Christmas.

**Christmas is NOT about buying gifts.** Christmas is NOT about trees, blinking lights and decorations. Christmas is NOT about Santa Claus. Christmas is NOT about family get-togethers and turkey dinners. What is Christmas really about?

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.* (John 3:16)

Christmas is about God's gift to us. Very few, if any, of the things we do to celebrate Christmas are spiritual or biblical in nature. In fact, most of the things we do actually have pagan origins. If you are going to get caught up in the Christmas celebration, be sure you are doing it for the right reason – and be sure you are serving God, instead of money. You CANNOT serve two masters!

**Don't just GO to church; BE the Church**  
Kit Pharo

Pharo Cattle Co.