

# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

December 21, 2014

✝ ✝ ✝ Welcome to our Worship Service! ✝ ✝ ✝

**Devotional:**----- Sheldon Yoder  
**Message:**----- Norman Yoder  
**Offering:**----- General  
**SS Lesson:**----- Luke 1:26-38

**Adult and Youth Verse:** And Mary said, Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word. Luke 1:38a

**Intermediate Verse:** Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Ephesians 1:21-22

**Junior Verse:** "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord" 1 Cor. 15:58

**Primary Verse:** And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Mark 16:15

**Preschool Verse:** "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel" Mark 16:15

**SS Lesson for next week:** Luke 2:1-20

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Today's Host: Ervin & Louise Yoder

Next Sunday Host: Steve & Edith Nissley

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## Who Were the "Wise Men" or "Magi"?

Many people believe the "wise men" were very important, very smart, and most likely from a country east of Israel

They studied the stars. Also, people who know a lot about history tell us that they were "king makers". They taught men how to be "kings". When they saw God's special star from far away, they packed up and started on an exciting journey that led them to the most special King ever—the Messiah that God had promised long ago!

**Just Think...**

How did the wise men know about the coming Jewish king? Daniel, the prophet, was a Jew and feared God. He lived in Persia many years before Jesus was born. The wise men probably read about Jesus from notes that Daniel wrote. See Daniel 2:47.

**Just Think...**

How many wise men were there?

The Bible doesn't tell us how many. Some people believe that there may have been 12 or more wise men, along with an army of strong soldiers.

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/jesus/who-were-the-wise-men-or-magi/>

## Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Service Canceled due to many having the flu! .
- ✓ School lets out Tues for Christmas vacation at reg time then no School till Jan 5<sup>th</sup>.
- ✓ Wed eve service is canceled for this week.

## Forgive Us Our Christmases

A little girl was caught in the pre-Christmas swirl of activity, all of which seemed to be coming to a head Christmas Eve. Dad loaded down with bundles, seemed to have an even greater number of worries. Mom, under the strain of getting ready for the great occasion, had yielded to tears several times during the day. The little girl herself, trying to help, found that she was always under foot, and adult kindness to her wore thin. Finally, in tears herself she was hustled off to bed. Kneeling beside her bed to pray the Lords prayer her mind and tongue betrayed her and she prayed, "Forgive us our Christmases as we forgive those who Christmas against us. Maybe the little girls prayer was not such a great mistake. To often we leave Christ out of Christmas and crowd him out of our busy lives. Remember the best gift is not found in a box, but **in a person!!**

-Sword Scrap Book

## I Corinthians 13, Christmas Version (paraphrased)

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator. If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook. If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing. If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend myriad holiday parties and sing in the choir but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point. —Love stops

the cooking to hug the child. —Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the spouse. Love is kind, though harried and tired. —Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens. —Love doesn't yell at the children to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. —Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't. —Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. —Love never fails. Glassware will break, toys will be lost, golf clubs will rust. But giving the gift of love will endure. Author Unknown  
[http://www.appleseeds.org/1\\_cor\\_13\\_xmas.htm](http://www.appleseeds.org/1_cor_13_xmas.htm)