



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

May 17, 2015

Devotional:----- Everett Yoder  
 Message:----- Ervin Yoder  
 Offering:----- General  
 SS Lesson:----- 1 Thessalonians 5

**Adult and Youth Verse:** For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, 1 Thess. 5:9

**Intermediate Verse:** I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live: Deut.30:19

**Junior Verse:** "Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps" 1 Pet. 2:21

**Primary Verse:** "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" Jam. 4:6

**Preschool Verse:** "God...giveth grace unto the humble" Jam. 4:6

**SS Lesson for next week:** 2 Thessalonians 1

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Thess. 1:12

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#### Snake Medicine

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Biblical creationists recognize that God created a nonviolent world without animal or human death. Many think that, knowing the future, God designed snakes from the start with the genetic information they would need to adapt to a cursed world. How amazing to think that God's design for the snake to adapt in a cursed world would not only provide for the black mamba, but also potentially relieve pain for human beings.

\*<http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v490/n7421/full/nature11494.html>  
-Kids Answers, <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/reptiles/snake-medicine/>

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Services at 7PM Topic by Norman Yoder on Encouragement. Will be showing slides.
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM. To go: Loren, James & Jason -devotions.
- Church Social Thursday at 6:30 PM.

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

May 21, Happy Birthday! Victoria Yoder, 2009

#### Encouragement

At one point during a game, the coach said to one of his young players, 'Do you understand what cooperation is? What a team is?' The little boy nodded yes.' 'Do you understand that what matters is whether we win together as a team?' The little boy nodded yes.

'So,' the coach continued, 'when a strike is called, or you are out at first, you don't argue or curse or attack the umpire. Do you understand all that?' Again, the boy nodded yes.

'Good,' said the coach. 'Now go over there and explain it to your mother.'

What the coach wanted the boy's mother to understand is that encouragement is vital to success. Encouragement builds teams and also builds esteem. Encouragement works. In fact, the right kind of encouragement, at the right time, can change a life.

Author Ron Dunn tells the story of two altar boys. One was born in 1892 in Eastern Europe. The other was born just three years later in a small town in Illinois, USA. Though their lives were quite different, these two boys shared a similar experience.

Each altar boy assisted his parish priest in the celebration of Mass. While handling the chalice during Holy Eucharist, they both accidentally spilled some of the wine on the carpet.

But this is where their stories diverge. The priest in the Eastern European church, seeing the purple stain, slapped the altar boy across the face and shouted, 'Clumsy oaf! Leave the altar.' He did. The little boy grew up to become the atheist and communist dictator of Yugoslavia, Josip Broz Tito.

The priest in the church in Illinois, upon seeing the wine stain, knelt down beside the boy and looked him tenderly in the eyes and said, 'It's all right, son. You'll do better next time. You'll be a fine priest for God someday.' That little boy grew up to become the much loved Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

We will never know how much a kind and encouraging word from the priest, or the lack of one, influenced these boys' lives. But kindness and instruction are always far more valuable than anger and criticism. Encouragement works.

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