



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

July 5, 2015

Devotional:----- Michael Yoder
Message:----- Norman Yoder
Offering:----- Missions
SS Lesson:----- 1 Timothy 4

Adult and Youth Verse: Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity. 1 Tim. 4:12

Intermediate Verse: For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Junior Verse: But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Heb. 13:16

Primary Verse: "And sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death." James 1:15

Preschool Verse: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart" Ps. 119:11

SS Lesson for next week: 1 Timothy 5

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honour, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine. 1 Tim. 5:17

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The Beauty of Our Galaxy

So much of our amazing galaxy is unique and beautiful. We can look at space from the earth and see wonderful things God put there for us to enjoy and appreciate. The moon (the "lesser light" created on Day 4) was designed to "rule the night," according to Genesis 1:16. Indeed, the moon does rule the night; it outshines every other nighttime celestial object. In fact, when the moon is out, it has a tendency to "wash out" most other astronomical objects, making them more difficult to see. The sun (the "greater light") is over 100 times the diameter of the earth. If it were hollow, it could hold over one million earths. At first, it might seem almost "wasteful" to create such a massive globe merely to provide light for earth, until we consider that God created the sun just as easily as the rest of the universe. It wasn't at all difficult for Him (Jeremiah 32:17), and it demonstrates His great power.

Our galaxy is shaped like a disk with a bulge in the center. The disk has spiral arms; we cannot directly see this spiral structure because we are within it. To us, the galaxy looks like a faint, milky band stretching across the sky. This is how our galaxy gets its name—the Milky Way. The Milky Way galaxy contains more than 100 billion stars; the Bible says that God calls them all by their names (Psalms 147:4; Isaiah 40:26). How amazing that God has a name for each and every one of those stars! The galaxy contains more than stars. It also contains nebulae—the same stuff as stars, but whereas stars are compact spheres, a nebula is spread out over a much larger region of space. When a nebula is heated by nearby stars, it glows, often with vivid and beautiful colors. They are not only beautiful; they are enormous. The Rosette Nebula is estimated to be more massive than 10,000 suns, and a section of the Eagle Nebula is several thousand times larger than our solar system.

God paints beautiful artwork, and He does it on a canvas of unimaginable size!

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/astronomy/the-beauty-of-our-galaxy/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening.
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:30 PM.
- Just a reminder that Paul, John & Dwight plan to come Friday evening, July 10 and be here through Sunday.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

July 5, Happy Birthday! Virginia Nissley, 2006
July 5, Happy Birthday! BrendaLou Miller, 2007
July 10, Happy Birthday! Gloria Martin, 2003

The Lost Legacy of Blessing

"Bless you" and "God bless you" are expressions we often hear and even use. What is really being said when we say these words? Let's look at the Hebrew definition of the words Bless or to Bless.

In Hebrew the word is Baruch (Bah-Ruch). Baruch in Hebrew, like most Hebrew words carries a rich image or picture that is experienced through the five senses. This helps us to understand the full meaning of a word by experience as well as a definition.

In order to interpret this word correctly we must find its original concrete meaning. In Genesis 24:11 we read, And he made the camels 'kneel down' outside the city. The phrase "kneel down" in Hebrew is the verb כָּרַע (Bra-chah), the very same word translated as "bless." So the image here is that of kneeling down, or to make lower than the other. The meaning is then extended to mean "to do or give something of value to another person." Biblically this carries profound humility! In

essence, when we bless a brother or sister we are making ourselves lower than, in other words, humbling ourselves in order to lift up another! Esteeming another higher than myself! Do nothing for selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. (Philippians 2:3)

How then can it be that frail humanity can be blessed by God? In the priestly blessing of Aaron, (Numbers 6:24-26) we see that God wants to Bless and keep us. The imagery here again is amazing and intimate! It is that of God humbling himself or lowering Himself to us! Going to His knees for us, making us valuable and giving us of Himself! How profoundly enriching to ponder what we are really saying and doing when we truly bless one another. So let's remember to take every opportunity possible to bless each other, to add value to each ones life and to give of ourselves!

Blessings,
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Thou glorious Son of Righteousness, On this day risen to set no more, Shine on us now to heal and bless, with brighter beams than e'er before. Shine on thy work of grace within, On each celestial blossom there; Destroy each bitter root of sin, and make thy garden fresh and fair. Shine on Thy pure eternal Word, it's mysteries to our souls reveal; and whether read, remembered, heard, O let it quicken, strengthen, heal. Shine till Thy glorious beams shall chase, the brooding cloud from every eye; till every earthly dwelling place, shall hail the Day-spring from on high. Shine on, Shine on, eternal Son! Pour richer floods of life and light, till that bright Sabbath be begun, that glorious day which knows no night.

-Charlotte Elliot