



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

July 26, 2015

Opening Worship----- Youth Singing

Message:----- Dwight Miller

Offering:----- School

SS Lesson for next week: 1 Timothy 6

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 1 Tim. 6:11

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Black Skimmer

Excerpt from Marvels of Creation: Breathtaking Birds -by Buddy Davis and Kay Davis

Skimmers are nicknamed scissorbills because of the design of their beak. They live by large rivers, lakes, lagoons, estuaries, marshes, and the seacoast but do not venture out far to sea. The black skimmer prefers the inland waters of the tropical Pacific and Atlantic coasts of North America. It is the largest of the three skimmers. The other two are the African and Indian skimmer.

The wings of the black skimmer are long, narrow, and pointed and it has a forked tail.

The webbed feet are at the end of short, reddish legs. The body is brownish-black above and white underneath. Males and females look alike, but females are smaller than males. A unique feature among these birds is the vertical cat-like pupil in the eye. The beak is black in front and red behind. Black skimmers sound something like a pack of hounds baying at a treed animal.

Most hunting is done in the evening. The special design of the skimmer allows it to hunt for food in a unique way. The lower mandible is longer than the upper, allowing the bird to fly inches above the water, "skimming" the surface, with the lower mandible cutting into the water. In this manner, it feeds on fish and other small aquatic creatures. Strong neck muscles help snap the prey out of the water. The bill has sharp edges near the base which keep the slippery fish from sliding out of the mouth.

Skimmers are sociable, nesting, feeding, and roosting in flocks. These birds nest in loose colonies with the nest consisting of a hollow depression in the sand. They will usually lay four or five buff black-spotted eggs, which are incubated by the female. Both parents feed the young hatchlings, but it's not long before the chicks leave the nest.

Hatchlings are camouflaged and nearly invisible as they crouch in the sand. The bills of the young are equal in length when they hatch so they can feed on the ground, picking up small pieces of food. As the feathers begin to grow, so does the lower half of the bill.

At approximately six weeks of age, the young skimmers start to fly.

Special Design Feature: God designed the lower bill of the skimmer to grow longer than the upper. This allows the skimmer to fly close to the water and funnel water around the beak so it can catch aquatic life.

Did you know? Skimmers can stay airborne close to the water without allowing their wings to drag in the water

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/birds/black-skimmer/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (NRU) 5:00 PM. To go: James, Everett & Robert-devotions

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

(today!) July 26, Happy Birthday! Dorothy Yoder, 1955

Aug. 1, Happy Anniversary! Steve ♥ Edith, 1997

He's Coming Back

The great Dwight L. Moody used to say, "I never preached a sermon without thinking that possibility the Lord may come before I preach another." Dr. G. Campbell Morgan, the distinguished British clergy-man, said, "I never begin my work in the morning without thinking that perhaps he may interrupt my work and begin His own. I am not looking for death. I am looking for Him." That is the way a Christian should live his life – in the constant anticipation of the return of Jesus Christ! If we could live every day as though it may be the very last one before the final judgment, what a difference it would make here on earth! But we don't like to think that way. We don't like to think that our carefully made plans, our long range schemes may be interrupted by the trumpet of God. Too many people would rather say, "Oh, well, the end of the world hasn't come yet, so why think about it – it's probably a thousand years away."

<http://billygraham.org/devotion/hes-coming-back/>

Faith Pleases God

Faith pleases God more than anything else. The Christian life is dependent upon faith. We stand on faith; we live on faith. Faith is loved and honored by God more than any other single thing. The Bible teaches that faith is the only approach that we have to God. No man has sins forgiven, no man goes to heaven, no man has assurance of peace and happiness, until he has faith in Jesus Christ. You may be saying, "God, I believe you are a great person, but I do not believe your Word; I do not believe what you say." In order to please God, you must believe Him. Perhaps your faith is small and weak. It does not matter how big your faith is, but rather, where your faith is. Is it in Christ, the Son of God, who died on the cross for your sins?

<http://billygraham.org/devotion/faith-pleases-god/>

One Sunday a cowboy went to church -- and he and the preacher were the only people there!

The preacher asked the cowboy if he wanted him to go ahead and preach.

The cowboy said, "Well, if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I'd feed him."

The preacher realized the truth of this, and was inspired to preach a stem-winder of a sermon.

Afterward, he asked the cowboy how he had liked the sermon.

The cowboy answered, "Well, if I went to feed my cattle and only one showed up, I sure wouldn't feed him ALL the hay."

-Mikey's Funnies