



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

October 18, 2015

Devotional:----- Ralph Yoder

Message:----- Ervin Yoder

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- Hebrews 3

Adult and Youth Verse: For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God. Heb. 3:4

Intermediate Verse: For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: Heb. 8:10

Junior Verse: "Pride goeth before destruction and an haughty spirit before a fall." Prov. 16:18

Primary Verse: "Love ye therefore the stranger" Deut. 10:19

Preschool Verse: "God loveth a cheerful giver" 2 Cor. 9:7

SS Lesson for next week: Hebrews 4

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Heb. 4:16-

CHILDREN'S CORNER

--Koala, December 8, 2008, Created on Day 6

Design The koala was designed with an opposable index finger that it uses as a second thumb for feeding and climbing. It was also designed with a padded tail, which allows it to sit in a tree all day. A koala hardly ever needs to drink water since it receive most of its water from the eucalyptus leaves that it eats. The name koala means "no-drink animal." Since the koala does not have any sweat glands, it will lick its arms and stretch out on its tree to cool off.

Features The koala has dense fur that is colored from gray to a reddish-brown. Many also have white patches on the chest, chin, and rump. The pouch opens in the rear and extends upward and forward. The koala is completely arboreal.

Fun Facts The koala is not a bear; it is a marsupial. It spends up to 18 hours a day sleeping. A koala will sometimes eat dirt. This helps it digest its food.

Created Kind Members None

CLASS: Mammalia (mammal) **ORDER:** Diprotodontia (pair of incisors on lower jaw)

FAMILY: Phascolarctidae **GENUS/SPECIES:** Phascolarctos cinereus **Size:** Between 25 and 33 in (0.7-0.8 m) **Weight:** Between 15 and 30 lbs (6.8-14 kg) **Original Diet:** Plants

Present Diet: Eucalyptus leaves, young bark, and mistletoe **Habitat:** Eucalyptus forests of eastern Australia

- <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/zoo/koala>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Services at 7 PM. Those that have not shared a favorite Bible verse or passage can do so tonight. We will be singing from the overhead as well.
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM. To go Elmer, Jonathan & Ralph-Devotions.
- School devotions this week by: James Yoder
- School Hot Lunch this week by: Roberts' & Henrys'
- Plans are to have an outdoor service at LBL next Sunday, weather permitting. Time and place to be determined.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Oct. 19, Happy Birthday! Iva Yoder, 1985

Oct. 19, Happy Birthday! Makayla

Oct. 24, Happy Birthday! Sharon Nissley, 1963

When Our Prayers Go Unanswered

By Colin Stott

"The God we serve is able to deliver us...but even if He does not...we will not serve your gods." (Dan. 3:17-18)

Have you ever been disappointed, even angry with God when He has not answered prayer in the way you wanted or expected? I am sure we all have. The thing is God usually has different priorities than we do.

We ask to be delivered from a trial when God wants us to go through it. We want our prayers answered now when God wants us to grow through waiting. We ask to be spared from suffering when God knows that our current difficulties are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs all of our troubles. (2 Cor. 4:17)

When our prayers -unanswered It is hard to understand though if we have trusted God for something that we really felt was His will only to suffer a huge reversal and have our hopes dashed. Unanswered prayers reveal our heart. If we get angry with God it shows that, at least in this area of our life, He is not at the center—we are. If He is in the center then, whether He delivers us or not (Heb. 11:35), we can agree with that old hymn that "it is well with my soul."

God is not fazed by our anger. He knows us so well. But He does want us to grow and become more like His Son, with that same spirit of submission: "Let this cup pass from me and yet not my will but thine be done." (Matt. 26:39) God will strive with us to get us to the place of surrender expressed by John Wesley: "I am no longer my own but Thine. Put me to what Thou wilt; rank me with whom Thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me employed for Thee – or laid aside for Thee; exalted for Thee or brought low for Thee. Let me be full, let me be empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to Thy pleasure and disposal."

Can God trust us with reversals and disappointments in prayer? Maybe what we think is an unanswered prayer is actually God's answer to prayers we once prayed—the ones where we asked Him to take us into a deeper walk of faith. Our current circumstance might be the very thing God is using to help achieve that deeper walk. At the end of the day it's all about trust; trusting His heart when we don't understand His ways.