



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 13, 2015

Devotional:----- Steve Nissley  
 Message:----- Norman Yoder  
 Offering:----- General  
 SS Lesson:----- Hebrews 10

**Adult and Youth Verse:** Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Heb. 10:22

**Intermediate Verse:** A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth good things: an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. Matt. 12:35

**Junior Verse:** And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you; 1<sup>st</sup> Thes 4:11

**Primary Verse:** "Let him labour, working with his hands the thing is good, that he might have to give to him that needeth" Eph. 4:28

**Preschool Verse:** "We should remember the poor" Gal. 2:10

**SS Lesson for next week:** Hebrews 11

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** But now they desire a better country, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city. Heb. 11:16

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

#### Seaweed—Created to Survive

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God designed these types of seaweed with a very special ability. He gave Palmophyllum and Verdigellas the ability to use low intensity blue light for photosynthesis. This spectrum of light is present at such depths in the ocean. After studying the genetic code of these seaweed varieties, some scientists are calling them "ancient." They have even referred to the seaweed as a living fossil, even though no fossils of Palmophyllum or Verdigellas have been found. These scientists believe these types of seaweed have not changed genetically in over one billion years!

The Bible tells us that God created plants on Day Three of the Creation Week, about 6000 years ago (Genesis 1:11-13). It's easy to see from the special survival abilities of these green seaweed varieties that God created them. God equipped them to survive in a harsh environment!

ANSWERS <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/creation/seaweed-created-to-survive/>

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- Morningside Singing has been canceled for today.
- No prison service this week.
- Christmas Caroling is planned for this weekend. (Thursday & Friday)  
More details to be announced...
- School devotions this week by: Robert Martin
- The Youth Christmas Program will be next Sunday at 6PM. There will be soup and finger foods at the school afterward. We encourage people to use this as an opportunity to reach out to friends and neighbors and invite them to come. Everyone is welcome!

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Dec. 15, Happy Birthday! Iva Martin, 1997

Dec. 19, Happy Birthday! Andrea Martin, 2010

#### Who Started Christmas?

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This morning I heard a story on the radio of a woman who was out Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of looking at row after row of toys and everything else imaginable. And after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves, she finally made it to the elevator with her two kids.

She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season time of the year. Overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened and there was already a crowd in the car. She pushed her way into the car and dragged her two kids in with her and all the bags of stuff. When the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and stated, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot."

From the back of the car everyone heard a quiet calm voice respond, "Don't worry we already crucified him." For the rest of the trip down the elevator it was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all did it, just think of how different this whole world would be.

— Author Unknown  
<http://emailministry.org/who-started-christmas-2/>