



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 20, 2015

Devotional:----- David Wengerd  
 Message:----- Ervin Yoder  
 Offering:----- General  
 SS Lesson:----- Hebrews 11

**Adult and Youth Verse:** 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

**Intermediate Verse:** Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another. Rom. 14:19

**Junior Verse:** "Be ye strong therefore, and let not your hands be weak: for your work shall be rewarded." 2 Chron. 15:7

**Primary Verse:** "Go ye therefore and teach all

nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost" Matt. 28:19

**Preschool Verse:** "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations" Mastt. 28:19

**SS Lesson for next week:** Hebrews 12

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. Heb. 12:6

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

"How large was Noah's ark?"

We know the Ark must have been at least 450 feet long, 75 feet wide, and 45 feet high. Using a longer cubit, it would have been over 500 feet in length. In the Western world, wooden sailing ships never got much longer than about 330 feet, yet much earlier the ancient Greeks were building vessels at least this size. China built huge wooden ships in the 1400s that may have been as large as the Ark. The biblical Ark is one of the largest wooden ships of all time, a mid-sized cargo ship even by today's standards.

The Ark had three decks (see Gen. 6:16), so this gives you an idea of its overall size. With a capacity of 1.5 million cubic feet, it would have had sufficient room for all the people, animals (kinds), and supplies.

Ray Comfort

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Youth Christmas Program is this evening at 6:00. There will be supper at the school afterward. Everyone welcome!
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7PM.
- School will dismiss at 1:00 on Wednesday and be off for Christmas Vacation till January 4.

## ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Dec. 21, Happy Birthday! Jonathan

Dec. 21, Happy Birthday! Julia

Why Did Jesus Come?

The first few verses in the Gospel of John tell us that Jesus existed in the very beginning – before anything else existed. We are told that not only was Jesus with God – he is God. He took part in the creation of all things.

In verse 14, we are told that Jesus became a human being and lived here on earth for a while. This happened approximately 2000 years ago. It was an event unlike any other event in history. God became human and came to dwell with us on earth. Time is divided by this event. We refer to the years before Christ as BC, and the years after Christ as AD. AD is an abbreviation for "Anno Domini" which means in the year of the Lord.

Why did Jesus leave the splendors of heaven to come live as a common man here on earth? That is something that is very difficult for me to comprehend.

In John 3:16 we read, "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Simply put, Jesus came down from heaven to provide us with a way to get to heaven.

In John 14:6. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

Jesus left the splendors of heaven with only one purpose and goal in mind – to die a horrible death on an old wooden cross. His death provided the ultimate sacrifice for our sins. He paid a debt that we would never have been able to repay.

1 Peter 2:24 says, "Jesus bore our sins in his body on the tree (cross), so that we might die to sins and live to righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed."

1 John 2:2 says, "Jesus is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the world."

I ask you to pause for a moment to consider the price that Jesus paid for our sins. He came down from heaven to suffer and die in order to provide a way for you and I to get to heaven. That is the greatest gift that we will ever receive.

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