



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 27, 2015

Devotional:----- Nathan Yoder
Message:----- Elmer Yoder (Hartville, OH)
Offering:----- School
SS Lesson:----- Hebrews 12

Adult and Youth Verse: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. Hebrews 12:6

Intermediate Verse: And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ. 2 Thess. 3:5

Junior Verse: I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. Ps. 119:15

Primary Verse: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto

myself; that where I am there ye may be also. John 14:3

Preschool Verse: "In my Father's house are many mansions" John 14:2

SS Lesson for next week: Hebrews 13

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name.

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Termites...

In tropical countries, termites build huge 'castles' up to nine metres (30 feet) high. These nests are made of mud which the tiny insects stick together with their saliva. There is a network of tunnels inside, which provides 'air-conditioning' for the colony, which may contain several million insects. Australian termites build mud towers that are thin and wide, with the narrow edge facing the midday sun. This means that during the midday heat, less sunshine falls on the nest, but in the morning and evening sunlight falls on the wide side, providing warmth when it is needed.

Deep inside the nest is the queen termite — a huge creature which at 35 millimetres long dwarfs the worker termites. She is little more than an egg-laying machine, served by all the other termites. The other insects are either workers, or soldiers which guard the entrances to the nest. All the termites work together by instinct as though they are a single organism. The workers (which are blind) repair the nest and provide food. African termites even have underground gardens where they grow fungus in a special compost made of dead wood mixed with droppings.

Once a year (at mating time) some male and female termites grow wings and fly from the nest. After one flight, they cast off their wings, which they will never need again. The male and female couples then burrow into the ground, and start another nest.

Evolution cannot explain the way termites live. They don't think about what they do — the whole colony is 'programmed' to work as a unit. Termites could not learn to build their towers at the right angle to the sun, or how to grow fungus in special compost.

And how do the flying termites know they need to cast off their wings after that single flight? Everything about termites points to these tiny wonders having been created by God to live the way they do. <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/bugs/our-world-answers-for-kids-termites/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening.
- The CAM clothing center in Guthrie would like to know if we could put in an evening of sorting on Friday Jan. 15. They are needing 22-25 people. Contact Dean or James ASAP if you would be available to go. (Supper and transportation provided)
- Church calendars are on the table feel free to take several.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Dec. 29, Happy Birthday! Jonathan Miller, 1967

Cooperate with the Inevitable

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content.

—Philippians 4:11

This idea was once expressed better by a simple-hearted man who was asked how he managed to live in such a state of constant tranquility even though surrounded by circumstances anything but pleasant. His answer was as profound as it was simple: "I have learned," he said, "to cooperate with the inevitable."...

Though we cannot control the universe, we can determine our attitude toward it. We can accept God's will wherever it is expressed and take toward it an attitude

of worshipful resignation. If my will is to do God's will, then there will be no controversy with anything that comes in the course of my daily walk. Inclement weather, unpleasant neighbors, physical handicaps, adverse political conditions —all these will be accepted as God's will for the time and surrendered to provisionally, subject to such alterations as God may see fit to make, either by His own sovereign providence or in answer to believing prayer.

How can I complain in the light of the wonderful gift of Your Son, born to give life—and victory? Work Your will in my life today as I celebrate the incarnation and all that it entails. Amen.

<https://www.biblegateway.com/devotionals/tozer-on-leadership/2015/12/25>

There are 364 days until Christmas and people already have their Christmas lights up! Unbelievable