



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

February 14, 2016

Morning Services by CBS Gospel Team

Message:----- Leonard Mast

Offering:----- CBS

SS Lesson for next week: James 5:1-20

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. James 5:8

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

All About Love

Read: Colossians 3:12-17

"I'm not going to Topher's birthday party," Eric told his mother as they walked down the grocery aisle. "Not if Larson's there. If Topher wants his best friend at his party, he'd better not invite Larson!"

"That doesn't sound very nice," said Mom. "For Topher or Larson."

"Yeah, well, they both deserve it! Larson's mean and makes fun of people, and Topher just wants to be friends with him so the other kids will think he's cool."

They stopped in front of a display filled with bags of heart-shaped candy, and Eric's younger brother Ben eagerly looked for something to pass out to his kindergarten class with his valentines. "Can I get this kind?" he asked Mom, picking up a bag.

"Let's see," said Mom, reading the package. "We'll need two bags of these. There are only twenty pieces in one bag, and there are twenty-one kids in your class."

"One's enough," said Ben. "I'm not giving one to Steven. He's mean and I don't like him."

"Ben," said Mom, "Valentine's Day is supposed to be about love, remember? It's not very loving to bring treats for everyone except for one person in your class. Either you buy enough to share with Steven or you don't buy any at all."

Ben scowled. "No! I'm not getting one for Steven," he said, crossing his arms.

Mom looked at him sternly, then placed the candy back on the shelf and started walking away. "Wait!" Ben exclaimed, tugging at her coat. "Okay, okay, I'll get one for Steven!"

Eric smirked. "Well, I guess Ben decided that passing out treats to the other kids in his class was more important than keeping one from Steven," he quietly told his mother as they continued down the aisle.

"Yes," said Mom. "And I hope you decide to do the same."

Eric looked at her, surprised. "You mean Topher's party?"

"That's right," said Mom. "You're willing to hurt your best friend in order to show Larson how much you don't like him."

Eric sighed. "Kinda like Ben not wanting to pass out any treats so he wouldn't have to give one to Steven?"

"Exactly," said Mom. "Ben decided it wasn't worth it because Valentine's Day is all about love. And so is being a Christian."

- LeAnn Campbell

HOW ABOUT YOU?

Is it hard to be nice to people who aren't nice to you? Maybe you've even skipped out on a friend just to avoid someone you didn't like. God knows some people aren't easy to love, but He wants you to love them anyway. Ask Him to help you show love to everyone, even people who aren't nice to you.

TODAY'S KEY VERSE: 2 Timothy 2:24 (KJV)

<http://www.keysforkids.org/For-Kids/Keys-for-Kids/Read-Listen>

## Announcements:

- Fellowship meal at the school after services. Everyone welcome!
- Youth will be singing at Morningside Assisted Living this afternoon at 2:00.
- This Evening: Free Evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Services (Annex) 4:15 PM To go: Elmer, Nathan & Jason – Devotions
- Church Social Thursday at 6:30 PM.
- School devotions this week by: Henry Nissley
- Just a reminder... Spring Break at school will be Monday Feb. 22- Friday Feb. 26. School resumes on Mon. Feb. 29. PTA will be held after Spring break.

## ~Birthdays and Anniversaries~

February 16, Happy Anniversary! Norman ♥ Dorothy, 1978

### The Pastor's Cat:

The Pastor had a kitten that climbed up a tree in his backyard and then was afraid to come down. The pastor coaxed, offered warm milk, etc. The kitty would not come down. The tree was not sturdy enough to climb, so the pastor decided that if he tied a rope to his car and drove away so that the tree bent down, he could then reach up and get the kitten. That's what he did, all the while checking his progress in the car. He then figured if he went just a little bit farther, the tree would be bent sufficiently for him to reach the kitten. But as he moved the car a little farther forward, the rope broke. The tree went "boing!" and the kitten instantly sailed through the air-out of sight. The pastor felt terrible. He walked all over the neighborhood asking people if they'd seen a little kitten. No. Nobody had seen astray kitten. So he prayed, "Lord, I just commit this kitten to your keeping," and went on about his business.

A few days later he was at the grocery

store, and met one of his church members. He happened to look into her shopping cart and was amazed to see cat food. This woman was a cat hater and everyone knew it, so he asked her, "Why are you buying cat food when you hate cats so much?" She replied, "You won't believe this," and then told him how her little girl had been begging her for a cat, but she kept refusing. Then a few days before, the child had begged again, so the Mom finally told her little girl, "Well, if God gives you a cat, I'll let you keep it." She told the pastor, "I watched my child go out in the yard, get on her knees, and ask God for a cat. And really, Pastor, you won't believe this, but I saw it with my own eyes. A kitten suddenly came flying out of the blue sky, with its paws outspread, and landed right in front of her." Never underestimate the Power of God and His unique sense of humor.

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