



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

March 6, 2016

Devotional:----- Michael Yoder
 Message:----- Norman Yoder
 Offering:----- Missions
 SS Lesson:----- 1 Peter 1:1-25

Adult and Youth Verse: To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 1 Pet. 1:4

Intermediate Verse: Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him. Acts 10:34-35

Junior Verse: The ants are a people not strong, yet they prepare their meat in the summer; Prov. 30:25

Primary Verse: All things were created by him

and for him. Col. 1:16

Preschool Verse: All things were created by him. Col. 1:16

SS Lesson for next week: 1 Peter 2:1-12

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light; 1 Pet. 2:9

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Tongues That Speak Life

-by Stacia McKeever

Did you know that your tongue has the power to speak death words and life words (PROVERBS 18:21)? Death words are unkind and hurtful. Life words build up and encourage. Because God is the giver of life, He wants us to speak life words to others (PROVERBS 12:18).

Every single person is fearfully and wonderfully made in God's own image (Psalm 139). God has created each person to bring Him glory (ISAIAH 43:7). Even if a person seems different from you, he bears the image of the same Creator, and we need to love him, as we love the Creator of us all. In fact, because we are made in the image of God, when we are mean to someone or call someone names (this is called being a bully), it's as if we're being mean to God and calling Him names (PROVERBS 14:31, 17:5; JAMES 3:9).

We need to have wise tongues that speak with kindness to others and we need to be champions for those who can't stand up for themselves (PROVERBS 31:8).

Before you speak, ask yourself: Is what I'm saying kind?

-Kids Answers Trekking Through Proverbs

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/bible/tongues-speak-life/>

Announcements:

- > This Evening: Services at 7:00. Activity is to review our standard of practice.
- > PTA Meeting Monday evening at 7PM.
- > Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM (Phil plans to talk about seed team and possibly show some slides).
- > School devotions this week by: Loren Yoder
- > Reminder: Set your clocks forward 1 hour next Sunday March 13 for daylight saving time.
- > School Craft Sale is planned for next Friday. (the 18th) There will be no school that day.

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~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

March 11, Happy Birthday! Edith Nissley, 1974

Is Sunday the Sabbath?

Why is Sunday our day of rest?

The simplest answer I can think of for the first question is "No." Various Scripture passages clearly identify the Sabbath as the seventh day of the week. A quick check of the calendar should verify that Sunday is the first day. So just in that sense, Sunday is not the Sabbath. However, we need to probe beyond the placement of days in the week.

A law. Some 2500 years after God gave man the gift of one-day-a-week rest, He codified the gift into law. He demanded that His people not do any work one day each week. He stipulated a severe penalty for violation of that law: death. The history of the children of Israel includes the sad account of a man who dared ignore the Sabbath law. Can you imagine facing your executioners knowing that if you'd just let those sticks lie till tomorrow you wouldn't be here (Numbers 15:32-36)?

A day. God didn't let His people decide on their own, neither as a group nor as individuals, which day of the week they would observe His laws regarding the rest day. He specified one specific day to be kept, generation after generation for centuries. God declared the last day of the week to be His day. So God sanctified the Sabbath. This would be their day of rest and a special day to delight in God. They were to keep it with total rest.

A sign. God chose the Israelites from all of Earth's tribes and nations, calling them out, sanctifying them, making them holy. And they knew it. Each time the Sabbath cycled around, they remembered the covenant between them and God. No doubt they remembered the words

Jehovah had spoken to Moses, "It is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you" (Exodus 31:13). They knew that they were what they were because of God's work in them and among them. At least that was the Lord's plan!

So why then is Sunday our special day? Sunday is the Lord's day. On this day He rose from the dead, signalling the end of His redemptive work on Earth--He rested, you see. We could say that Sunday marks the culmination of a new spiritual creation (2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:10). Furthermore, if we look first at Hebrews 4:10 and then at Ephesians 2:8,9, we notice that the Lord's resurrection on this special day marks the beginning of a new rest. We need not try to win our salvation through good works.

Sunday is the day power arrived for the Church. Jesus died to atone for our sins and rose again that we might be justified (Romans 4:25). Then the Spirit came so that we might have the power to live the life of the justified. What would we do in this life without the Spirit of God empowering us from within?!

Sunday is the day light first shone. Go ahead, check the record (Genesis 1:3-5). Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12). He also said, "Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). I challenge you to remember these two facts every Sunday, then let the Light shine on you and through you all through the week. Then you will know that your Sunday observance had significance.

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