



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

March 20, 2016

Devotional:----- Philip Yoder  
 Message:----- Ervin Yoder  
 Offering:----- General  
 SS Lesson:----- 1 Peter 2:13-25

**Adult and Youth Verse:** For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 1 Peter 2:21

**Intermediate Verse:** "Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing is upon thy people. Selah" Psalm 3:8

**Junior Verse:** "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver" Proverbs 25:11

**Primary Verse:** "We will remember the name of the Lord our God" Psalm 20:7

**Preschool Verse:** "We will remember the name of the Lord" Psalm 20:7

**SS Lesson for next week:** 1 Peter 3:1-12

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 1 Pet. 3:4

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Trekking Through Proverbs

#### Ears That Listen Up -by Stacia McKeever

Many of the wise sayings Solomon wrote in Proverbs are written to his children. He wanted his sons and daughters to listen to his words and to hear his instruction (PROVERBS 1:8). When we listen to the wisdom that comes from God through the Bible, we will hear excellent, right, and true things (PROVERBS 8:1-11). God's wisdom is pure, peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without hypocrisy or partiality (JAMES 3:17) because God is all of those things!

We need to be careful to compare whatever we hear from books, movies, and friends with the true wisdom in the Bible so that we aren't listening to and believing foolish fables—things that aren't true (2 TIMOTHY 4:1-4).

God created our ears in an amazing way so that we can listen up to Him (PROVERBS 20:12)!

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/bible/ears-listen-up/>

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Services at 7:00. James Yoder will have a topic on James 1:27 "Pure Religion"
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00. Phil Yoder will be sharing about Seed Team.
- School devotions this week by: Robert Martin
- No school on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. (Good Friday)
- Plans are to cut down the trees at the church on Monday.
- Please remember the Ken Miller family in prayer as Ken's incarceration begins Monday.

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

March 21, Happy Birthday! Sharon Nissley, 2002

March 22, Happy Anniversary! Ralph ♥ Jan, 2002

March 24, Happy Birthday! Kendall Yoder, 2002

#### LET YOUR CONVERSATION BE NOT SELFISH

Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.

Hebrews 13:5 KJV

This verse begins with a command that is really the total opposite of what we are taught in this culture.

Let your conversation not be covetous. If I am honest with myself, there are far too many times that my conversation is exactly that, covetous. What do we mean by covetous? Well think of this way, how often is my conversation with others greedy in that it is considering only me and my agenda or my goals for the conversation? Most of the time human nature is that when we talk, we want to talk about ourselves with little care about what the others person has on their mind, or what they may need to express.

We tend to direct all of our conversations in the direction of what is important to us. Have you ever left a conversation with someone and realized that you don't know one piece of information about them? I have had my wife ask me how someone was after she knew that I talked with them. It is a sign of a greedy conversationalist when I realized that I couldn't answer her because I only spoke of that which was important to me or about me. I never took the time to find out anything about them. That is letting my conversation be selfish.

How often have we steered a conversation in a certain direction because of something we wanted to bring up or address. Really that is nothing less manipulating a conversation. In the worst cases, it is high-jacking a conversation for selfish purposes.

Our conversation with others as representatives of Jesus, as His Ambassadors, should be neither greedy nor selfish. Instead it should always be conversation that benefits the other person in the conversation.

Conversations as His disciples are opportunities for us speak into the lives of others and encourage them. If I enter all of my conversations with this attitude I will actually have the Holy Spirit show me things to say for their benefit and to strengthen them. He knows their needs at that moment and will use the conversation of the selfless person to the good of the person you are speaking with. What an awesome opportunity!

Think of how it would impact others when they hear you speaking words regarding something that only the Lord could know were on their hearts. All of us as believers should learn how to change our conversations so that they are unselfish and can be used in supernatural ways by the Holy Spirit to speak hope and freedom to others.

<http://www.cityonahilltc.org/written-devotional/664/let-your-conversation-be-not-selfish>  
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