



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

April 10, 2016

Devotional:----- Sheldon Yoder  
Message:----- Ervin Yoder  
Offering:----- General  
SS Lesson:----- 1 Peter 4:1-19

**Adult and Youth Verse:** And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves: for charity shall cover the multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8

**Intermediate Verse:** For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light Eph. 5:8

**Junior Verse:** Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work, Titus 3:1

**Primary Verse:** Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work. Exodus 20:9

**Preschool Verse:** "Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy" Exodus 20:8

**SS Lesson for next week:** 1 Peter 5:1-14

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### Trekking Through Proverbs

by Stacia McKeever

#### What Is Foolishness?

If wisdom is putting into practice the principles our wise Creator God has given us, then foolishness must be the opposite. In fact, God says that fools are those who deny He exists (PSALM 14:1). A fool hates wisdom and instruction (PROVERBS 1:7) and enjoys doing what is wrong according to God (PROVERBS 14:16).

And yet, because God has told us He exists and has given us evidence of His existence everywhere we look, people who choose to be fools don't have any excuse for their foolishness (ROMANS 1:18-23).

In fact, we are all born as fools . . . .

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/worldview/what-is-foolishness/>

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- Due to the number absent Morningside singing has been canceled for this month.
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM. Ralph Yoder will be sharing on MMA. He encourages attendance as he has some important info to share!
- Last day of School is Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Date for School picnic is set for May 7<sup>th</sup> Sat PM. Please mark your Calenders.

## WHAT GOD REQUIRES OF THE CHURCH: INDIVIDUALISM VS. CHRIST

-BY TOM HICKS

We live in a time when God's people are often very confused about what the church is and what it is supposed to do. What does it mean to be a devoted church member? What's the role of the church in my walk with Christ? What should the church be doing? How do we know the answers to these questions? In today's culture, many Christians have sought to give answers to the questions above based on personal ideals and preferences. When Christians in our culture look for churches, they sometimes ask, "Does this church satisfy the needs of my life and family?" "Do I feel like I've encountered God at this church?" "Will this church help me achieve my goals?" "Do I like the people at the church?" "Does the church's schedule fit with my personal schedule?" "Did I feel moved by the worship music?" and so on. Notice how each of these questions is centered on the individual, not on the Bible, or the community of faith.

Even more inexcusably, church leaders often design church ministries and programs with questions in mind that cater to this same Western individualistic mindset: "Will this program meet the felt needs of the people?" "Have we successfully avoided things people don't want?" "What innovative methods can we design to keep people interested?" "How many people will be attracted to this

ministry?" "Will this help us attract more people?" and so on. By asking such questions, church leaders have perpetuated the problem of American individualism. They have fostered the idea that individual preferences should determine what is done in the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, rather than Christ speaking through His Word.

Clearly, many Christians are asking the wrong questions about church. All of the above questions are about what people want, not what God wants. The questions of individualism and American consumerism make people the reigning authority in the church, rather than God Himself. The most important question we should all be asking is "What does God require of His churches in His Word?"

Paul wrote to Timothy in order to teach him what God requires in the church. Paul said, "I write so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:15, emphasis added). God wants us to consult His Word for answers about how the church is to conduct itself.

continue reading at <http://morningview.org/god-requires-church-individualism-vs-christ/>