



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

May 22, 2016

Devotional:----- James Yoder
 Message:----- Henry Nissley
 Offering:----- School
 SS Lesson:----- 2 Peter 3:1-18

Adult and Youth Verse: But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. 2 Peter 3: 18

Intermediate Verse: Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man. Luke 21:36

Junior Verse: "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice" Philippians 4:4

Primary Verse: "I will hear what God the Lord will speak" Psalm 85:8

Preschool Verse: "I will hear what God the Lord will speak" Psalm 85:8

SS Lesson for next week: 1 John 1:1-10

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A number of flood legends are found in China. These include the tale of Fuhü. The Chinese consider Fuhü to be the father of their civilization. He, his wife, three sons, and three daughters escaped a great flood. They were the only people left alive on the whole earth. After the flood, they had many children from whom the whole earth was repopulated.

The Miao tribes in China also have a tradition that echoes very clearly the account of the Great Flood given in Genesis. Their flood legend features Nuah, his wife, and their sons Lo Han, Lo Shen, and Jah-hu. They built a big, wide boat that the family, animals, and birds got on and floated through the waters. Nuah sent out a dove to find out if the floodwaters had gone down and bring him tidings. When the waters went down, Nuah and those on the boat got off and made a sacrifice to the Mighty.

Does this sound familiar to you? Check out the true account of the Flood of Noah's time in GENESIS 6-9!

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/noahs-ark/flood-legends/china/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting is canceled this week due to events surrounding the wedding.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

May 28, Happy Birthday! Austin Yoder, 1999

Try Pressing Escape

If you use a computer at all you have to be glad there is an escape key included on a computer keyboard. Computers don't always do what we wish they would. The escape key is included to undo some of the misinformation we feed into the computer's electronic mind. Most of the time it works, but sometimes it doesn't.

The "User's Manual" that came with Word for Windows gingerly states, "If you don't like an action that Word is carrying out, try pressing Esc, perhaps even two, three, or more times." That has been a great help during times of my extreme frustration when the computer and I do not see eye to eye. Yes, we can be thankful for the Esc key.

Pressing Esc on the keyboard has a rather humbling effect. To me, it means, "You got yourself into something that is going wrong." If the computer could really talk (not merely reproduce sound programmed into its electronic innards) it might say, "I can continue beeping just as long as you continue doing the wrong things." No one ever wins the argument with a beeping computer. Try pressing Esc.

There are situations in life similar to this computerized frustration. God gives us His own Esc key. In times of temptation there is an Esc key. Paul wrote, "There hath no temptation taken you but such as man can bear: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation make also the way of escape, that ye may be able to endure it" (1 Cor. 10:13).

That Esc key works but only when activated. We cannot flirt with the Devil and win. There is but one way to avoid him and his fiery darts

of temptation. "Resist him, standing firm in the faith, . . ." (1 Pet. 5:9). When you're tempted try pressing the Esc key. God provided it for the very purpose of escaping the clutches of sin.

Sometimes Esc won't work. Some computer functions ignore the Esc key. So it is in life. Judgment is inescapable. There is no Esc key for coming judgment. "And thinkest thou this, O man, that judgest them which do such things, and doest the same, that thou shalt escape the judgment of God?" (Rom 2:3).

Liars cannot escape the consequences of lying. "A false witness shall not be unpunished, and he that speaketh lies shall not escape" (Prov 19:5). The only Esc key for Christians who sin is true and sincere repentance and prayer (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:9).

There may be times when we feel as the Psalmist. "Oh, that I had the wings of a dove! I would fly away and be at rest – I would flee far away and stay in the desert; Selah. I would hurry to my place of shelter, far from the tempest and storm" (Psa. 55:6-7). But there is no escape from the responsibilities and consequences of human existence. Unpleasant things will pass but responsibility accompanies and leads us all the way.

There is no escape from God's revealed will for the world. "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven" (Heb 12:25). God's word is always the Esc key in any difficulty. So, if you don't like an action that your life is carrying out, try pressing Esc. It will work every time. - DRS

http://www.vscoc.org/Bulletinfdtr/try_pressing_escape.htm