



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

July 31, 2016

Devotional:----- Nathan Yoder
 Message:----- Junior Yoder
 Offering:----- Alms
 SS Lesson:----- Revelation 1

Adult and Youth Verse: Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand. Revelation 1:3

Intermediate Verse: He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches. Revelation 2:29

Junior Verse: "Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator" 1 Peter 4:19

Primary Verse: "The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" Exodus 40:34

Preschool Verse: "The glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle" Exodus 40:34

SS Lesson for next week: Revelation 2:1-11

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Revelation 2:4

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Noah's Ark Question and Answer

-Q. Is There Any Evidence of a Global Flood?

The best evidence is God's testimony in the Bible. But you are standing on another evidence! The Flood buried billions of dead things all over the earth in layer upon layer of rock. You'll even find these fossils on the highest mountaintops, which shows they were once underwater. We can also see evidence of the Flood in how quickly those layers of rock must have formed.

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/noahs-ark/noahs-arkquestions-and-answers/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Open Evening
- Plans are to clean at the school Monday evening at 5:30. (There is a cleaning list on the table in the back, and also on the refrigerator in the school basement.)
- Brotherhood Meeting Tuesday Evening at 7:00.
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Northwest) 5:30 PM. To go: Loren, Sheldon & Jonathan - Devotions
- Tentative date for school to start is Thursday, August 18. Please let the board know if this does not suit you.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

August 1, Happy Anniversary! Steve & Edith Nissley, 1997

August 4, Happy Birthday! Justin Miller, 1994

SPIRITUAL HOUSEKEEPING

I do not know about you but I don't like cockroaches. We had them in a house that we bought in Long Island. I did not know anything about hiring exterminators so I decided to get rid of them myself. I bought a sprayer and bought some chemicals to kill them. To measure the chemicals I took a measuring spoon and wired it to the outside of the sprayer. I did this to make sure that I didn't make a mistake and use the measuring spoon again in the house. How could I ever clean it well enough to use it again safely for cooking?

Imagine going in your china closet, getting one of your best crystal glasses, and then using it to measure chemicals to kill the bugs around your house. Then let's imagine that you take it in the house and wash it. Would you dare to use it again? Of course not! It would be contaminated with a toxic film invisible to your eye that might poison anyone who used this glass. Now imagine that your soul and mine are like this glass. It has been so easy for me to fall victim to the attractive but false temptations of our contemporary world. For example, power, money, liquor, sex, and possessing more and more material possessions are alluring. These are played up so seductively on television and in the media. These can become our golden calves, our false idols! Who has time for God or Church? Perhaps unwittingly or even deliberately I have filled up my glass with these toxins that may kill my soul and potentially others whom I know and love. We call these toxins sin. This mix more importantly is toxic to God and poisons our relationship with Him. The worst of these is so strong that it totally poisons our relationship with God. Imagine that we determine to do better and try to rid

ourselves of these toxins. Can you or I wash the glass of our soul clean enough by ourselves? It would be like trying to wash the lethal chemicals out of our glass with household soap.

Let's assume, however, that we turn to Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and ask Him with a contrite heart to wash our glass. Is there a sin that He cannot forgive? His Mercy is boundless. He died to redeem us of our sins and is prepared always to forgive us.

How can we avoid refilling the glass to the brim with another toxic brew? This also is very difficult to do by ourselves. No matter how I have tried to do this the devil always seems to find a way to slip a temptation in my life when I am weak. My glass, you see, is terribly weak and fragile. The toxins once again begin to fill my glass.

Imagine that Christ not only cleans our glass but also puts a protective substance in the glass that makes it difficult for the devil to introduce any more toxins. Is this possible? The answer is yes. We call this protection grace. The grace that He brings surpasses all human understanding. Jesus Himself, who suffered and died for us on the Cross, gives Himself willingly, joyfully, lovingly, mercifully, to us. The devil, compared to Christ, is a grain of sand. When Christ fills our soul there is no room for the toxins that the devil seeks to tempt us with.

When Christ has cleaned and filled the glass of our soul whom do you imagine others see when they look at us? My we pray that they no longer see us -- but only see Jesus Christ Himself!

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<http://emailministry.org/spiritual-housekeeping-2/>