



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

October 30, 2016

Devotional:----- Sheldon Yoder
 Message:----- Henry Nissley
 Offering:----- Alms
 SS Lesson:----- Revelation 12

Adult and Youth Verse: And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11

Intermediate Verse: By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith. Hebrews 11:7

Junior Verse: By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. Hebrews 11:8

Primary Verse: Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Matt. 28:19

SS Lesson for next week: Revelation 13

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: No memory verse...

CHILDREN'S CORNER

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Dr. Nigel Raine, who conducted the experiments at the University of London, tested whether bees would return to flowers in the order they discovered them or if they would fly the shortest return route. With brains the size of a grass seed, the bees picked out the most energy-efficient route. Such extraordinary behavior points to the Creator, who programmed bees with this incredible ability.

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/bugs/buzzing-past-computers-kids-answers/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Open Evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Northwest) 5:30 PM. To go: Sheldon, Jason & Loren - Devotions
- School devotions this week by: Philip Yoder
- Sisters Sewing Tuesday. Hot dish: Mary K. & Heidi; Salad: Rachel & Jan; Dessert: Virginia & Fannie
- Brotherhood Meeting Tuesday evening at 7:00.
- Out of state correspondence this week: Kathy Yoder
- Remember: Daylight Saving Time ends Nov. 6. Set your clocks back one hour next Sunday!
- Peter Whit (with CLE) will be speaking at our church next Sunday evening at 7:00

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Nov. 5, Happy Birthday! Hans Martin, 2007

My Kingdom is Not of This World

The Church in 325 AD, had a relative distance from most of governing, and military, affiliations and involvements. (There are a few exceptions) However, in 325, a very unholy alliance was formed between the Church and the Government. This took 100 years for the church to fully acclimate to, and was followed by 1000 years of darkness....spiritual, political, and intellectual darkness. Around 1500 AD, there was an awakening. During this awakening, 3 trains of thought emerged:

1. Catholic.... that the church should rule the governmental elements. (already in place for 1000 years)
2. Protestant.... that government should rule people, but church should be connected in function, government, and military involvement.
3. Anabaptist.... that government is entirely separate from church. Church is voluntary, not coerced by government, and has no connection with, or part in, the governing of the lost, or in the use of the sword to subdue or evangelize.

I believe this last position was the most coherent, and reflected the most clearly the Light of Christ. It also broke open the dark shadow that covered the earth; spiritually, light came, as also it did eventually intellectually, and politically.

This position also angered the devil, Murderous venom was expressed toward these people, on a scale that bore no connection whatsoever to their "crimes". A peaceful people, who refused to harm anyone, or fight in self-defense, became the hunted and butchered of the century.

The 'persecuted' eventually escaped to the Americas.

There, without voting or exerting political power, they shed enough light to influence a founding document..... to the extent that the founding document declared things no one else on earth actually believed, except the Anabaptist's.

(i.e..... all men created equal.... separation of church and state, as entities.....rule of law instead of rule of men) Much of this thinking came from the "pilgrim and stranger" mentality, that we' have no continuing city' here, we' are ambassadors', our' citizenship is in Heaven', My Kingdom is not of this world', etc etc in short, that there are earthly kingdoms, and a Heavenly one, and that we must choose which one has our loyalty.

Today, many people feel they can effectively be a part of both. To me, it seems like that is harkening back to the Protestant viewpoint, and will by default also bring a concession to the military machine. It also seems to me like a remake of 325 A.D.

That is why I do not vote, or register to do so. It does not preclude me from having an opinion, or speaking about it. Jesus had some very clear thoughts about Herod and Pilate, spoken to, and about. Paul had a few things to say to "Ceasar" also, and was willing to risk his life and future, to stand in front of him to say them.

I would like to see some of that kind of clarity toward governmental issues today.

I am not unchristianizing those who disagree with me on this issue..... I believe they may be voting in an invisible election, not of this world, and I sense there may be a future cost associated with the votes that is not currently seen or understood.

-Steve Stutzman. (Slightly edited & condensed by Ev)