



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 4, 2016

Devotional:----- Elmer Yoder
 Message:----- Norman Yoder
 Offering:----- Missions
 SS Lesson:----- Revelation 16

Adult and Youth Verse: Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. Revelation 16:15

Intermediate Verse: Know therefore that the Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; Deuteronomy 7:9

Junior Verse: But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; 2 Timothy 3:14

Primary Verse: For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: 1 Peter 3:12

Preschool Verse: "God hath heard...my prayer" Psalm 66:19

SS Lesson for next week: Revelation 17

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled. Revelation 17:17

CHILDREN'S CORNER

-Sea Snake, Created on Day 5

Design The sea snake is an air-breathing reptile and must come to the surface to breathe. However, it can spend from 30 minutes to two hours diving between breaths. How does it do this? It has one long cylindrical lung that extends almost the entire length of its body. This is very efficient. It is also able to carry out cutaneous respiration. Oxygen diffuses from sea water across the snake's skin into tiny blood vessels and carbon dioxide diffuses out.

Features The sea snake has a paddle-shaped tail that helps it move through the water. Its nostrils and glands are on the top of its snout to allow it to breathe easier as it swims through the water.

Fun Facts The sea snake has nostril valves that prevent air from entering the lung while it is underwater. Sea snakes are confined to tropical waters and all species are venomous. The venom is composed of neurotoxins and myotoxins. Unlike many land snakes, though, sea snakes are not inclined to bite humans.

Most cases of humans being bitten involve fishermen bitten when sorting through their catch in fish nets.

CLASS: Reptilia (reptiles) ORDER: Squamata (amphisbaenians, lizards, and snakes) FAMILY: Hydrophiidae (sea snakes) GENUS/SPECIES: About 52 species; Size: From 20 in (50 cm) to 7 ft (2.1 m); Diet: Fish, fish eggs, and eels; Habitat: Throughout the Pacific and Indian Oceans; some around the coasts of Central and South America

-Kids Answers Website

Announcements:

- This Evening: Supper at the schoolhouse at 6:30.
- Food prep for the guild program is planned for Tuesday forenoon at the school, and expected to be finished by lunch. All help is appreciated!
- Wednesday Evening: Guild Program at the prison.
- Out of state correspondence this week by Steve Nissleys

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

December 10, Happy Birthday! Hannah Yutzy, 1977

The Christmas Season –

As we approach the very busy Christmas holidays, I hope you take time to consider what Christmas is really about. Is Christmas about giving gifts? Is Christmas about trees, blinking lights and decorations? Is Christmas about Santa Clause? Is Christmas about family get-togethers and turkey dinners? What is Christmas really about?

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

Christmas is about God's gift to us...

Very few, if any, of the things we do to celebrate Christmas are spiritual or biblical in nature. In fact, most of the things we do actually have pagan origins. Be sure you are celebrating Christmas for the right reasons. I don't remember where I found the following quote – but I found it quite thought provoking:

"If Christmas is the greatest of Christian Holidays, then why do so many heathens who damn Jesus daily and take our Father's name in vain,

celebrate it?" ~ Unknown

What is the difference between the way Christians and non-Christians celebrate the Christmas season? In most cases, there is very little (if any) difference. For the most part, Christmas has become a worldly celebration that has very little to do with the gift God gave us through Jesus Christ. What are we going to do to change this situation?

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2

Christians can make a big difference in this world – but not until we differentiate ourselves from the world. It is impossible to lead the world to Christ when we spend so much time following the ways of the world.

Don't just GO to church; BE the church.

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