



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 11, 2016

Devotional:-----

Loren Yoder

Message:-----

Henry Nissley

Offering:-----

General

SS Lesson:-----

Revelation 17

**Adult and Youth Verse:** 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

**Primary Verse:** The eyes of the Lord are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3

**Intermediate Verse:** Moreover as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way: 1 Samuel 12:23

**Preschool Verse:** "The eyes of the Lord are in every place" Proverbs 15:3

**SS Lesson for next week:** Revelation 18

**Junior Verse:** Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Colossians 3:20

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. Revelation 18:4

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

#### Making a BIG Deal Out of Small Things

You only have to look outside to be struck by the beautiful things God made. But that beauty doesn't stop with what your peepers can see. Zooming in with a microscope shows a whole new world of awesome (don't be surprised if your jaw drops a time or two).

#### Gecko Foot

Hairy feet may not seem like such a great thing to us. But gecko toes have millions of tiny hairs that split at the ends into even tinier strands. The molecules on the strands latch onto pretty much any surface and help these lizards walk upside down.



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Insets: Power and Styred | Science Source  
-Kids Answers, <http://www.answersingenesis.org/articles/ka/v9/n2/big-deal>

## Announcements:

- > This Evening: Free Evening
- > Youth are invited to Roberts for lunch and will be singing at Morningside afterward.
- > Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00
- > Church Social Thursday evening at 6:30.
- > School Christmas Program is Friday evening (the 16<sup>th</sup>) at 7:00.
- > Please contact Everett with any new information or corrections for the 2017 church calendar.
- > Out of state correspondence: Kayla Yoder

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

December 15, Happy Birthday! Iva Martin, 1997

"You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God." 1 Timothy 3:1-4 NLT

Notice the last phrase of today's scripture. Included in this list of many terrible things that will happen in the last days is that people will love pleasure rather than God. Looking around us, it doesn't take long to see people looking at success, popularity, and good times as their source of happiness and well-being. People loving pleasure instead of God.

We each need to examine our own life. Perhaps our pursuits of pleasure involve wholesome, positive activity, but that activity is taking control of our life. The time it takes is interfering with our family time or our times alone with God. Or perhaps the activity or relationship that

gives us pleasure isn't so wholesome or positive. And it's building a wedge between us and our Lord. Between us and others we care about.

Consider this ...

When the pursuit of pleasure is taking control of our lives, it's time to step back and consider what is important to us. To consider Jesus and his desire for us. To consider his love for us.

Jesus came so we could enjoy life—abundantly. But that will only happen when we follow him and put him first in our life.

I am the Door; anyone who enters in through Me will be saved (will live). He will come in and he will go out [freely], and will find pasture. The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). John 10:9-10 AMP

Prayer: Father, forgive me for this thing in my life that has gotten out of control. I thought it would bring me pleasure, but I would rather have the abundant life that comes from trusting you. In Jesus' name ... These thoughts were drawn from ... Where is the Image of God in You? -by Brad Rymer. <http://www.livingfree.org/>