



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 25, 2016

Devotional:----- Robert Martin

Message:----- Nate Nissley

Offering:----- School

SS Lesson:----- Revelation 19

Adult and Youth Verse: Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. Revelation 19:7

Intermediate Verse: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: Ephesians 4:13

Junior Verse: Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. Colossians 3:13

Primary Verse: Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth Revelation 14:13

Preschool Verse: "So shall we ever be with the Lord" 1 Thessalonians 4:17

SS Lesson for next week: Revelation 20

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Who Were the "Wise Men" or "Magi"?

Many people believe the "wise men" were very important, very smart, and most likely from a country east of Israel

They studied the stars. Also, people who know a lot about history tell us that they were "king makers". They taught men how to be "kings". When they saw God's special star from far away, they packed up and started on an exciting journey that led them to the most special King ever—the Messiah that God had promised long ago!
Just Think...

How did the wise men know about the coming Jewish king?
Daniel, the prophet, was a Jew and feared God. He lived in Persia many years before Jesus was born. The wise men probably read about Jesus from notes that Daniel wrote. See Daniel 2:47.

Just Think...
How many wise men were there?

The Bible doesn't tell us how many. Some people believe that there may have been 12 or more wise men, along with an army of strong soldiers.

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/jesus/who-were-the-wise-men-or-magi/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00
- Reorganization is planned for next Sunday evening.
- Out of state correspondence this week by Martha Yoder

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

December 29, Happy Birthday! Jonathan Miller, 1967

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Mary's Dream –

I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our Son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They had gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our Son.

They wrapped them in beautiful paper and tied them with lovely bows and stacked them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They'd decorated the tree also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on the top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful.

Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph – but not to our Son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go to all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him?

I had the strangest feeling that if our Son had gone to this celebration He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus – not to be wanted at His own birthday celebration.

I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.
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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

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