



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

January 8, 2017

**Devotional:**----- LaWayne Wagler

**Message:**----- Norman Yoder

**Offering:**----- General

**SS Lesson:**----- Revelation 20

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

**Intermediate Verse:** Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles; and he did eat and drink, and rose up, and went his way: thus Esau despised his birthright. Genesis 25:34

**Junior Verse:** By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter Hebrews 11:24

**Primary Verse:** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14

**Preschool Verse:** "Glory to God in the highest" Luke 2:14

**SS Lesson for next week:** Revelation 21

**No Adult and Youth Verse next week.**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



The juvenile lookdown sports long filaments from its dorsal fin, which help it blend in with grasses. Light is reflected by guanine pigments in the lookdown's skin so that it flashes like a silver mirror.

The lookdown is a shimmery, silvery fish with an extremely blunt forehead.

Its body is also extremely compressed.

This fish gets its name from the way it appears to look down its nose, like a snobbish person.

This fish is sometimes known as the threadfin lookdown. Another name for the lookdown is the

bluntnose. This name comes from its unusual shape.

The lookdown is a summer and fall visitor to inshore areas from Maine to the Carolinas, as it prefers waters over 60°F (15°C).

CLASS: Actinopterygii (ray-finned fishes) ORDER: Perciformes (perch-like fishes)

FAMILY: Carangidae (jacks and pompanos) GENUS/SPECIES: Selene vomer

Size: Average 6–10 in (15–25.4 cm) Depth: 3–174 ft (1–53 m) Diet: Smaller fish, shrimp, squid, and small crabs

Habitat: Coastal and estuarine waters of western Atlantic

-Kids Answers <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/fish/lookdown/>

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- Youth are invited to Jonathan Millers for lunch.
- Morningside Singing has been canceled due to so many sick or traveling.
- Sisters Sewing Tuesday
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00
- School devotions this week by: Everett Yoder
- Out of state correspondence this week by Iva Martin

## ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

January 9, Happy Birthday! Marilou Nissley, 2012

January 11, Happy Birthday! Victor King, 1996

What Are the Most Important Things in Life?

-by Bob Browning

-A sermon delivered by Robert Browning, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky. Philippians 1:9-11

What do you think are the most important things in life? It is not uncommon for me to ask this question when getting to know people. Few questions tell me more about people than the answers they give. So, I suppose it is only fair that I answer this question for you on this second Sunday as your pastor.

I wonder if Paul asked this question of people he met. Based on our text, I think he may have. Tucked away in the first chapter of this tender letter to the people he dearly loved, Paul prayed they would learn what was most important in life so they could avoid costly mistakes and live a life which honored God.

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God” Philippians 1:9-11.

That phrase, “to discern what is best” grabbed my attention. James Moffatt translated that to read, “to learn what is important or excellent.” I like this because it tells me that some things are more important than others, and it is up to each

of us to learn what is most important.

How do you learn what is important? It happens in a variety of ways. I believe adversity is a great teacher. In all likelihood, we learn more about life from adversity than prosperity. Perhaps we are more teachable then.

I think we learn what is important from our study of scripture and through prayer. Each time we open the Word, the Spirit joins us to help us understand its meaning for our lives. Since God loves us, God wants the best for each of us and will help us make wise decisions.

Most of us need mentors to teach and model what is important, too. We need influential people in our lives who will listen to our questions and offer sound advice.

Who taught you what is most important in life? Like you, I have had many people who have influenced me, beginning with parents, grandparents, other family members, especially children, preachers, teachers, friends and authors. I am indebted to them for what they have taught me by word and deed.

As a matter of fact, I believe every person we meet can teach us something about life we need to know in order to be “pure and blameless... filled with the fruit of righteousness.” Every encounter, planned or spontaneous, can add to a deeper understanding of life if our minds and hearts are open.