



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

January 22, 2017

Devotional:----- Chadwin Nissley

Message:----- Henry Nissley

Offering:----- School

SS Lesson:----- Revelation 22

Adult and Youth Verse: Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city. Revelation 22:14

Intermediate Verse: For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish. Psalm 1:6

Junior Verse: Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them. Hebrews 11:28

Primary Verse: "Wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" Luke 2:49

Preschool Verse: "I must be about my Father's business.." Luke 2:49

SS Lesson for next week: To be announced

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

- Stingray Created on Day 5

Design The eyes of the stingray are on the top of its body, while its mouth is on the underside of its body. This makes it impossible for a stingray to see what it is eating. Therefore, the stingray relies on its keen sense of smell and the electroreceptors that help it identify its food.

Features The stingray is most recognized for its large, wing-like pectoral fins that make this creature look like it is flying through the water. A stingray's coloring often reflects the shading of the seafloor. Some species are spotted or shaded. The stinger of the stingray is actually an extension of its spine. The entire spine is covered with a layer of skin where venom is concentrated. The stingray has a greatly depressed disc (roundish, flat body).

Fun Facts Ancient Greek dentists used the venom in the stingray's spine as an anesthetic. If the stingray loses its stinger, it can grow another one in its place. This species lacks dorsal fins. The stingray respire ("breathes") by drawing water through a small hole, or spiracle, behind each eye and expelling it through gill slits located under the disc.

CLASS: Chondrichthyes (cartilaginous fish—sharks, skates, and rays) **ORDER:** Myliobatidiformes (rays) **FAMILY:** Dasyatididae (stingrays and whiprays) **GENUS/SPECIES:** 70 species in 6 genera **Size:** Up to 6.5 ft (2 m), without the tail **Weight:** Up to 790 lbs (350 kg) **Diet:** Worms, carrion, squid, crustaceans **Habitat:** Common in tropical coastal waters worldwide; freshwater species in Asia, Africa, and North America **Kids Answers/ Animals**

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting at 7:00
- School devotions this week by: Henry Nissley
- Out of state correspondence this week by Sheila Yoder

What Are the Most Important Things in Life? (continued) -by Bob Browning -A sermon delivered by Robert Browning, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky. Philippians 1:9-11

I believe the second most important thing in life is my relationship with others. Just as we need God, so we need each other. God created us to live in community where we would care for others as if they were our own children.

Are you familiar with the Sequoia trees in Northern California? They hold the record for the tallest and oldest trees in the world. They can grow up to 350 feet in height, weigh up to 500 tons and live to be two thousand years old.

One of the most unique features of these stately trees is their root system; it is surprisingly shallow and the roots are only about one inch in diameter. As a matter of fact, they have no large tap root.

One way which the trees are able to remain upright is by growing close together and intermingling their root systems. Their roots spread about fifty to eighty feet in search of other trees. This is why you never see a Redwood tree growing alone, but in clusters.

I believe God created us to live in clusters. Our survival is also dependent upon building close relationships.

"What is the purpose of religion?" Rabbi Harold Kushner was asked. "To build community," was his succinct reply. He's right.

I am convinced the human and divine merge when we turn strangers into friends. So, listen to their stories. Walk in their shoes. Be kind to them. Lend a helping hand. Be an encourager. Treat them with dignity and respect. You need them, and they need you.

At the same time, cherish relationships you have with family members and close friends. Don't let anything come between you; it is not worth it and so unnecessary if you embrace the concept of grace.

Learning to live with imperfect people is perhaps the strongest evidence of faith. Only by God's grace can someone's worst behavior bring out our best. Anyone can sever a relationship; only the strong can redeem it. By God's grace, be strong.

I also believe our relationship to the things around us is very important. We live in a culture that wants us to get addicted to things, and most of us are. The more we have the more we want, and the more we want the more we sacrifice to get them, including our health, our relationships and our integrity.

According to the Bible, the things of this world are meant to help us live, but they are not to be the reason for living. How we obtain what we have and how we use them are certainly important to God. God values honest, hard work and generosity equally. One without the other rings hollow and will not honor Him.

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