



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

April 9, 2017

Devotional:----- Loren Yoder

Message:----- Ervin Yoder

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- John 18:24-40

Intermediate Verse: And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. Luke 2:52

Junior Verse: Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. Joshua 1:9

Primary Verse: But if ye will not do so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord: and be sure your sin will find you out. Numbers 32:23

Preschool Verse: "Thou God seest me" Genesis 16:13

SS Lesson for next week: John 19:1-22

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Jesus answered, Thou couldst have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin. John 19:11

CHILDREN'S CORNER

There's no place like home! Let's see why a visit to the other planets would not be such a good idea! Buckle your space suit and let's get going...

Our first stop is Mercury. It is the closest to the sun and can get really hot-- up to 800 degrees! And there is very little atmosphere around Mercury-- that means no air to breathe. This would not be a very good place to visit!

Whew! That was really warm! Maybe summer on Earth isn't so hot after all! Speaking of Earth I think I'm ready to go back and get ready for our trip to Venus.

Ok, everyone! Make sure that oxygen tank is full and the mask is on. Today, we'll take a very quick peek at Venus! If you thought Mercury was too hot be prepared to see 100 degrees warmer on Venus! So let's go exploring!

Well, the air is mostly carbon dioxide, not oxygen. And the planet's sky is filled with poisonous clouds of sulfuric acid. Not only that, it is the hottest place in the whole solar system-- getting up to 900 degrees. I would definitely pass on that field trip!

Wow! After seeing just 2 other planets I'm really glad God created the Earth for us to live on! Aren't you? Next week we'll be taking a peek at Earth and seeing just what it is about our home sweet home that makes it so sweet! Whew! I am sure glad it doesn't get to be 900 degrees here! 100 degrees sounds wonderful right now!

Resource(s): Answers Magazine, Kids Answers; Commentary: Jennifer Yoder

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- James and Elsie will be hosting the youth at the schoolhouse for lunch; singing at Morningside afterward.
- School field trip is planned for Tuesday. All who plan to go along be at schoolhouse by 7:30 a.m. sharp!
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00
- School devotions this week by: Elmer Yoder
- No school on Friday for Good Friday.
- Tentative dates for School Picnic is Friday or Saturday April 28th or 29th. Pending weather.
- Out of State correspondence this week by Jolene Yoder

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

(today!) April 9, Happy Birthday! Melanie Nissley, 2009

Addicted To Chap-stick

-by Gene Taylor

I smile when I think about it. As a matter of fact, I am grinning while I am writing this. I had overheard some of the young people at church talking. No, I was not eavesdropping on their conversation. They were talking loud enough for all around them to hear. One thing they said, though, did make me listen a little closer to what they were saying.

I heard one of them say something about me. They said that I must be addicted to Chap-stick. At first I thought what an odd thing to say. I wondered what made them come to such a conclusion. Then I realized, about the only time they see me is when we are at services together. So nearly every time they see me I am putting Chap-stick on my mouth. You see, I apply it to my lips before I get up to preach so that it will moisten them and keep those pesky "dry spit" globules, which are disgusting to look at and distracting to say the least, from forming in the corners of my mouth. But addicted to Chap-stick? Not hardly.

Such a charge is unfair because the only time I use the stuff is before or after I preach or teach a class. The rest of the week I never apply it. But what those young people were saying made me think about some timely lessons for all of us.

First, all of us must realize that people are

watching us -- even in the little things. We must be careful to conduct ourselves properly. Though I do not think I would cause someone else to become a "Chap-stick addict," my influence and the power of my example, if erroneously exerted in other areas, might cause one to stumble. The apostle Paul said he would even abstain from lawful things if engaging in them would cause another to stumble so as to fall (1 Cor. 8:13).

Secondly, we must all be careful not to jump to conclusions when we do not know all the facts. Some people who only see me at worship services, for example, might conclude that I always wear a coat and tie. But those who see me on a day-to-day basis know that is not the case.

We must never make any judgments about others until we know the facts. The Jews during the time of Jesus had done just that in regards to Him. They were ready to arrest and condemn Him early in His ministry. Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews who had come to Him by night, was a voice of reason in the council. He asked this august group of scholars, "Does our law judge a man before it hears him and knows what he is doing?" (John 7:51).

Sadly, there are many, even some who claim to be Christians, who are quick to judge and condemn others without knowing the facts.

Let us all use our influence for good and let us not judge others too quickly.

<http://www.padfield.com/2000/chapstick.html>