



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

June 4, 2017

**Devotional:**----- Everett Yoder

**Message:**----- Henry Nissley

**Offering:**----- Missions

**SS Lesson:**----- Daniel 2:24-49

**Adult and Youth Verse:** But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and maketh known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these; Daniel 2:28

**Intermediate Verse:** Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 1 John 3:16

**Junior Verse:** Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners. 1 Corinthians 15:33

**Primary Verse:** "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves" Hebrews 13:17

**Preschool Verse:** "Obey them that have the rule over you" Hebrews 13:17

**SS Lesson for next week:** Daniel 3

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God. Daniel 3:25

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### -God Inspired Design in Your Home

Toy Planes Airplanes glide through air with ease, but for most of mankind's 6,00-year history, flying was just a dream. Our ancestors could only look at birds with envy until the Wright brothers finally solved the mysteries of flight.

Suction Cups: You probably don't have an octopus hanging from your ceiling, but other objects stuck around your home were inspired by this creature. Suction cups can stick to windows, refrigerators, and toy targets with wonderful ease.

Glass: Just how much glass is in your house? Check your windows, mirrors, cups, light bulbs, and even your rewritable CDs. Glassmakers have been reproducing this amazing material for centuries, but the first inventor was likely inspired to take a crack at it by colorful obsidian (dark glass made by volcanoes) Coming up next: Getting Stuck How God's creatures hold on

-Resource: Answers Magazine, Kids Answers

## Announcements:

- This Evening: Open evening due to many having other activities.
- Tuesday evening brotherhood meeting is canceled. If someone has a need for a meeting, let one of the team know.
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Northwest) 5:30 PM. To go: Loren, Sheldon & Justin – Devotion

### Whose Design?

I received a tremendous amount of response to our recent Sabbath Day Devotions – mostly positive. However, it is evident that many church goers have been pushed out of their comfort zone. That's good! No real growth takes place within our comfort zones.

I hope we can all agree that the church is NOT a building or a denomination. The church is made up of people who have a personal and saving relationship with God through Jesus Christ. The church came into existence on the Day of Pentecost when God sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles. This is recorded in the second chapter of Acts. The Apostle Peter preached the very first gospel message that day. Read Acts 2:37-41. Verse 41 says, "Those who accepted his message were baptized and about 3000 were added to their number that day." The book of Acts provides the history of the early church.

What has happened to the church in the last 2000 years? Is the church the same today as it was in the first century? Absolutely not! When I look at what the church has become, I have to wonder if this is God's design or Satan's design. In what ways has Satan influenced and changed what most of today's church goers consider to be the church?

Most church goers believe the church is a building or a denomination. They GO to church on a certain day of the week – and LEAVE Jesus at the church an hour or two later.

Many church goers have been led to believe they can be saved by religion. Let me remind you that God is NOT the author of religion. All religions and denominations were created by man, for man.

Many church goers believe they are physically born into the denomination (religion) of their parent's choice. They forget that God has NO grandchildren.

Most church goers view church as a weekly social function – a time to dress up and get

together with other church goers.

Many church goers view church as a place to be entertained. They sit in rows staring at the back of someone else's head while being entertained by someone on the stage up front.

Most church goers have been led to believe they do not need to read God's word for themselves.

They will simply accept what the preacher, the priest or the pastor tells them.

Many church goers believe they can hire a preacher to BE the church for them.

NONE of this is God's design! I am afraid many of Satan's objectives have been accomplished under the disguise of the church. Satan has succeeded in convincing most of today's so-called "Christians" they no longer need to BE the church. All they need to do is GO to church. Let's join together and pray for the church. May God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Satan is not worried about the un-churched or the non-Christians. Why should he be? Satan is going to spend his time and energy trying to deceive the church. In Matthew 7:21-22, Jesus plainly tells us that many who claim to be a Christian will NOT enter heaven. That, my friend, will be the result of Satan's deceptive influence within the church.

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. (Colossians 2:8)

Much of what modern-day churches and church goers practice and teach is based on man-made traditions and worldly principles – and some of that actually contradicts what Jesus and the apostles taught. It's funny (not really) how our traditions will eventually seem "biblical" – if we practice them long enough.

Don't just GO to church; BE the Church

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