



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

July 23, 2017

Devotional:----- Sheldon Yoder

Message:----- Ervin Yoder

Offering:----- School

SS Lesson:----- Daniel 9

Adult and Youth Verse: To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; Daniel 9:9

Intermediate Verse: No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. Luke 16:13

Junior Verse: Submit yourselves therefore to

God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7

Primary Verse: For with God nothing shall be impossible. Luke 1:37

Preschool Verse: "Have faith in God" Mark 11:22

SS Lesson for next week: Daniel 10

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Lights In The Deep

Everybody ready for a dive into the deep for a look at some very interesting creatures? Firefly Squid It's not an insect, but the firefly squid shows off flashing lights that remind scientists of the common backyard firefly. Although small (about 3 inches [8 cm] long), the firefly squid is big on light. Millions of these colorful squid gather off the coast of Japan each year for an incredible light show.

Clinging Jellyfish Many species of true jellyfish and jellyfish-like hydrozoa let their lights shine all over the earth. It's likely that these creatures glow to warn would-be predators that they'll get stung for their troubles.

Comb Jellyfish These beautiful, oval-shaped creatures get their names from their eight rows of tiny comblike plates, much like oars on a boat, to glide through the water. But unlike most boat oars, these rows of plates produce a shimmering rainbow effect.

Hatchet Fish Under normal light, hatchet fish look truly bizarre- with their large eyes and translucent skin. But God gave them special light-producing organs along their bellies that keep them safe in the dark. These organs glow a pale blue that matches the faint daylight trickling in from above. A predator that swims underneath can't see them.

--No matter where you go in our world, you see evidence of God's wonderful design. The creatures that put on a light show deep in the ocean remind us nothing's here by chance. -Buddy Davis

Wow! What an adventure! Isn't it amazing how each fish is different and each have different types of lights? You know, in a way we are like those fish. We all have different talents just like the fish have different colors and types of lights. But the important thing is that we are using our talents to "shine" for Jesus. And just as the fish make an amazing light display in the deep. People who use their talents to bring glory to God also make an amazing light display, maybe not always noticed here on earth, but always noticed in Heaven.

-Resource: Answers Magazine, Kids Answers -Additional Commentary: Jennifer Yoder

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7:00
- Out of state correspondence this week by Michael Yoders

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

July 26, Happy Birthday! Dorothy Yoder, 1955

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT : FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

So what does it mean to be poor in spirit ? We can not afford to get this wrong, all of our eternity hinges on us being , "Poor in spirit "

Sadly , when we were still Amish, (but born again) this verse was used terribly out of context to try and persuade us to give up our new found faith..

This question was asked. How can a person know that they are saved, and still be poor in spirit?

So in answer, what is poor in spirit? In the German that the amish use it says , " geistlich aum " or spiritually poor. Again tragically, it was being interpreted as meaning , spiritually ignorant..

Poor in spirit can only happen to the person who sees himself as not only poor. But bankrupt .. nothing whatsoever to pay the great debt we owe. Knowing that all the works that we can ever do , or all the rules that we can ever keep..will not save one person.

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

When we first get to the place that we understand that, then we are under conviction, we are, " Oh wretched man that I am . Who shall deliver me from that body of death?

Then when we can say like the miserable man in Romans 7.. " I thank God , through Jesus Christ our Lord .

When we realize that the great debt we owed , but had no possibility of paying , that great debt was already paid ! When we see that we can do nothing spiritually to earn salvation. That we are " Saved by grace , through faith .. it is a gift from God "

Then , and only then, are we poor in spirit. We are poor , but he is rich .. And he is willing to give us a great inheritance.

The words " poor in spirit ". Means our efforts, in a spiritual sense we are poor. When we were being " tried for our faith " and being told that .. if we know our sins are forgiven .. then we are proud. Nothing could be farther from the truth. The problem was that for those people.. the Christian life started and stopped with our effort.

And so if a person believed in assurance of salvation , to them , they were proud. They had a lot of confidence in their own efforts..

Lord, this morning I come to you, certainly not proud , but eternally grateful.. Thank you for opening my eyes, so many years ago. To the real state that I was in. Poor , wretched , miserable and more. But when I realized that Jesus paid it all ..For me. I was and am overwhelmed . All I can say is, thank you , thank you Lord. Amen..

-John Weaver