



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

September 10, 2017

Devotional:----- James Yoder

Message:----- Ralph Yoder

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- Genesis 3

Intermediate Verse: And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. Mark 14:36

Junior Verse: Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Exodus 20:8

Primary Verse: "I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness" John 8:12

Preschool Verse: "Then spake Jesus... I am the light of the world" John 8:12

SS Lesson for next week: Genesis 4

Adult and Youth Theme for next week: And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. Genesis 4:4-5

CHILDREN'S CORNER

What Is a Fossil?

A fossil is an animal or plant that has been turned into rock. Dead things always rot quickly (that is why they smell). If a dead animal or plant is not buried quickly, it will rot and decay and no signs of it will be left. We see that happening all around us today. Most fossils were made quickly during Noah's Flood by sand and mud that rapidly covered plants and animals.

Kids Answers <http://goo.gl/dJwkr7>

You can see the effects of Noah's Flood today

When you travel on the highway, look at any rocky hillsides that were cut away for the road. You'll see lots of layers. When you see these layers, remember the Flood of Noah's day. The Flood would have stirred up many different types of mud and rocks. Eventually, the floodwaters deposited them in layers. Over time, these hardened into the many layers of rock that we see today. This didn't happen over millions of years—instead, it happened mostly during the Flood, just a few thousand years ago!

Most fossils formed during Noah's Flood, as sand and mud came and covered the animals and plants, killing them quickly and turning them into fossils.

Kids Answers, <http://goo.gl/27tAuI>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- Youth are invited to Ralph Yoders for lunch and will be singing at Morningside afterward.
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting at 7:00
- School devotions this week by: Henry Nissley

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Sept. 12, Happy Birthday! Lanae Wagler, 2013

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Sept. 16, Happy Birthday! Wilson Yoder, 2010

"WANTED: DEPENDABLE PERSON"

In virtually every classified section of the newspaper, we find some employer advertising for a "dependable person" to occupy some position of trust and responsibility. I have talked with many business owners who state that finding employees they can count on is their number one problem. No organization can succeed without dependable personnel. The lazy, irresponsible, hit-and-miss type is a shame to his company and hinders its effectiveness.

It is equally true that the local congregation cannot be an effective organization unless it consists of "dependable" Christians; that is, members who will shoulder their responsibilities along with the rest and cooperate to fulfill the mission of the church. While the Bible does not use the word "dependable," it does use equivalent terms such as "steadfast" and "zealous" (see 1 Corinthians 15:58; Titus 2:14, etc.). Every Christian should be characterized by these terms. He should be one who can be "counted on" at all times.

The sad, but true, fact of the matter is, however, that many congregations have a percentage of undependable members: members who couldn't hold down a job for a week if they conducted themselves toward their work like they do toward the church and its work. Let's look at a few examples: Most congregations adopt a particular series of studies for their Bible classes. This is to

facilitate the edification program of the church. Members of the church need to be instructed in the knowledge of the Bible. But the effectiveness of the Bible classes and any sermon series is compromised because of those members who are present only now and then, and thus fail to receive the overall benefit from the series of lessons. To have a thoroughly effective edification program, we need members whose presence we can depend upon.

The Bible authorized a pooling of resources of the members on the first day of the week in order to facilitate the work of the church (1 Corinthians 16:1-2). Obviously, any kind of budget or planned expenditure of funds from the church treasury depends upon the consistent, generous contribution of the members. The church needs members who are dependable in their contribution. We need those who not only are generous, but can be depended upon to plan ahead and give regularly. Because of some who give on an irregular, inconsistent basis, important work of the church must be curtailed, plans left unfulfilled, work not completed.

The sum of all that we are trying to say is simply this: the church of our Lord needs each member to be dependable in shouldering our responsibilities; more dedicated in our efforts to put the kingdom of God foremost in our lives. -- Bob West, The Milpitas Messenger, August, 1996 <http://www.vscoc.org/BulletinDir/dependable.htm>