



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

September 17, 2017

Devotional:----- Robert Martin

Message:----- Ray Kauffman

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- Genesis 4

Adult and Youth Verse: 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 wrath, and his countenance fell. Genesis 4:4-5

Intermediate Verse: He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. Isaiah 53:7

Junior Verse: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Isaiah 55:11

Primary Verse: "He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth." John 11:43,44

Preschool Verse: "He cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth."

SS Lesson for next week: Genesis 5:21-6:8

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: And the Lord said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. Genesis 6:3

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-Moose, Created on Day 6

Design God designed the moose with powerful front and hind feet to protect it from predators. An unwary predator can be killed by these powerful defenses. These defenses were not necessary until after the Fall, since animals did not eat other animals before then. Features The moose is the largest member of the deer family and is known for its tremendous antlers, which occur only on the bulls.

The moose has long, dark hair that provides needed insulation from the cold. Its nose is long and flexible.

Fun Facts The bull moose sheds and regrows its antlers every year. A moose's hair is hollow. The moose can rotate its ears 180° which allows it to locate predators from great distances.

The largest subspecies of the moose is found in Alaska. Newborn calves weigh 28–35 lbs (13–16 kg), and within five months they can grow to over 300 lbs (136 kg).

Created Kind Members Deer, reindeer, elk

CLASS: Mammalia (mammal) ORDER: Artiodactyla (even-toed hooves) FAMILY: Cervidae (deer kind) GENUS/SPECIES: Alces alces Size: 7–10 ft (2–3 m) Weight: Average of 1,300 lbs (590 kg) Original Diet: Plants Present Diet: Plants Habitat: Northern forests of Europe, Russia, and North America

Announcements:

- This Evening: Singing from the overhead and Bible Quizzes at 7:00.
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM. To go: Sheldon, Robert & Loren – Devotions
- Church Social Thursday evening at 6:30.
- School devotions this week by: Michael Yoder
- School Hot Lunch this week by Robert Martins and Henry Nissleys.
- No school on Friday due to teachers going to CMTI meetings.
- Bethel is hosting the Maranatha Ministers meetings November 7-9 and asked for assistance with lodging. Call Josh or Miriam Swarey. His: 731-336-3529 Hers: 731-363-6013

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Sept. 21, Happy Birthday! Henry Nissley, 1968
Sept. 21, Happy Birthday! Chadwin Nissley, 1995

Life is Precious –

I know of two families that recently lost young men through tragic events – way before their time. This saddens me greatly. It also reminds me of the time we lost our oldest son Trapper at age 24. There is nothing worse than losing a child. Never before had we experienced this much pain and heartache. I wondered if we would be able to survive this tragedy. My faith in God had been shaken. How could God allow something like this to happen? Where was God, anyway? I was mad at God, mad at myself, and mad at the world.

I eventually realized the only thing that can sustain us through the difficult times is our faith in God. Although it sometimes seems as though God has abandoned us, I know this is never true. God's word promises us in Hebrews 13:5 that He will never leave us or forsake us. When I turned back to God he provided me with a comfort and a reassurance I was unable to find anywhere else.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6)

God sees and understands many things we won't see or understand this side of heaven. It's not always easy, but we need to trust God in all circumstances. What other option do we have?

Life is frail and uncertain at best. No matter how well we plan, we never know what

tomorrow might bring. The world, as we know it, could be turned upside down in an instant.

Now listen, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, spend a year there, carry on business and make money." Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes. (James 4:13-14) Please don't take anything in this life for granted, especially the people you are closest to. Please don't assume life, as you know it, will continue indefinitely. It won't.

We are like the grass and our glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever. (1 Peter 1:24-25)

Take time to smell the roses. Take time to enjoy the companionship of your friends and loved ones. Take time to make memories. Memories will help you deal with the loss of a loved one. The following quote says a lot to me. I wished I would have had a better understanding of this 40 years ago.

"Life is short. Time is fast. No replay, no rewind – so enjoy every moment as it comes." ~ Unknown

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