



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

October 15, 2017

**Devotional:**----- Chadwin Nissley  
**Message:**----- Henry Nissley  
**Offering:**----- General  
**SS Lesson:**----- Genesis 6:9-22

**Adult and Youth Verse:** These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God. Genesis 6:9

**Intermediate Verse:** Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me. Isaiah 6:8

**Junior Verse:** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14

**Primary & Preschool Verse:** "Speak, Lord; for thy servant heareth." 1 Samuel 3:9

**SS Lesson for next week:** Genesis 7

### CHILDREN'S CORNER

Have you ever heard an adult say something like, "Truth is stranger than fiction"? You know what? When it comes to animals, that's definitely the case.

Dogs, horses, cows—all those seem pretty normal. But you don't have to look too far into the animal kingdom for things to get strange. Really out of the ordinary!

God made an incredible variety of animals during the Creation Week. All of them are unique and wonderful in their own way—and they filled the earth with all sorts of shapes and sizes and colors (GENESIS 1).

But some animals truly show us how huge our Maker's imagination really is. You just can't help but marvel at their striking appearance—even if they're "strange." They clearly didn't come from any other kind of animal. Instead, God designed them this way.

Take the echidna, for instance. Is it a mammal? A reptile?

The echidna (i-KID-nuh) waddles through Australia and doesn't seem to realize just how odd it is. This strange creature has spiky hair that makes it look like a porcupine, and it's warm-blooded. But unlike most other mammals, it lays reptile-like eggs in a pouch on its body, where the baby hatches. Pretty nifty little pocket, huh?

Echidnas use their long, sticky tongues like anteaters. But they also find their food much like a shark by sensing electric pulses. Want more strangeness? These spiky creatures can change the temperature of their bodies like a bear in winter hibernation, so they can sleep when food is hard to come by. They can even survive forest fires that way.

Did You Know . . .

Over the course of a year, one echidna churns up enough soil to bury more than 100 full-size refrigerators! <https://answersingenesis.org/kids/animals/when-animals-get-strange/>



## Announcements:

- This Evening: Singing and Children's class at 7:00
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM. To go: Everett, Justin & Jason - Devotions
- School devotions this week by: Steve Nissley
- Church Social Thursday evening at 6:30.
- Out of state correspondence this week by Henry & Fannie
- School Hot lunch this week by Jonathans, LaWaynes, Justins

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

(today!) Oct. 15, Happy Birthday! Philip Yoder, 1989

Oct. 17, Happy Birthday! Nathan Yoder, 1995

Oct. 19, Happy Birthday! Iva Yoder, 1985

Oct. 19, Happy Birthday! MaKayla Yoder, 2010

Oct. 20, Happy Birthday! Matthew King, 2016

### THIS IS OUR TREASURE

Beirut, Lebanon, was once considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It was known as the Paris of the Middle East.

All that changed during the Lebanese civil war of the 1970s. Beirut was devastated. Citizens fled the city as fast as they could.

Author Ravi Zacharias tells the story of Sami, a Lebanese Christian who, with his family, chose to stay behind.

One day when Sami and his wife were driving along a major highway, they spotted a suitcase lying on the shoulder. Sami got out to investigate. "Don't go near it!" his wife pleaded, traumatized by the number of roadside bombs that had been planted in the area.

Sami carefully ran his hands all around the suitcase. Then he lifted it.

"I think there's something in it!" he said.

If that was intended to reassure his wife, it didn't work. To her utter horror, Sami put the suitcase into their car and drove it home.

After failing to find any identifying marks, he finally decided to open it.

It was filled to the rim with money.

There was a business card inside. Sami dialed the number. A male voice answered. Sami said, "Sir, have you lost something?"

There was a long pause before the man responded. "Have you found it?"

Sami described the suitcase and its contents.

The man was overjoyed. His family had

liquidated all their assets. They had been rushing to the airport when, in the chaos, the suitcase had somehow become lost.

Now the man insisted that Sami come to his house so his family could meet, as he put it, the last honest man in Beirut.

Sami made the trip and returned the money. The head of the household was almost speechless. "This is our treasure," he said. This was his family's ultimate security.

"If I may," said Sami, "let me show you my treasure. In fact, I want you to have this."

He placed into their hands a copy of the Bible – the very first Bible they had ever owned – setting them on a path to discover a whole new security.

Your security is whatever you think, you hope, and you assume will take care of you, no matter what.

Does that happen to be your job? Your education? Your 401(k)? Your network of friends?

The sobering reality is that all of those securities will one day let you down. Not one of them can carry you beyond death. One way or another, they will all slip through your fingers.

But if we entrust ourselves to the God who holds us securely, we can never slip through his fingers.

Not in this world nor the next.

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