



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

October 29, 2017

Devotional:----- Nathan Yoder

Message:----- Henry Nissley

Offering:----- Alms

SS Lesson:----- Genesis 8

Adult and Youth Verse: While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. Genesis 8:22

Intermediate Verse: Arise, O Lord; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O Lord: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Psalm 9:19-20

Junior Verse: Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 18:4

Primary Verse: "The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me." Hebrews 13:6

Preschool Verse: "The Lord is my helper" Hebrews 13:6

SS Lesson for next week: Genesis 9

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. Genesis 9:15

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Living fossils confirm the earth is not millions of years old.

A giant salamander has been discovered in rock layers that evolutionists date at 30 million years. Yet it is virtually identical to the giant salamanders living today, which can get up to 5.5 feet long.

Such "living fossils" pose a conundrum. Why would some creatures remain virtually unchanged from those found in the fossil record, while others changed radically?

The answer is easy for creationists. This fossil appears in a rock layer above those associated with the Flood. It appears to be one of many animals that repopulated the earth after the Flood, only a few thousand years ago.

Given the short time frame, it is not surprising to find such little change among some animals, and this helps confirm that the earth is not millions of years old.

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/amphibians/living-proof-kids-answers/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Open Evening.
- Preparatory Services are planned for Wednesday evening and Communion is planned for Thursday evening.
- Prison Services are canceled due to Preparatory Services.
- School devotions this week by: LaWayne Wagler
- Out of state correspondence this week by Aunt Sharon.

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

(today) Oct. 29, Happy Birthday! Norman Yoder, 1957

(today) Oct. 29, Happy Birthday! Janice Yoder, 1972

(today) Oct. 29, Happy Birthday! Maria Yoder, 1997

THAT WILL BE MORE THAN ENOUGH

The B-17 Flying Fortress was America's workhorse heavy bomber during World War II.

Before Germany and Japan surrendered, 12,731 of the planes dropped more than 1.5 million tons of bombs.

Among the young men on those bombing runs were actors Clark Gable and James Stewart; NFL coach Tom Landry; Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry; and future presidential candidate George McGovern, who piloted 35 missions in the "other Boeing," the B-24.

The Flying Fortress had a reputation for toughness. It could withstand incredible damage, yet remain airborne. Even so, the B-17's and their 10-man crews were often sitting ducks for enemy fighters and flak.

Between 1942 and 1945, more than 40,000 American airmen never made it back home. Elmer Bendiner, who would one day become a writer and journalist, served as navigator in the B-17 Tondelayo.

On a bombing run over Kassel, Germany, multiple shells ripped into the bomber. One of them hit the fuel tank. Bendiner and the rest of the crew braced for the explosion that would bring their lives to a fiery end. But it never happened. None of the other shells exploded, either.

In his book *The Fall of Fortresses*, Bendiner remembers, "Later, as I reflected on the miracle of a 20 mm shell piercing the fuel tank without touching off an explosion, our pilot, Bohn Fawkes, told me it was not quite that simple."

The morning after the bombing run, Fawkes had gone to the crew chief in the hope of retrieving a good-luck souvenir – the shell that had lodged in the fuel tank but failed to detonate. All of the "duds" that had hit the Tondelayo, including the one in the fuel tank, had already been sent to the armorers to

be defused.

There they made an astonishing discovery. They were empty – "clean as a whistle and just as harmless," Fawkes told his navigator. But one of them was not quite empty. Inside was a piece of paper. There was a message on it, written in the Czech language. After a brief search, an American intelligence officer found someone who could read it. It said, "This is all we can do for you now."

Somewhere in a munitions factory – presumably in Nazi-occupied Czech territory, and presumably staffed by forced labor – someone had made a quiet, audacious decision.

One or more of the bomb-makers had decided not to arm their bombs. In the midst of a conflict that was tearing the world apart, and threatening the futures of millions of people, this was the one humble thing they could do. And it saved 10 lives. We can do the same.

Even if you're not in a position of public authority today, you can be a servant. A few quiet acts of selflessness have more power to transform human hearts than a myriad of commands.

Even if you're not rich, you can be, in the words of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda, a "smile millionaire." Your willingness to smile can turn an uncertain conversation into an offer of friendship.

Even if you're in the midst of major conflict, you don't have to arm that bomb you were thinking of using. "A gentle answer turns away wrath," says Proverbs 15:1. Servanthood. Gentleness. Humility. Maybe that's all you can do right now.

But that will be more than enough.

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