



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

November 19, 2017

Devotional:----- Steve Nissley

Message:----- Henry Nissley

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- Genesis 11

Intermediate Verse: O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth. Isaiah 25:1

Junior Verse: As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. Galatians 6:10

Primary Verse: "Ye shall walk in all the ways which the Lord your God hath commanded you,

that ye may live" Deuteronomy 5:33

Preschool Verse: "Blessed are they that do his commandments" Revelation 22:14

SS Lesson for next week: Genesis 12

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: Genesis 12:2

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
- Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting at 7:00
- No school Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving.
- PTA has been rescheduled for Nov. 27th.
- Out of state correspondence this week by Martha Yoder

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Nov. 24, Happy Anniversary! Elmer & Pauline, 1983

Moving From Grief to Grace

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." Psalm 147:3 (NIV)

Grief hits each one of us and can come from so many different directions.

The death of a loved one. A romantic relationship gone awry. The loss of a cherished friendship. Abuse. Dreams with a hope and future dashed in an instant. I know. I've lived it, too.

A phone call changed my hopes and future as Matt, my older son, wailed into the phone about my younger son, "Kyle died last night!"

Oh, God. NO, GOD! Hopes, dreams, future ...

Wedding invitations from his friends simply ripped my heart apart. Birth announcements of babies from those now married friends rekindled the loss. And the realization that there would be no grandchildren from him — running to me, holding their pudgy little hands or him tossing them into the sky showered with shouts of glee — hit hard. Yes, weddings, graduations, birth announcements — all reminders of those hope-filled dreams that had been shattered — caused weeping, groaning and bitterness. My heart often wondered: Will I remain bitter or will I get better? Will I continue to dissolve into tears, or will I ever erupt into cheers for these precious friends?

At one of my lowest moments, realization and remembrance flooded my heart and mind: God lost His Son too, His only Son. The Father knew my loss, pain and brokenness oh so well.

That revelation was like supernatural glue applied to bind my wounded soul. The lost, dark, broken part receded as God proceeded to heal my broken heart with His love and light.

How about your lost plans, hopes and dreams? Are you bitter? Do you want to be better?

Are you ready to lay your heavy cares at the

foot of the cross ... and leave that burden there, so you can step into God's plans for you? Jesus promised, "For My yoke is easy and My burden is light," (Matthew 11:30, NKJV).

God's plan for His Son was not what the people hoped for and expected as they celebrated the arrival of Jesus in Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday, then experienced His death on the cross by week's end. They did not know Easter Sunday — His Son's day — was coming.

Remember, friend ... Sunday's coming! Jesus arose from the grave by the grace of God to save and redeem us. He has plans for us that include a hope and a future, even when our plans are dashed and we can't see beyond the overwhelming loss of now.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future," (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV).

We lost Kyle seven years and three days ago today. Yet, out of the ashes of grief a story of grace rises — the grace of our Lord, Jesus.

Prayer: Father, help me ease the grip on my grief and lay it at the foot of Your Son's cross. Thank You that You can bind our wounds and heal our broken hearts. Remind us of Your magnificent plans for us, Lord God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

TRUTH FOR TODAY: 1 Peter 5:8-11, "Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping. Keep your guard up. You're not the only ones plunged into these hard times. It's the same with Christians all over the world. So keep a firm grip on the faith. The suffering won't last forever. It won't be long before this generous God who has great plans for us in Christ — eternal and glorious plans they are! — will have you put together and on your feet for good. He gets the last word; yes, he does." (MSG)

<https://proverbs31.org/read/devotions/full-post/2015/03/31/moving-from-grief-to-grace>