



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 3, 2017

Devotional:----- Jason Yoder
Message:----- Ralph Yoder
Offering:----- Missions
SS Lesson:----- Genesis 13

Adult and Youth Verse: And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdmen and thy herdmen; for we be brethren. Genesis 13:8

Intermediate Verse: O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Psalm 95:1

Junior Verse: And he said unto them, Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth. Luke 12:15

Primary Verse: The eyes of the Lord are in every

place, beholding the evil and the good. Proverbs 15:3

Preschool Verse: "Blessed are the pure in heart" Matthew 5:8

SS Lesson for next week: Luke 1:1-25

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: And he shall go before him in the spirit and power of Elias, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord. Luke 1:17

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Ants That Cultivate Crops!

Did you know that God gave some ants the ability to farm? Yes, it's true! Some ants, living in the Amazon, raise fungi for food. This poses a slight problem for evolutionary scientists. Some evolutionary scientists believe that the ants evolved around 12 million years ago, but they believe the fungi eaten by the ants evolved around two or three million years ago. So the ants would have had to survive without farming these fungi for millions of years. These scientists think that maybe the ants farmed something else prior to the evolution of these types of fungi, but are not completely sure how to explain this.

"Mycologist Bryn Dentinger of the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, says that the results add 'another level of complexity' to the coevolution of the ants and fungi. But he cautions that the evolutionary history of fungi is still poorly understood, and the results will have to be updated as scientists discover new fungal species." *

We can come up with a much better explanation by starting with the Bible, which is exactly what creation scientists have done. They have started with identical scientific data, but have drawn vastly different conclusions. Creation scientists believe that God created plants and probably certain fungi, such as the fungi eaten by these ants, on the third day of the creation week, around 6,000 years ago (Genesis 1:11-13). Creation scientists believe that God created ants on the sixth day of the creation week (Genesis 1:24-25). Creation scientists also believe that all creatures ate plants before Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 1:30-31). If we combine scientific data with biblical facts, it's easy to see that the ants could have been able to cultivate these fungi from the very beginning.

For more information, see these articles: Symbiosis God's Amazing Ants *Farming Ants Update Their Crops, Adam Mann, April 27, 2010, Science Now, <http://news.sciencemag.org/sciencenow/2010/04/farming-ants-update-their-crops.html>. -Kids Answers <https://answeringgenesis.org/kids/bugs/ants-that-cultivate-crops/>

Announcements:

- This Evening: Free Evening
- Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Northwest) 5:30 PM.
- School devotions this week by: Loren Yoder
- Out of state correspondence this week by Iva Martin

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

(today!) Dec. 3, Happy Birthday! Dorcas Wagler, 1990

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WHO STARTED CHRISTMAS?

This morning I heard a story on the radio of a woman who was out Christmas shopping with her two children. After many hours of looking at row after row of toys and everything else imaginable. And after hours of hearing both her children asking for everything they saw on those many shelves, she finally made it to the elevator with her two kids.

She was feeling what so many of us feel during the holiday season time of the year. Overwhelming pressure to go to every party, every housewarming, taste all the holiday food and treats, getting that perfect gift for every single person on our shopping list, making sure we don't forget anyone on our card list, and the pressure of making sure we respond to everyone who sent us a card.

Finally the elevator doors opened and there was already a crowd in the car. She pushed her way into the car and dragged her two kids in with her and all the bags of stuff. When the doors closed she couldn't take it anymore and stated, "Whoever started this whole Christmas thing should be found, strung up and shot."

From the back of the car everyone heard a quiet calm voice respond, "Don't worry we already crucified him." For the rest of the trip down the elevator it was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop.

Don't forget this year to keep the One who started this whole Christmas thing in your every thought, deed, purchase, and word. If we all did it, just think of how different this whole world would be.

— Author Unknown

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"Off to one side sits a group of shepherds. They sit silently on the floor, perhaps perplexed, perhaps in awe, no doubt in amazement. Their night watch had been interrupted by an explosion of light from heaven and a symphony of angels. God goes to those who have time to hear him-and so on this cloudless night he went to simple shepherds." -Max Lucado