



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 24, 2017

Announcements:

➤ This Evening: Free Evening

Devotional:----- Elmer Yoder
Message:----- Henry Nissley
Offering:----- School
SS Lesson:----- Luke 2:1-20

Intermediate Verse: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Hebrews 10:22

Junior Verse: And the disciples were astonished at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Children, how hard is it for them that trust in riches to enter into the kingdom of God! Mark 10:24

Primary Verse: For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:11

Preschool Verse: "Let us sing unto the Lord" Psalm 95:1

SS Lesson for next week: Luke 2:21-40

CHILDREN'S CORNER

- The Ark That Saves Us

Did you know that, just like Noah, we have an Ark of our own? No, God doesn't expect us to build a big boat. (After all, He promised never again to flood the earth.)

Just like Noah was saved from judgment in the Ark, Jesus can save us from the coming judgment.

You see, God has to deal with sin. He can't just let people disobey Him and hurt each other forever. The Bible promises that someday He'll judge ungodly mankind, cleansing the heavens and the earth with fire. Everything will be destroyed (2 Peter 2:5-13).

When will that happen? Only God knows. But we do know that He is being very patient so that more people can hear about salvation in Jesus.

If we repent of our sins and trust Jesus to save us, He will. He took the judgment we deserve when He died on the Cross and paid for the wrongs of all His children. He's the "Ark" that will protect us when the universe burns up with a loud roar (2 Peter 3:10).

Jesus will make sure His children arrive safely at their new heaven and new earth. They'll spend eternity worshipping Him in their new home, safe from worry about any judgment ever again (2 Peter 3:13).

-Kids Answers <http://goo.gl/N9BjDM>

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Dec. 29, Happy Birthday! Jonathan Miller, 1967

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1-20) –

In those days, Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. And everyone went to his own town to register.

So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger."

Suddenly a great company of heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has

told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in a manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as the had been told.

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What Are The Odds?

What most people refer to as the Old Testament is the part of the Bible written before the birth of Christ. Its writings were completed 450 years before Jesus was born. The birth of Christ fulfilled many Old Testament prophecies about the promised Messiah or Savior. Jesus fulfilled over 300 Old Testament prophecies through his birth, life, death and resurrection. What are the odds of that happening?

Mathematically speaking... the odds of anyone fulfilling this many prophecies are well beyond human comprehension. Consider this... the odds of one person fulfilling just eight prophecies are one in 100,000,000,000,000,000 (one hundred quadrillion)!

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