



Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

August 12, 2018

Devotional:----- Steve Nissley

Message:----- Elmer Yoder

Offering:----- General

SS Lesson:----- Eph. 5

Adult and Youth Verse: And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour. Eph. 5:2

Intermediate Verse: The idols of the heathen are silver and gold, the work of men's hands. Psalm 135:15

Junior Verse: Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Psalm 29:2

Primary Verse: My God shall supply all your need. Philippians 4:19

Preschool Verse: Give us this day our daily bread. Matt. 6:11

SS Lesson for next week: Eph. 6

Adult and Youth Verse for next week: Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Eph. 6:11

☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

Piers

Hi! My name is Piers and I am an Atlantic Puffin. Puffins like me are really popular birds because of our clown-like coloring. Some people even call us "sea parrots" because we have a colorful beak and bright orange legs and feet. But did you know our beaks fade to gray during the winter? In the spring the fun coloring comes back.

We spend most of the year out on the open sea; only coming to the land to lay eggs in borrows on cliffs by the ocean. When we're not flying or swimming we just rest on the water. When we're swimming or hunting we can dive up to 200 feet under the water to catch small fish or other sea creatures that we like to eat. In the air, God has designed us to be excellent flyers. We beat our wings at 400 beats per minute and can reach speeds of 55 miles (88 kilometers) per hour!

As a puffin, I spend most of my time out on the open ocean. Out there it's water, water, everywhere with no land anywhere in sight. But I know there is land and when the time comes to go back to the land, I'll find it. Did you know there was a time in history when the whole earth was actually covered in water? There was no land at all!

Size: 12-14 in (30-36 cm) **Weight:** About 1 lb (0.5 kg)

Diet: Small fish, crustaceans, and mollusks

Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Free Evening
- ✓ Youth will be singing at Morningside at 2:00. James & Elsie are hosting the youth for lunch at Norm's.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (Annex) 4:15 PM. To go: Robert, Elmer, Sheldon - Devotions
- ✓ Thursday will be the 1st day of School.
- ✓ Out of State Correspondence this week by: Sharon Nissley (Steve)

~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES ~

Happy Birthday! (today) Aug. 12 Louise Yoder, 1942

Unanswered Letters

There are many times when we begin a certain task that God lays on our hearts and because we think our efforts are minimal and not making a difference, we quit the job that God told us to pursue.

The enemy loves to plant seeds of doubt and lure us into thinking that we are not capable of making a difference in this world, but with God's help we can overcome and fulfill the destiny that God has for every believer. If you are going through a situation of doubting your task unto the Lord, then I hope this story will bless and encourage you to never quit what God has laid on your heart because you may never know of the lives that you are touching.

I read of a man who was involved in a tragic accident. He lost both legs and his left arm and only a finger and thumb remained on the right hand. But he still possessed a brilliant mind, enriched with a good education and broadened with world travel.

At first he thought there was nothing he could do but remain a helpless sufferer. A thought came to him. It was always nice to receive letters, but why not write them—he could still use his right hand with some difficulty. But to whom could he write? Was there anyone shut-in and incapacitated like he was who could be encouraged by his letters? He thought of men in prison—they did have some hope of release, whereas he had none—but it was worth a try.

He wrote to a Christian organization concerned with prison ministry. He was told that his letters could not be answered because it was against prison rules, but he still decided to commence this one-sided correspondence. He wrote twice a week, and it taxed his strength to the limit. But into the letters he put his whole soul, all his experience, all his faith, all his wit, and all his Christian optimism.

Frequently he felt discouraged and was tempted to give it all up. But it was his one remaining activity, and he resolved to continue as long as he could.

At last he got a letter. It was very short, written on prison stationery by the officer whose duty it was to censor the mail. All it said was: "Please write on the best paper you can afford. Your letters are passed from cell to cell till they literally fall to pieces."

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No matter what your situation may be like, you still have the ability to encourage someone who is discouraged and lift up someone who is feeling low.

Take this story as an encouragement to give your all for someone else and do not worry about the results. No good work will go unseen and only God knows of the impact that your life can have on someone else.

Let us not do our good works so that we may be praised, but let us do good works so that others may be lifted up and God be praised because of our intervention.

The only thing that we can take with us into eternity is what we have done for the Lord. There are no bank accounts in heaven to show how much your net worth was on the earth, but there will be accounts in heaven of what you did to show your life as an example in leading others to Him.

— Author Unknown

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**Mission & Vision Statement Of:
Calvary Christian Fellowship**

Mission: To realize our need of Christ.

To help one another on life's journey.

Vision: To surrender to Christ our Head, to walk in the Spirit, to love as Jesus loves.

To be a place where it's safe to share failures, struggles, hopes, and dreams.

To encourage, and empower one another to find God's purpose as we walk with Christ on our journey to Heaven.

To help the hurting find healing, and the lost experience salvation, in Christ.

To assist in physical needs among, and around us.