



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

Welcome to our Worship Service!

September 30, 2018

Devotional:----- Brandon King

Message:----- Henry Nissley

Offering:----- Alms

SS Lesson:----- Colossians 2

**Adult and Youth Verse:** As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him. Col. 2:6

**Intermediate Verse:** For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known. 1 Cor. 13:12

**Junior Verse:** O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 106:1

**Primary Verse:** For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers 1 Peter 3:12

**Preschool Verse:** God hath heard...my prayer. Psalm 66:19

**SS Lesson for next week:** Colossians 3

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

## ☐ CHILDREN'S CORNER ○ ☐ ○ ☐

### Tembo

Hi! My name is Tembo, and I am an African elephant. When most people think of elephants they picture me. But did you know that African elephants aren't the only members of the elephant kind that God created? In the elephant kind there are three (or possibly four) extinct members, and two living members. American mastodons, extinct today, were part of the elephant kind and had long hair, six 8-foot-long tusks, and smaller ears than elephants today. The woolly mammoth, also extinct today, had long hair, a woolly undercoat, smaller ears than elephants living today, and 13-foot-long tusks that curved inward. The extinct Gomphotheres were elephant kinds who had a long shovel-like lower jaw. Some researchers view the Deinotheriidae as a possible fourth elephant kind, while others consider them to be an extinct rhinoceros kind. The two members of the elephant kind that are still living today are African elephants and Asian elephants.

African elephants, like me, are wrinkly with only a little bit of hair on our heads and tails, huge ears, and five 8-foot-long tusks. Asian elephants are smaller than us African elephants, and they have much smaller ears than us, but still bigger than mastodon or mammoth ears. Like us, they also only have a little bit of hair on their head and tail, but they have smoother skin and tusks that are 4-5 feet long.

God created the elephant kind with so much variety that, for a time, there were elephants living in both really hot and really cold climates—and in between! Elephants, like me, should remind you of the incredible creativity of our Creator. Here are some cool facts about African elephants:

- We are the largest living land animals.
  - My ears are filled with blood vessels, which helps to cool me off.
  - Our skin is pretty sensitive, so we will roll around in the dust to keep bugs and the hot sun off our skin. We also love to splash around in the water to cool off.
  - My trunk can have up to 40,000 muscles in it! The human body only has about 640 in the whole body!
  - I use my tusks for digging and ripping bark. And just like people are right- and left-handed, we are left- or right-tusked!
  - Most people know that elephants trumpet, but did you know that we also “purr” (make really low-pitched rumbles) when we’re happy to see each other?
- Size: 15 feet (4 m) high and 24.8 feet (7.5 m) long Weight: 6.6 tons (6,000 kg)  
Diet: Leaves, fruit, branches, bark, and grass

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/characters/tembo/>

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### Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Open Sunday
- ✓ Sister's Sewing Tues.
- ✓ Brotherhood meeting is cancelled for this month.
- ✓ Wednesday Evening: Prison Service (NW) 5:00 PM To go: Nathan, Robert & Ralph - Devotions
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Henry Nissley
- ✓ Out of State Correspondence this week by: Ervin & Louise

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### Walking On Water –

In Matthew 14:22-33, we read about Jesus walking on the water to catch up with his disciples who are in a boat. Of course this sight terrified the disciples until they realized that it was Jesus. Then Peter, one of the more daring disciples said, “Lord, if it is you, tell me to come to you on the water.” Jesus responded by saying, “Come.”

Peter climbed out of the boat and walked miraculously on the water toward Jesus, but when he saw the wind and the waves he became afraid and began to sink. As he struggled to remain afloat, Peter cried out, “Lord, save me!”

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught Peter. “You of little faith,” Jesus said, “why did you doubt?” Then they both climbed into the boat to join the others. Those who were in the boat marveled and said, “Truly this is the Son of God.”

### Peter's Problem –

There may be several lessons wrapped up in these few verses, but I want to discuss Peter's problem because it is one that I can easily relate to. ...Continued on back

Peter did not lack for courage. He was not afraid to attempt something that was humanly impossible. He demonstrated that he had a tremendous amount of faith in Jesus when he climbed out of the boat.

So, what went wrong? What was Peter's problem? Why did he begin to sink? Peter was doing just fine until he took his eyes off of Jesus. He was literally walking on water. However, the instant Peter looked at the wind and the waves that surrounded him, he became afraid and his faith weakened.

Throughout biblical history, individuals and nations rose to greatness when they stayed focused on the Lord. There was nothing they could not accomplish. However, when these same individuals and nations took their eyes and their focus off of the Lord, they always stumbled and fell. Nothing has changed. Individuals and nations continue to rise when they stay focused on the Lord, and they fall when their focus is shifted to other things.

I'm ashamed to admit it, but Peter's problem is one that I seem to experience on a regular basis. For the most part, the times that I am focused on the Lord and His will are good times. Unfortunately, I often take my eyes off the Lord and focus on the "wind and the waves" that surround me. When I do that, I usually become worried and afraid. Most of the times that I am not focused on the Lord are troubled times.

Simple observation tells me that this Bible lesson is true. Not only do I see it in my own life, but I see it in the lives of others. It's not difficult to see the difference between those who remain focused on the Lord and those who are focused on themselves. The moral of this lesson is to keep your eyes and your focus upon Jesus. Allow Him to be the pilot of your life.

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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.