



# Calvary Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church

## Welcome to our Worship Service!

December 15, 2018

Devotional:----- Justin Miller  
 Message:----- Michael Yoder  
 Offering:----- General  
 SS Lesson:----- 1 Timothy 1

**Adult and Youth Verse:** And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. 1 Tim. 1:14

**Intermediate Verse:** Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. Eph. 5:6

**Junior Verse:** And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31

**Primary Verse:** After three days I will rise again. Matt. 27:63

**Preschool Verse:** The third day he shall rise again. Luke 18:33

**SS Lesson for next week:** 1 Timothy 2 & 3

**Adult and Youth Verse for next week:** For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; 1 Tim. 2:5

### □ CHILDREN'S CORNER □

Many people believe the "wise men" were very important, very smart, and most likely from a country east of Israel

They studied the stars. Also, people who know a lot about history tell us that they were "king makers". They taught men how to be "kings". When they saw God's special star from far away, they packed up and started on an exciting journey that led them to the most special King ever—the Messiah that God had promised long ago!

Just Think...

How did the wise men know about the coming Jewish king?

Daniel, the prophet, was a Jew and feared God. He lived in Persia many years before Jesus was born. The wise men probably read about Jesus from notes that Daniel wrote. See DANIEL 2:47.

Just Think...

How many wise men were there?

The Bible doesn't tell us how many. Some people believe that there may have been 12 or more wise men, along with an army of strong soldiers.

<https://answersingenesis.org/kids/jesus/who-were-the-wise-men-or-magi/>

### Announcements:

- ✓ This Evening: Reorganization 6:30 PM
- ✓ Wednesday Evening:- Prison Services have been canceled for this week.
- ✓ School devotions this week by: Justin Miller
- ✓ Church Social Thurs. Eve. 6:30 PM
- ✓ Out of State Correspondence this week by: Anna Mae Byler
- ✓ No school Friday, Dec. 21.
- ✓ All available help is needed Tuesday afternoon at 1 o'clock behind Yoder Brothers to help cut, split, and load firewood for Chris Shileys.

### ~BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES~

Happy Birthday! Dec. 19, Andrea Martin 2010

Happy Birthday! Dec. 21, Jonathan & Julia Yoder 2011

### Hymn History: The Love of God

Frederick M. Lehman was a California businessman that lost everything through business reverses. He was forced to spend his working hours in manual labor, working in a Pasadena packing house packing oranges and lemons into wooden crates.

Mr. Lehman was so moved by a Sunday evening sermon on the love of God that he could hardly sleep. The next morning, the thrill of the previous evening had not left him. As he drove to the packing house, the makings of a song began to come together in his head, with God's love as the theme.

Throughout the day, as he packed oranges and lemons, the words continued to flow. Perhaps he jotted down words on various pieces of broken crate as he went along.

Upon arriving home, he began arranging the words and composing a melody to fit them. He soon had finished two stanzas and the melody to go along with them, but now what was he to do? In those days, a song had to have at least three stanzas to be considered complete. He tried and tried to come up with a third stanza, but to no avail. The words just would not fall into place.

It was then that he remembered a poem someone had given him some time before. As Mr. Lehman read the words, his heart was thrilled by the adequate picture of God's love they pictured. He then noticed this writing on the bottom of the card:

"These words were found written on a cell wall in a prison some 200 years ago. It is not known

why the prisoner was incarcerated; neither is it known if the words were original or if he had heard them somewhere and had decided to put them in a place where he could be reminded of the greatness of God's love - whatever the circumstances, he wrote them on the wall of his prison cell. In due time, he died and the men who had the job of repainting his cell were impressed by the words. Before their paint brushes had obliterated them, one of the men jotted them down and thus they were preserved."

Lehman went to the piano and began to voice the words with the melody he had just written. They were a perfect fit. It was a miracle! The song was published - and remains today - with these words as the last stanza.

In later years, the origin of these words became known to Alfred B. Smith, which reveals an even greater miracle in the writing of this song. The original third stanza was written in Hebrew around the year 1000 by Meir Ben Issac Nehoria, a Jewish Rabbi. God, knowing that Lehman was going to write a song, also realized that Lehman would have trouble writing a third stanza and so He chose this Rabbi, who though not accepting Christ as the Messiah did possess the skills to graphically paint a picture of God's love in words. He would preserve these words and then hundreds of years later He would have them translated by this prisoner into a language that did not as yet exist, namely English.

And to think, He did it in the exact meter to fit Lehman's melody!

Adapted from Al Smith's Treasury of Hymn Histories <http://nickelnotes.blogspot.com/2012/02/hymn-history-love-of-god.html>

## **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.