

Do Children Bother You When You Preach?

I found this article the other day by brother Don Williams and it is something that I am asked from time to time. This article describes exactly what I think when asked this question, and it fits my time as a preacher perfectly. Let me say that I love hearing children and I would be concerned if we did not hear them. -

Ernie

On occasion, I am asked the questions, "Can you really see what is going on in the pews?" And, "Do babies and little children bother you when you are preaching?" The answers to these two questions are yes and no. Yes, I can see what is going on. No, the children do not bother me.

I remember what Tom Holland told us young preacher students when we were in Preparation and Delivery of Sermons at Freed-Hardeman University: "What would you do if you were two years old, and everyone and everything around you was bigger than you? You would twist around, and crane your neck, and fidget all over the place to see what was going on!" To me, babies and little children represent the future of the church. They say to visitors that this congregation has a bright future, at least in potential. As Wimpy Jones said, "I would rather hear babies crying than old men snoring."

All of us have been there at one time or another, and we can all sympathize with mothers or fathers who are doing their best to control little children in worship, children who cannot understand why we are doing this or that, or why that fella (namely, me) is speaking longer than a TV cartoon segment (about fifteen minutes).

As parents, we need to have as our goal the development of our children's love for God. We can do this by teaching them why and how to worship God. Following are some excellent suggestions that we can use to involve our children in worship and help them in understanding what it means to worship God. (I am indebted to John Vaughn for the idea of this article, as well as for these following suggestions. I am indebted to my wife for instilling within our boys the behavior they hopefully exhibit in worship. She almost always had this task alone, as I was preaching!)

- **Prepare children.** Before Sunday, tell them what will be going on in worship, and why we sing, pray, preach, give, and partake of the Lord's supper.
- **Involve children.** When we sing or read the Bible, help them locate the song/passage in the book. Then, point out the words as we sing/read.

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COLOSSIANS CHAPTER ONE

E S U A C L I A R S U E D E N D	AGES	GRACE
O D D H N O G M U M M I L E F O	ALSO	HAVING
P H E W E E L S A O T T E I L O	APOSTLE	HEAVEN
C R O S S A E N C G S O L E H L	BLOOD	IMAGE
B N E T I J V O L O E L A A M B	BODY	JESUS
K O S S E R V E P I E S V L O W	CAUSE	KNOWN
L I D E E V E A N D E I D E S S	CEASE	LABOUR
B O D Y I N S T I E N O U N I O	COLOSSE	LEARNED
B A R K S E T N A G S P I N I T	COME	LORD
M E A D I E D R D L O S S E S M	DEAD	MADE
E D A M P E L E U S E S O N E G	DESIRE	MIND
S P E A K I N G L O W P E L O R	DWELL	PEACE
A N I C D R P L U M B C S P O A	ENEMIES	PRAY
E V I L A A P R I L A A V O N C	FILLED	PRESENT
C W H E R E E K A E V I L S G E	FLESH	SINS
I L L E W D I D P Y A H S E L F	GOSPEL	WICKED

😊 Special Days 😊

Happy Birthday, June!

Bobbie Girard	2	Alissa Martin	4
David Earwood	5	Melissa Maiwald	13
Emma Robinson	14	Pam Ambrose	19
Mike Robinson	25		

Happy Anniversary, June!

Jesse and Beatrice Okiyi	7
Roy and Tenia Wimbrush	7
Jason and Catina Cottoner	17
Jason and Megan Earwood	28
Mark and Barbara Frazier	29

Do Children Bother You When You Preach?, cont'd

- **Sit close up.** Some may think that they need to sit in the back so as not to disturb others. There may be times for this (e.g., sickness), but why not sit up at the front so children can see and hear what is going on in the worship?
- **Express joy in worshipping God.** Children will pick up on the attitudes you have in worship and will imitate them, good or bad. I've observed that worship patterns (frequency of attendance, singing or not singing, and such) are readily imitated by children as they grow up.
- **Be patient.** Children are not adults and should not be expected to act as adults. Help them to worship God on their level of understanding. —Don Williams

WOODBIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST



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June 23, 2019

Services

Sunday Morning Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

Elders

Eric Anthony Ernie Maiwald
Michael Neal Tim Wertz

Deacons

Perry Comeaux Jason Cottoner
Keith George Dan Medina
Niles Wedge

Minister

Ernie Maiwald

Associate Minister

Keith George

*The Woodbridge elders recommend the following
Bible translations for our public worship and study:
New King James Version, King James Version and
American Standard Version, 1901*

Welcome, Visitors!

Thank you for coming to worship with us today. You are our honored guests. We are a Bible church with Bible aims relying on God's word as our only authority. We invite you to join us in worshipping through:

- o singing (Eph 5:19)
- o praying (I Tim 2:1-2)
- o studying (II Tim 4:2)
- o giving (I Cor 16:2)
- o remembering our Lord's sacrifice through communion (Acts 20:7).

We want to have a record of your visit. Please complete the visitor's card that is in the pew before you and place it in the collection basket or hand it to one of our members.

If we can be of service to you, in any way, please let us know. And please visit with us again soon. We look forward to seeing you.

Daily Bible Readings

	Morning	Evening
June 23	Numbers 6 – 7	Hebrews 13
June 24	Numbers 8 – 11	Colossians 1
June 25	Numbers 12 – 14; Psalm 28	Colossians 2
June 26	Numbers 15 – 18; Psalm 113	Colossians 3
June 27	Numbers 19 – 21	Colossians 4
June 28	Numbers 22 – 25	Luke 1
June 29	Numbers 26 – 29	Luke 2

Bible Class Schedule for the Week

Week of June 23		
Sunday	Lesson 243	Luke 7:1-35
Wednesday	Lesson 244	Luke 7:36-8:3
Week of June 30		
Sunday	Lesson 245	Matthew 12:22-50
Wednesday	Lesson 246	Luke 11:37-12:21

Announcements

The Maiwald family will be out of town from tonight until next Monday. If there is anything you may need from the church please contact Keith George.

Assignments

	June 23	Jun 30	
Announcements	Wertz	Anthony	
Song	Pender	Robinson	
Prayer	Gauvin	Medina	
Preside @ Table	Anthony	Beauvais	
Assisting	Chrishon Dollard	Wertz	
Assisting	Robinson	Chrishon Dollard	
Assisting	Mike Ambrose	Z. Frazier	
Prayer	Z. Frazier	Michael Ambrose	
	June 23	June 30	
Evening Worship*			
Announcements	Wertz	Anthony	
Song Leader	Pender	Robinson	
Prayer	Gauvin	George	
Communion/Prayer	Anthony	Beauvais	
	June 26	July 3	
Wed. Evening Worship			
Announcements	Wertz	Anthony	
Song Leader	Various	Robinson	
Invitation	George	Neal	
Prayer	Michael Ambrose	Comeaux	
	June	July	August
Prepare Communion	Frazier	TBD	TBD
Building Lockup	Neal	TBD	TBD

Notes:

1. Please arrange for a substitute if you are unable to perform an assigned duty.
2. Notify Tim Wertz and Karla Anthony of any changes.
3. Transportation. If anyone would be willing to help with transportation to and from services on Sunday and Wednesday, please see Niles Wedge.

Calendar of Events:

Youth Outing	6/28/19		Bible Museum
Mens' Breakfast	7/13/19	8:00 am	OCB
EDP Meeting	7/13/19	9:30 am	Building

Helpful Contact Addresses:

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Associate Minister: churchofchristgospelpreacher@gmail.com
Bulletin: obxchca66@gmail.com
Facebook: WOODBRIDGE CHURCH OF CHRIST

For Prayers

Update:

- **Linda Skutnik** had knee surgery last week. She is at home recovering. She said she has a lot of work to do to get better. Please continue to pray for her.
- **Medina Family** – We give our condolences and prayers to the Medina family. Dan's brother, **Jesse Medina**, passed away last Monday from Pulmonary Hypertension. Please continue to pray for all their family during this time.

Assisted Living

- **Gayle Swabb** (Betty's Place - Manassas)
- **Charles Swabb** (Betty's Place – Manassas)
- **Bobbie Girard** (Harbor Chase – Woodbridge)

Continued Prayers for Family and Friends:

- **Sandra Lauriano** (co-worker for Kennetha Marbury) cancer
- **Lenny Skutnik** (Crohns)
- **OT Martin** (Ernie's dad) Alzheimer's
- **Johnnie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux aunt) Long Term Care
- **Jan Dunlap** (Linda Skutnik's sister)
- **Jean Long** (Sue Bilbrey's sister) brain tumor
- **Sammie Thompson** (Perry Comeaux's cousin) cancer
- **LaVetta Sterrett** (Babara Frazier's aunt) abdomen bleed
- **David Jackson** (friend of the Marbury's) lung cancer
- **Margaret Jackson** (Niles Wedge's grandmother) Macular Degeneration
- **Grace Addo** (friend of the Anthonys) Stage IV bone cancer
- **Juantia Johnson** (Bobby's mom) heart attack & blood clot
- **Michele Morris** (Denise Crayton's sister) Brain Aneurysm
- **Alvin Harris** (Pamela Ambrose's brother) Serious disease
- **Ethel Dollard** (Chris Dollard's aunt) Colon cancer
- **Ed Nemore** (Sue Bilbrey's brother-in-law) Lung Disease

Continued prayers for our members

Donna Wirt	Alwilda Merritt	Colleen Wertz
Deb Neal	James Roberson	Sue Bilbrey
Sherry Wright	Dan Medina	

