

The Oologah Informer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

Sermon Series: The Sermon on the Mount – Lesson 2
Matthew 5:5-7

PM Sermon:

Report of Majuro Trip

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Joshua – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

When Christians Sin - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

Training Young Children to Worship

The Lord wants us to have our children in public worship. How can we “bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord” (Eph 6:4) without inclusion in such a vital part of Christian living? Jesus taught the disciples, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them” (Mk 10:14). We should do our very best to bring our children to Christ. This includes developing within them an appreciation for worship. The following principles will help us to this end.

PLANNING: The success of any effort is generally proportionate to its planning. The same is true when training children to worship. A failure to plan is a plan for failure.

PREPARATION: Equal to planning is the value of preparation. Develop a plan and implement it. Training our children to worship includes making sure *everyone* gets enough sleep Saturday night. Also, trips to the restroom or for water should be taken *before* worship begins. Finally, any items to keep children occupied should not disturb others who are trying to worship. Many are not accustomed to hearing the noise of children talking or playing that most parents can “tune out.” Rest assured, a child who is talking above a whisper or making vocal noises is disturbing others.

PRACTICE: Such is beneficial in training our children to worship. How many times have you seen children conduct their own “services” at home by singing, praying, preaching, etc. This type of “practice” surely helps! Another good practice is training children how to sit quietly at home without the TV or VCR on.

PRAYER: If we are concerned about training our children for worship we ought to be praying about it. In addition, it seems it would be very beneficial to pray *with* our children about it. Let them hear you pray for them and their training in worship!

PURPOSE: We ought regularly to tell our children *why* we worship. They need to know the purpose of our assembling to worship. This is one “*why*” question we need to answer!

PROCEDURE: We worship according to the pattern found in the New Testament. We must teach our children to respect the pattern. Thus, they not only know the *why*, but also the *how*.

PARTICIPATION: We ought to encourage our children to participate. At times I have heard some of our youngest members sing with joy in their hearts not fearing what others might think when they are off key. We should encourage them to participate in every act of worship. Help them find the songs in the book and point to the words as we sing. Help them bow to pray. Give them something to put in the collection plate.

Encourage older children to pay attention to the sermon by looking up passages and completing the handouts.

PRIORITY: Our children should know worship takes priority over other activities. Worshiping God takes precedence over sports or other school activities. Small children must not view the assembly as a time to play, eat, or crawl under the pew. Worship is a time to reverence God!

PERSISTENCE: Only when children are trained on a regular basis will they really be taught how to worship. A horse once broken will grow wild again if you don't ride it regularly. We promote misbehavior when we are inconsistent in training. Remember! We are looking for progress, not perfection! When they will not cooperate, take them out, but don't take them out to play! Being taken out for bad behavior needs to be an *unpleasant* experience, not a reward!

PATIENCE: If we need patience in anything, we need it in training our children to worship. They will not begin worshiping like adults, and we should not be crushed when they do not. We must have patience along with persistence in this area.

PRAISE: We all perform better when praised for our efforts. Praise for good behavior will go a long way in training our children to worship. Don't bribe them in exchange for good behavior. They need to learn to worship because it is right.

PLEASURE: We should appreciate the opportunity to assemble and participate with evident joy. Children see our attitudes toward the assembly and worship. Let them see our joy!

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Announcements

Truth about Origins Seminar

It's time to start inviting friends and family to our upcoming seminar with Brad Harrub. Our Seminar is May 2 - 4th. More info is on our flyer in the foyer.

Men's Meeting

The next scheduled men's meeting is April 6th after evening services.

Fellowship Meal

Our next Fellowship meal is April 13th after morning services. Please plan to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship together.

Preacher's Meeting

The next preacher's meeting is Thursday, April 3rd. If you want to go please let Russ or Vance know.

VBS Teachers

If you are interested in teaching in this year's VBS please sign up in the foyer.

Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – is doing about the same, her arm is doing much better.

Jerry Creek – (Ed's son in law's brother) is doing well.

Bentley Lay – (Granddaughter of Steve Lay) still needs to gain weight.

Ashley – Roy Dean's granddaughter has cancer.

Theresa – Roy Dean's daughter broke her arm and has osteoporosis and an overactive Thyroid.

Kenny Payne – will have an operation on his heart on April 8th

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Ruth (Darla's sister)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Roxy (Ed's brother's wife)

Clare Beaman (Dice's mom)

Dave Preston (A former member)