

How an 8 Year-Old Sees God

A church newsletter included this essay by Danny Dutton, age 8. His Sunday School teacher had asked her students to explain God.

“One of God’s main jobs is making people. He makes these to put in place of the ones that die so there will be enough to take care of things here on earth. He doesn’t make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn’t have to take up His valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that up to the mothers and fathers. I think it works out pretty good.”

“God’s second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on ‘cause some people, like preachers and things, pray other times besides bedtime. And Grandpa and Grandma Dutton pray every time they eat (except snacks). God doesn’t have time to listen to the radio or TV on account of this. ‘Cause God hears everything, not only prayers, there must be a terrible lot of noise going on in His ears unless He has thought of a way to turn it off. I think we should all be a little quieter. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere. Which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn’t go wasting His time asking for things that aren’t very important, or go over your parents’ heads and ask for something they said you couldn’t have.”

What an interesting perspective about God! I thought it was pretty cute and astute. Though a bit misguided, there are some elements worth highlighting:

- God does make all people. He is involved with every single one.
- No nobler role could anyone have than to be a parent given the task of assisting God in the training of one of these little ones fashioned by the hands of the Almighty.
- God does listen to our prayers, but He never grows weary or deafened. We serve a loving Father who is interested in the affairs of His children.
- Because God sees everything, hears everything, and is everywhere we should be especially mindful of what we do, what we say and where we go.
- Because God has made every person with whom you come in contact, treat each one as special creations. Don’t forget that people are more important than plans, projects or possessions.

—Jeff Gardner

Anniversary Updates

- Today is the **FINAL DAY TO ORDER SHIRTS!** Stop at the table in the lobby to place your order or do it online at www.delcitychurch.org/70th-anniversary/.
- **Doug Parsons** will be the guest preacher for our Anniversary Sunday Service on Sept. 25th. **Jim Crain** and **Ben Glover** will also be part of the service.
- Have you registered for the banquet yet? The banquet is free but we must have your RSVP for food purposes. Please register online at the link listed above or call the office.
- **Rick O’Dell** and **Jeff Gardner** will be the banquet speakers and we will debut a very special historical video presentation you don’t want to miss!



Whiz Kids Needs Tutors

Can you help? We still need 14 tutors for Whiz Kids! We have 39 students from Del City Elementary signed up and only 25 tutors. We meet each Tuesday from 4 PM to 6 PM in the FLC. Sign up now so a student doesn’t miss out on life-changing mentoring. Talk to Melissa Phillips for more information.

Sermon Notes

Powerful Prayer

James 5:13-18

We should be interested in praying powerfully. What does that look like? James reminds us that God is not interested in poetic or eloquent language. He simply wants an impassioned, energetic spirit whose life and requests are in alignment with His will. James outlines four specific times we should pray like this.

- I. **Pray when S_____ (5:13a).**
 - A. When in difficult circumstances, E_____ and R_____ pray.
 - B. Let prayer be the F_____ T_____ on your mind.
 - C. James was known to be the man with C_____ K_____.
 - D. Pray for W_____ in D_____ with trouble.
 - E. Pray for the S_____ to P_____.
- II. **Pray when S_____ (5:13b).**
 - A. Singing spiritual songs of P_____ is the equivalent to P_____.
 - B. Sing P_____ to the name of the S_____ of your joy.
 - C. Joy to the disciple is not the A_____ of trouble but the P_____ of God.
 - D. Make sure you know W_____ you are S_____ and mean it.
- III. **Pray when S_____ (5:14-15).**
 - A. The sick person has the R_____ to C_____ the elders.
 - B. The elders are to P_____ O_____ the sick person.
 - C. The elders are C_____ to A_____ the sick person with oil.
 - D. The elder’s prayer must be O_____s in F_____.
 - E. If healing takes place, it is F_____ the L_____.
- IV. **Pray when S_____ (5:16).**
 - A. The greatest S_____ of all is S_____ -sickness.
 - B. Confession is two-fold: 1) to G_____ and 2) to O_____ A_____.
 - C. Confession really is G_____ for the S_____ (Psalm 32:3-5).

Dates To Remember

- Sept. 5 Office closed for Labor Day
- Sept. 7 Early Bird Class resumes, 4:30 PM
- Sept. 7 Wednesday night meals resume
- Sept. 11 OBI Blood Drive, FLC
- Sept. 11 Whiz Kids Volunteer Training, 5 PM, FLC
- Sept. 13 Whiz Kids Begins, FLC
- Sept. 24 Homecoming Banquet, 6 PM, FLC
- Sept. 25 Special Anniversary Worship Service, 10 AM
- Oct. 21-23 DCYG Fall Retreat, Quartz Mountain
- Oct. 29 Fall Festival, TBA

Ladies Class Update

The Ladies Concentrated Bible Study is now underway and will meet on Thursdays at 10 AM in Room 209 in the main building. You can also join on Wednesday nights at 7 PM in Room 209. It's not too late to join us! Come fellowship with other ladies and spend time in God's Word with us. Contact Beth Berry for more information.

Ministry and Maintenance Statistics

8/28 Worship Attendance	172
8/28 Bible Class Attendance	152
8/28 Contribution	\$12,100.15
YTD Regular Contribution	\$486,697.16
Weekly Average	\$13,905.63
Weekly Budget	\$14,703.58

Happy Birthday This Week

Kol Ferris	Sept. 4
Sean Ferris	Sept. 5
Burton Parker	Sept. 5
Winston Smith	Sept. 6
Chris Dillinger	Sept. 7
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Welcome To Our
 Sunday Morning
 Family Worship
 September 4, 2022

Please fill out an attendance card and pass to the aisle for collection at the close of worship. Yellow for our Guests; White for Members.

Order of Worship

WelcomeIvan Gonzalez
 Song #508, *A Wonderful Savior*Tim Holt
 Song, *Surround Us, O Lord*.....Tim Holt
 Song #837, *I Need Thee Every Hour*Tim Holt
 PrayerJim Hale
 Song, *Calvary*Tim Holt
 Communion.....Terry Craghead
 Song #779, *I Love You Lord*Ivan Gonzalez
 Offering.....Terry Craghead
 Scripture Reading, *James 5:13-18*.....Clancy Bruce
 Song #2, *We Praise Thee, Oh God*.....Ivan Gonzalez
 Message, *Powerful Prayer*Jeff Gardner
 Song, *In Need*Tim Holt
 Announcements.....Jeff Gardner
 PrayerRob Weaver
 Song #535, *The Gloryland Way*.....Tim Holt

Schedule of Assemblies

Sunday	
Worship	10:00 AM
Classes	11:15 AM
Wednesday	
Summer of Service	6:00 PM
Thursday	
Singing Class	6:30 PM

Attended Nursery from birth to 2 years is available for Sunday.
 For transportation to Worship and other assemblies, call (405) 672-1311 M-F, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.