

The Parable of the Brats

By David Wright

Human nature never changes. For example, the play of children in ancient Israel is essentially the same as the play of children in the U.S. Yes, I know. In the time of Christ, kids had no video games, talking action figures, or Barbie dolls. But what playing children always do is mimic adult behavior. Playing with dolls is pretending to be a mother. Playing a video war game is pretending to be a soldier.

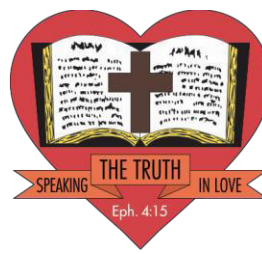
Jesus pointed to this childish mimicry in one of his parables. He said, "To what then shall I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not weep'" (Luke 7:31-32). Darrell Bock calls this "the parable of the brats." We wanted to play funeral, but you wouldn't cry. We wanted to play wedding, but you wouldn't dance.

These brats who won't play – whom do they represent? Jesus explains that they are the people of his own generation: "For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'" (Luke 7:33-34). John lived an ascetic lifestyle, whereas Jesus attended dinner parties. Neither of these approaches pleased the Lord's enemies. John was crazy, and Jesus was morally corrupt.

The parable of the brats hasn't lost its force. Unbelievers in our own generation are impossible to satisfy. For instance, when the Gospels seem to contradict each other, critics say that one or more of the writers is mistaken. But when Bible stories about Jesus are remarkably similar, the same skeptics say that the Gospel writers are copying each other.

Gen. 2:18-25 "A Sacred Gift" (AM)

1 Pet. 1:13-16 "Hope and Holiness" (PM)



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Elders: Monty Lawley, Larry Mathis, Steve McClelen
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Pulpit Minister: David Wright Youth Minister: Leslie Thomas

Sunday Morning Bible Class	9:00	AM
Sunday Morning Worship	10:00	AM
Sunday Evening Worship	5:00	PM
Wed Evening Bible Study	7:00	PM

Visitors, we are glad you came and hope you will fill out the pink side of the visitor card on the back of the pew in front of you. We have an attended nursery for infants to 18 months. Please come back.



Betty Fallert passed out at the lake in Scottsdale AZ on Tuesday. She was treated for dehydration and heat exhaustion.

Dudley Robertson had to have a second surgery to drain the fluid on his brain. He will be in ICU for a few days.

Terry White will have an ablation procedure on her heart tomorrow morning at 7:30.

Please continue to remember to pray for those that are recovering from recent surgery illness:

Stan Hopkins, Melba Jean Mathis, Carolyn Wright, Nayadean Kozelski, Michael Gregory, and Nadine Tunnel

55-N-Better will meet this coming Thursday evening at 6:00 in the annex for a potluck meal.

Responses

Blake Mayfield asked for prayers and for God's forgiveness.

Marissa Rowland asked for forgiveness and for her relationship with God to be restored.

- July 23 Abigail Cauley
- July 24 Matthew Hutchins
- July 27 Scott Jackson
- July 28 Ronny Clay
- Aug 2 Larry King
- Aug 3 Nancy Scott
- Aug 6 Lylla Lisle
- Aug 6 Don Watson
- Aug 7 Danny Smith
- Aug 8 Joyce Davis
- Aug 10 Jeanine Thomas

July 18 James & Connie Douthit

Dinner with Family meets every Wednesday evening from 5:30- 6:45. It's okay if you are late . You are still welcome. Only \$2 dollars for each person or \$5 dollars for a family. Joyce and Paula want to especially encourage Christian men to come and lead the prayer before the meal! And if you cannot make it in time to eat they will fix you a to go box. Just text or call and let them know. (loycecell:214 - 674- 2471.

The **evangelism team** will be passing out school supplies on Saturday August the 17th. If you would like to help please be at the building at 9:00 am.

We will have a short teachers meeting on Sunday July 28th immediately following the morning service. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss some exciting changes and improvements to our education department. If you are currently a teacher, or if you have an interest to be a teacher or teachers helper, please attend the meeting in order to sign up for the class and quarter you would like to teach - first come first serve! If you have any questions please see Jason Turner

We are very happy to announce that Ronald Brown was baptized this past Sunday. Also, we had two campers that were baptized at camp. Gavin Daugherty, Caden Bragg. We are so thankful for these young men!

Round House tonight!