

## LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME

Jesus' instructions to "let the little children come" happened after the disciples were trying to protect Jesus from doting parents wanting this miracle worker from Nazareth to magically touch their kids. From our perspective two thousand years later, we wonder why the disciples didn't know Jesus well enough to sense his desire to reach out to any person regardless of age. But the hope that Jesus was the Messiah focused the disciples' expectations on the desire that Jesus would establish a new Israel that would bring political as well as religious freedom. Such a vision did not see children as a very high priority.

Jesus' instructions to let the little children come was not just a logistical instruction but a teaching moment for the disciples and us. The unpretentious, trusting demeanor of children is the attitude that Jesus says belongs to those who are a part of God's kingdom. In fact, that is a necessary attribute for entering God's kingdom.

Children of God, let us not try to manipulate and manage our approach to God's kingdom with anything but the unpretentious, trusting nature of children. Let us, like the children in this story, come to Jesus, the risen Christ, and receive his blessing during our worship. Come, children of all ages, be a part of God's kingdom.

—Roger Schrock, pastor  
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Cabool, Missouri

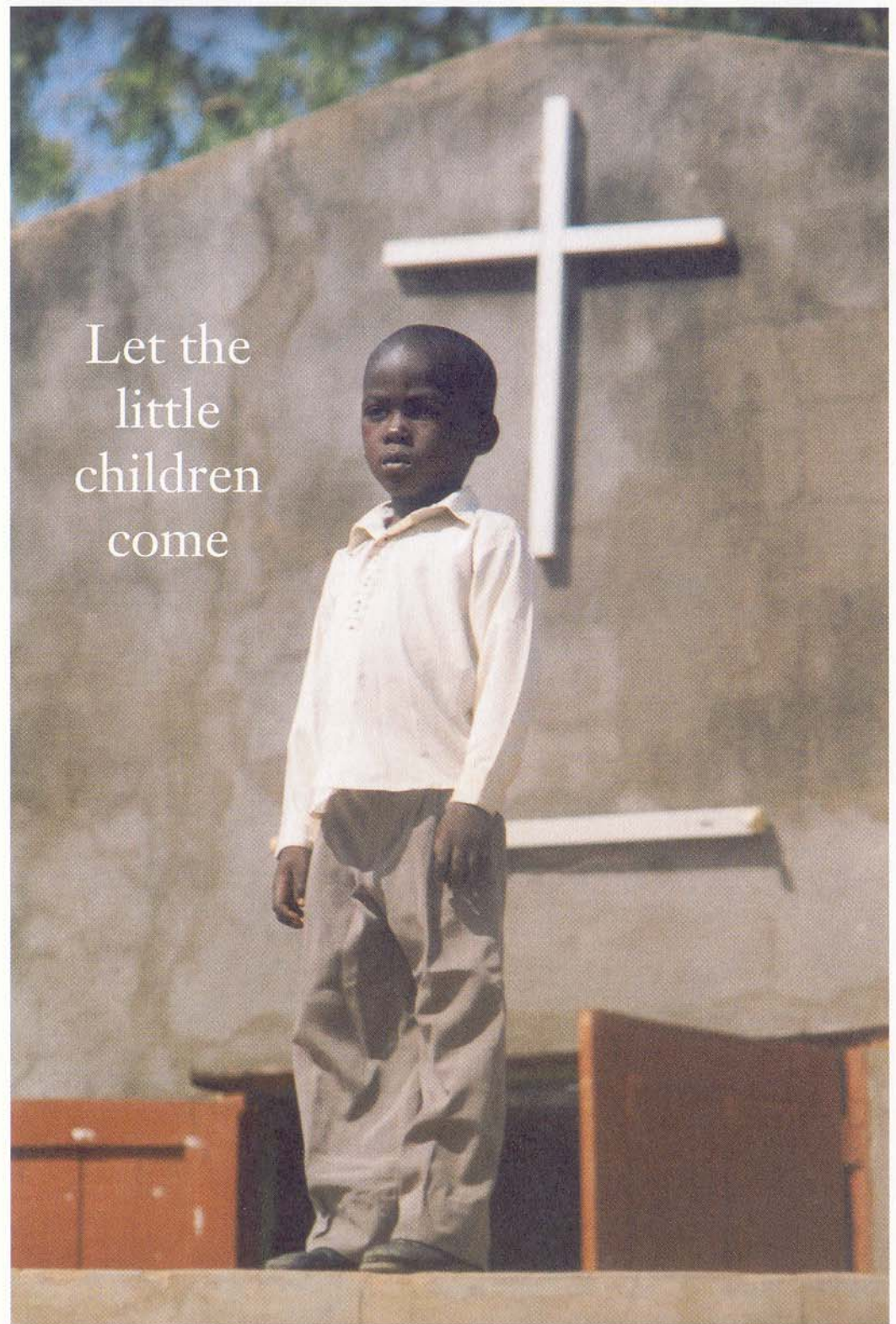
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### Text for Today

**Mark 10:2-16 (14)**

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN LIVING WORD BULLETIN 10206





Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Ministers - All Members  
 September 24, 2006  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



GATHERING MUSIC *Valse Op. 69 No. 2 - Frederic Chopin*

GREETING/SHARING TIME/SPECIAL DAYS

PRELUDE/LIGHT CANDLES *I Surrender All*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

\* GATHERING HYMN #544 *When We Walk With The Lord*

\*INVOCATION

SPECIAL MUSIC - *He Shall Feed His Flock - Handel's Messiah*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

\*DOXOLOGY #119

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #302 *Come, Divine Interpreter*

PASTORAL PRAYER

PRAISE HYMN #564 *I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus*

SCRIPTURE Matthew 11:25-30

MESSAGE "Yokes"

\*CLOSING HYMN #545 *Be Thou My Vision*

\*BENEDICTION

\* - *Please Stand, if you are able*

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION TODAY:**

Message	Matt Morrison
Children's Message	Amy Morrison
Music	Amy Morrison
Special Music	Amy Morrison
Ushers	Mark and Scott
Greeter	
Adult Sunday School	Alan Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann and Sandi

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, October 1:**

Message	
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Jill Dykstra
Ushers	Mark and Alan
Greeter	
Adult Sunday School	Marcene Cox
Children's Sunday School	Ann and Sandi

**PRAYER REMINDERS**

Our Congregation & Children	Reaching Out to Our Community
Jo Rolston	Rowena Loveall
Arline English	Yvonne Rohlfen
Linda Beal	Ann Evans
United Christians International	Jean Jean & Kristie
Those Serving in the Military	Phillip Riecks
Living Peace Church of the Brethren in Sioux City	

## Anniversaries and Birthdays for September

### *Anniversaries*

14 - Elmer & Helen VanKekerix

22 - Barb Rolston

26 - Scott Maggert

27 - Leland Grove

29 - Rachel Maggert

### *Birthdays*

02 - Clarence Evans

06 - MacKenzie Dagle

10 - Mark Bilsland

16 - Alan Cox

20 - Bodhi Dumar

21 - Allyson Dumar

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

## Church Events

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to Matt Morrison this morning.

Welcome to all visitors and guests. May you receive God's blessing from today's service, and go out and witness for Him!

### **Adult Sunday School**

Please join us for adult Sunday School. We are discussing the topic "Relationships at Work" for the next five weeks, using the *Serindipity Bible For Groups* with a Bible study format. All are WELCOME! Teacher volunteers are still needed. Contact Jo Rolston.

### **Birthday Wishes**

Rev. Leland Grove will be 85 years young on Sept. 27. Please send him a card!

### **Communion**

There will be no communion, Sunday, Oct 1, due to illness of David Loveall's mother.

### **Council Meeting**

Our fall church council meeting will be held after church Sunday, Oct 8.

## Community Events

### **Hospital Bazaar**

It will be held Monday, September 25, from 7:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church. Donations of baked goods, garden produce, craft and sewing items are welcomed. Bring items to the church by 8 a.m on Sept. 25. If questions, call Phyllis DeVries at 324-4317 or Carol Van Beek at 324-4064.

### **Coffee Break**

Join us on Wed. at 9:30 a.m. or Wed. at 7:00 p.m. at First Christian Reformed Church Fellowship Hall, 901 9th St., in Sheldon. The purpose is to lead women to a personal, growing relationship with Jesus Christ. Touching lives with God's love is what it's all about. Women of all ages are welcome. It will begin on Wed., Sept. 27. For information, call Gwen Bousema at 324-2800 or Norma Geels at 324-2478.

## Guest Speakers

Oct. 1 -

Oct. 8 - Don Adkins

Oct. 15 - Rev. Connie Burkholder

Oct. 22 - Rev. Lucinda Douglas

## Only Believe

*It is Thy Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.*

— Luke 12:32

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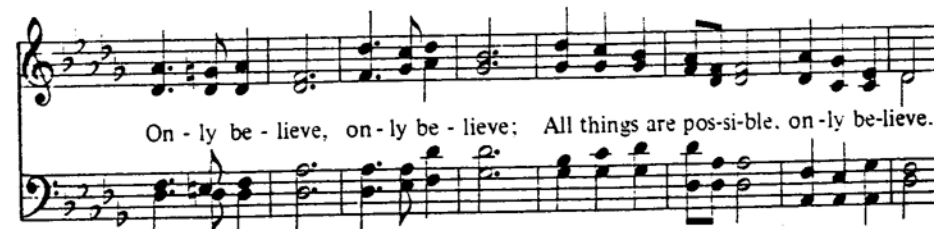
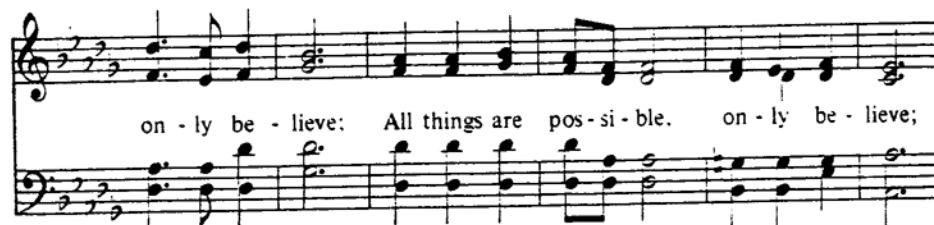
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