

Silence is Not Always Golden

The old saying, "Silence is golden" comes from a longer proverb believed to have originated in ancient Egypt. In 1831, it was first printed in English by poet Thomas Carlyle. The truth is that silence is not always golden. During our assembly today, listen and you'll hear gurgling, gooing, whining, fussing, crying and an occasional shriek. Those wonderful sounds are coming from our children. Our congregation is blessed to be filled with children of all ages. Now you might think it strange to be thankful for these constant sounds and disruptions, but believe me, I've been in churches where there were no children and the silence was deafening. God intended for the church to be filled with children, learning about Jesus, learning the Good News. On one occasion Jesus took a little child and set him by Him, and said, "*Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great.*" (Luke 9:47-48) May we always celebrate our children, edify and encourage their parents and continue to grow and thrive as God's family.

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD,

The fruit of the womb is a reward.

(Psalm 127:3)

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