

Wet Behind the Ears

Scripture: Philippians 1:3 – 11

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Have you ever heard of the phrase - ‘Wet behind the ears’? Have you ever been told that you are wet behind the ears? Let us explore this phrase this morning.

Let us pray:

Lord, may we do our ministry well. May all of us come to know you and your most Holy Son. May we all grow in knowledge and awareness of your calling in our lives. AMEN.

The saying - wet behind the ears come from the farm a long time ago. Many farm animals have a small depression behind their ears that is wet at birth. This small depression remains there for a while. Cows have this depression behind their ears. Horses have this wet depression behind their ears at birth. And many more farm animals have this and they are wet behind the ears.

The phrase - wet behind the ears - means young and inexperienced.

I can remember being wet behind the ears. I was young once! I was inexperienced once and in some ways I am still wet behind the ears. When I was at the Benton Christian Church as the Associative Pastor, I was wet behind the ears. And when the Millville CC called me as pastor, I was wet behind the ears having never lead a church by myself. When you called me as your pastor, I still feel wet behind the eyes because the ministry here is so different from the ministries I have been involved in before. Then the coronavirus broke out and boy do I feel wet behind the ears with doing over one year of YouTube ministry and no worship services in our Chapel!

So with everything going on, how do we fulfill our mission? It is through following the Bible and its instructions in the ways of our Lord and helping each other to become a faithful member of the Body of Christ, the church, and by showing everyone our faith by our words and deeds.

I can remember at the beginning of a Bible study class, a passage was read and then some basic questions were asked to everyone. It seemed to me that everyone knew the answer but me. I was wet behind the ears. I stayed in the class and eventually I learned a lot from the other people and my teacher. But I know I still have much to learn and still in many ways I am wet behind the ears.

We all must learn the ways of our Lord because we are wet behind the ears.

In Philippians 1: 6 it says - *He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

God has not given up on me and God has not given up on you! God has not given up on us! I am wet behind the ears, you are wet behind the ears, and we are wet behind the ears. God promises to finish the work he has begun in me, you, and all of us. Each one of us are wet behind the ears but God is trying to dry the wetness up.

God promises to finish the work he has begun in each of us. God is continually working to make us mature Christians who want and love to serve his most holy Son.

On this day that we celebrate that we are wet behind the ears, let us help in instructing each other in the ways of the Lord. Let us help dry up the wetness behind our ears so that we may serve Christ better.

A final sharing, have you ever heard of the 'Infinite Monkey Theorem'? Here is this theorem – If you give a monkey a typewriter and an eternity or two, eventually the monkey will write the complete works of Shakespeare!

When this experiment was tried (for less than an eternity), the monkey's pages consisted chiefly of the letter 'S' and the typewriters were demeaned and bashed with rocks!

Now imagine another experiment where we set every person on earth to type an exhaustive report on God's every action and his very character. Unlike the 'Infinite Monkey Theorem', we should never run out of material to write about!

Our God is so vast, so great, so mysterious, so complex, and so awesome that the world itself cannot hold the books that could be written.

Is it any wonder that Christ's life is called the 'Greatest Story Ever Told'!

At our Spring Outside service this week, our guest speaker will be Joan Maruskin and some friends. I am away at the wedding for my youngest son Sammie. Please come out and hear them share their faith in Jesus Christ. This outside service will be our last service at 11am, on June 13th we will move our summer outside services to 9:30am.

Let us pray:

Lord, when I am feeling young and inexperienced in my spiritual walk, please help me to remain confident that you will be faithful to complete the work you have begun.

Lord, when each of us are feeling young and inexperienced in our spiritual walk, please help each one of us to remain confident that you will be faithful to complete the work you have begun.

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Infinite God, we will never understand you completely because there is always more to be said about you. Give us strength and the desire to continually seek you in our lives. AMEN.