"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them."

- Mark 10:13

On July 22, 1999, a Melbourne factory hand, Earl Ross Blennerhasset, 27, was found guilty of trying to steal a young girl from a Seventh Day Adventist Church.

A Melbourne court heard Blennerhasset had been listening to a sermon minutes before asking the 12-year-old girl to go to the toilets with him ...

A similar incident occurred in a Methodist Church at Kissimmee in the US, where it was revealed a 13-year-old girl had been raped while awaiting choir practice ...

During the Blennerhasset trial it was revealed the girl was released as soon as she started screaming.

But this appeared not to be the case at the Kissimmee church, which claimed some 2000 members ...
The girl told police she had arrived early for practice at the First United Methodist Church and was standing alone near some vending machines.

A man allegedly approached the girl as a church service was about to begin and asked what she was waiting for.

She told him she was waiting for choir practice and turned away.

It was then that the man grabbed her and, like Blennerhasset, dragged her into a men's toilet.

The girl was then raped police told reporters ...

"Our hearts are broken," Senior Pastor Grant Siegfried said in the Sun Sentinel on March 21, 2000.

"Our first concern is our children and youth. We have a lot of safety measures in place.

"We may have to hire security guards ..."

One can only wonder whether Blennerhasset's Seventh Day Adventist Church in Melbourne has upgraded its security ...

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(Emile Zola)