



New Life Worship Center

Newsletter

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And unto the Angel of the Church of the Laodiceans write; These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the Creation of God. I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot: I would you were cold or hot. So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth. Because you say I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing, and knowest not that you are wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked (Rev. 3:14-17)

Jesus sent a message to each of the seven Churches of Asia: of these, Laodicea was the last. This particular Church constitutes the conclusion of the Church Age, and represents the time in which we now live. In other words, the Modern Church is the Laodicean Church, and the Laodicean Church is the Modern Church. Unfortunately, the Message given by Christ is not very positive.

The Laodicean Church is actually an apostatized Church, which means that it has departed from the Truth. It is neither "cold" nor "hot," but rather "lukewarm." As a result, Jesus said, "I will vomit you out of My mouth." And thus is the Modern Church!

The Seventeenth Verse, sadly and regrettably describes the modern Church to the proverbial "I". In not only in the United States, *Continued on page 2*

Weekly Classes

Sunday School Classes begin at 9:30 am
Everyone meets in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday Service begins at 10:30 am.
Nursery (ages 0-2)
Cross Krew (ages 3-10)

Wednesday Classes begin at 7 pm
Nursery (ages 0-2)
Kids Class (ages 3-10)
Youth (ages 11-17)
Adults meet in Sanctuary

December Events

2, 9, 16 (Sundays)

Understanding the Cross Class
Sid & Minnie's Home
5:00 - 6:00 pm

3, 10, 17 (Mondays)

Monday Night Prayer
6 - 8 pm

9 (Sunday)

Holiday Bake Sale - Children's Fundraiser

15 (Saturday)

LOL Homemade Christmas
Noon - 4 pm at Heather Davis' Home

16 (Sunday)

Holiday Gift Shop - Youth Fundraiser
(Silent Auction and items for sale on the Moss Bluff buy/sell/and trade Facebook page)

25 (Tuesday)

Christmas Day

26 (Wednesday)

No Mid-week Service

30 (Sunday)

New Year's Connect Sunday Gumbo
10:30 am in the sanctuary
(See sign up on back table)

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<http://newlifemb.com>

On-line giving is available for your convenience!

but also over the balance of the entire world, the modern Church had never been richer, at least regarding material things. It is “increased with goods,” which again speaks of material things, but definitely not spiritual things. In the modern Church, “faith” has been reduced to “things,” instead of what the correct object ought to be, which is the Cross of Christ. The modern Church basically claims that “it has need of nothing.” It is lukewarm, rich, increased with goods, and sees no need for anything else.

But what did Jesus say with respect to the answer of the Laodicean Church?

He described this Church, first of all, as “wretched.” This word in the Greek refers to a test that has been given, and the one taking the test has failed.

Second, Christ called the Church “miserable.” It means “to be pitied.”

Third, He referred to it as “poor,” meaning that it literally was, at least in His eyes, a spiritual beggar.

Fourth, He called it “blind.” The word, as used here, actually means “to be lifted up in pride.”

Fifth, and last of all, He described it as “naked.” It refers to being spiritually naked.

So, as is obvious, Jesus’ summation of the Laodicean Church was not very positive. Considering that this Church characterizes the modern Church, i.e., refers to what the Church is presently, the situation is dire indeed!

At the beginning of John’s Vision, Christ is pictured as standing in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks, which represent, as stated, the Church. Now, He is no longer in the midst of the Churches, but rather is standing outside, knocking at the door and saying, “If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me (Rev. 3:20).

The essence of that particular invitation shows that the Lord is no longer dealing with the institutionalized Church as a whole, but rather is dealing with individuals. While He has always dealt with individuals, now He is dealing only with individuals. This shows that the Church has completely apostatized, except for the Remnant who truly love the Lord (Romans 9:27).

(The Expositor’s Word for Every Day)

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January Sneak Peek

- 01 New Year’s
- 12-13 Bob & Sharon Cornell
- 27 Church Annual Business Mtg

December Birthday’s

- 1 - Daniel Davis
- 3 - Kyra Gary (14)
- 5 - Flynn Davis
- 13 - Melissa Owens
- 18 - Kenita Gary
- 24 - Melanie Cresswell
- 28 - Alisa Landry
- 29 - Allen Trantham

December Anniversaries

- 3 - Ron & Jan Chelette (24 years)
- 12 - Leman & Elaine Lapointe (59 years)