



September 13, 2026

The Bad, The "More Badder" & the "Most Baddest"—Laodicea

Focus 2026

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We conclude this series of looking at the seven churches of Asia, which were presented using a phrase from a movie several years ago. This phrase, "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" seems to fit most of these churches. However, when we come to the church in Laodicea, we changed the title and created new "words" to describe it. There was nothing good to be found in this church.

The city of Laodicea. It was not a well-fortified city, but when Rome brought peace to the city, it became a rich city and a center of the financial area around it. It was a center where garments were manufactured that were worn in much of the Roman Empire. It was also a city famous for eye salve which brought healing. Needless to say, it was a city that reflected its grandeur and glory.

The church in Laodicea, neither "hot nor cold." In His opening words Jesus describes this church and its lukewarm service to Him. There was no major false doctrine which flourished there. There were no major false teachers. It was a church which still assembled, but assembling was the extent of its spirituality. Tragically this describes many churches today and far too many members of the church. Read His words carefully.

"I could wish that you were cold or hot. So that because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth" (Rev. 3:16). Read them again. The Lord would rather a Christian be cold—one who has totally left the Lord—than one who comes to worship or serves Him when it is convenient to come.

The Lord's response to such level of devotion is that Christians like this make Him so sick that He is ready to vomit them out of His mouth. Read His words again and soberly apply them to your devotion to Him.

The church in Laodicea did not see themselves as He saw them. They were satisfied and foolishly thought they were rich, well-clothed, and had no need to find ointments for their eyes. Jesus said that they said, "I am rich, I have become wealthy and have need of nothing." Jesus said, "You are wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked" (3:17). He then offered them true riches, white heavenly garments to cover their nakedness and salve for their spiritual blindness.

The letter to this church closes with a picture of Jesus standing and knocking at the door of this church that had everything except Jesus. Today He stands at the door of the entrance to the heart of every lukewarm Christian, knocking and wanting to gain entrance. Never lose sight of the fact that the handle to open the door is on the inside of your heart!

Sunday: Worship 10:30am & Class 5:00pm

Tuesday: Benevolence 9:00-10:00am & Young at Heart Class 10:30am

Wednesday: Class 6:30pm

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Lukewarm Laodicea
ALL IN: Overcomers
Revelation 2 & 3 Series – Part 7

Description of Jesus:

- The _____
- The _____ Witness
- The True Witness
- The _____ of the Creation of God

I Know your Deeds (3:15-

- **You are Neither _____ nor _____:**
You are Lukewarm (Two Views)
 - (1) You are Not _____ the way you were intended to
 - You should be on _____
 - You should even be _____
 - (2) I would rather you ____ know Me than be in the _____ you are in
 - You should be on _____
 - You are in “the _____ state” (2 Peter 2:20-22)
 - **Laodicea, you are _____ to Me!** “I will spit you out of My mouth”
- **You don’t think you need _____ anymore:** You say “I am Rich...”
 - The worst state anyone can find themselves in is to believe they have “_____”
 - Philippians 3:12-14
 - Jesus’ message: You have _____

Jesus always gives a _____ (3:18)

- Buy from Me: _____.
- Three Associated Imperatives: Be _____ (Look!).
- How is this still possible?
 - I am _____. I am giving you a chance! Are you going to let Me in?
 - Promise: I will _____ with You!

Don’t let the hope of vs 21 pass us by too quickly...

- If you _____ – You can sit on My Throne
- Why? Because you will be _____ Me!

**“To the angel of the Church in _____,
Write”**

Laodicea tibia
TODO EN: Vencedores
Serie Apocalipsis 2 y 3 – Parte 7

Descripción de Jesús:

- El _____
- El Testigo _____
- El Testigo _____
- El _____ de la Creación de Dios

Conozco tus obras (3:15-

- **No eres ni _____ ni _____:** eres tibio (Dos perspectivas)
 - (1) No estás _____ como se esperaba
 - Deberías estar lleno de _____
 - Deberías incluso ser _____
 - (2) Prefiero que ____ me conozcas a que estés en el _____ en que te encuentras
 - Deberías estar lleno de _____
 - Estás en el “_____ estado” (2 Pedro 2:20-22)
 - **¡Laodicea, me eres _____!** “Te vomitaré de mi boca”
- **Crees que ya no necesitas _____:** dices “Soy rico...”
 - El peor estado posible Una situación en la que pueden encontrarse es creer que han “_____”
 - Filipenses 3:12-14
 - El mensaje de Jesús: No tienen _____

Jesús siempre ofrece un _____ (3:18)

- Cómprame: _____.
- Tres imperativos asociados: Sé _____.
- ¿Cómo es esto posible?
 - ¡Llamo a tu _____! ¡Te doy una oportunidad! ¿Me abrirás?
 - Promesa: ¡Comeré _____!

No dejemos pasar la esperanza del versículo 21 demasiado pronto...

- Si _____, podrás sentarte en mi trono.
- ¿Por qué? ¡Porque serás _____ yo!

“Escribe al ángel de la iglesia en _____”

New Adult Bible Classes

SUNDAY NIGHT CLASSES:



Chapel

"Book of Galatians"

— Casey Hendrix



Family Room

"Know Your Purpose"

— Rusty Owens



College & Yng Pro

"2 Peter"

— Anthony Warnes

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASSES:



Chapel

"Book of Ruth"

— Brandon Watson



Family Room

"Do Good"

— Anthony Warnes



College & Yng Pro

"Sermon on the Mount"

— Justin Williams

Help us kick off our Lectureship *Family Fun* PICKLEBALL



**Saturday,
October 10**



5:00-8:30 PM



Bring your own dinner



Sign up on Lightpost



\$5/person to rent Taylor Courts



Deacons

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Greg Olsen - 903.654.1406
Billy Roughton - 903.654.4032
David Shastid - 903.257.6464
Jose Sosa - 903.872.0535
Brent Stewart - 903.641.9052
Mike Wylie - 214.837.3848
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Ministers

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Staff

Jay Mahoney - 903.467.9093 (Office)

Community Outreach

Addiction [Recovery](#) Counseling
Benevolence Program
Food for Fitness
Forever His

Local Missions

Bear Valley - Wayne Jones
Cherokee Children's Home
Disaster Relief
The Jenkins Institute
Knoxville School of Preaching
Memphis School of Preaching
WVBS school.wvbs.org

U.S. Mission Points

Tilton, NH & Mesa, AZ

Foreign Missions

Cameroon Preacher Training
India Preacher Training
Philippines Missions & Med. Evang.

Prayer Needs:

Nancy Sloan – Recently admitted to Navarro Regional.

Sandy Perryman – Awaiting medical test results.

Sharon Mahoney – Will need another procedure to address continued pressure in her eye.

Paula Spillyards – Another cataract procedure scheduled for 9/14.

Joyce Miles – Buck Murphy's aunt, recovering from injuries from an accidental shooting.

Green Family – Continued prayers for Ken, Chris, and Teresa as they recover from recent surgeries.

Don Ewing – Undergoing cancer treatment.

Jesse Torres – Receiving hospice care for cancer.

Brinley Baumgartner's Grandmother – Has been placed on comfort care.

Becky Oldroyd Weaver Family – Prayers following her recent passing.

Continue to remember: Bronny & Ruth Watson, Dan & Rita Dominy, Eula Henry, Louie & Patty Williams, Nick Tooley, Bill & Beverly Abercrombie, Loyd Ander, Tiffany Smith, Cohen Drain, David Mahoney, Myrna Haufe, Aubrey Parrish, Faith Beamon, Baby Hank, Jeremiah Parrish, Becky Simpson, Kenneth Southard, Sharon Mahoney, Larry Green, & Steve Phillips

Announcements:

Eastside Gospel Meeting — Sept 27-30

Westhill Lectureship — Save the dates Oct. 11-14

Young at Heart Classes — Tues. morning @ 10:30am

Westhill ARC (Addiction Recovery Counseling) meets weekly - contact Jay Mahoney

New Mission Work – Westhill is pleased to support Philippines Missions & Medical Evangelism, led by Michael and Debra Stock. We are thankful for the opportunity to support this growing work. — **Westhill Elders**

Staffed nursery available for babies up to 2 yr old.
Nursery Attendant this week: Amy Haden

Sun. Safety: David Shastid & Larry Rowden
Wed. Safety: Jason Burnett & Drew Burnett

Records for September 6, 2026

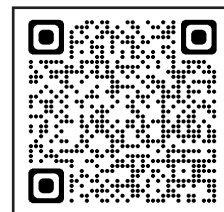
AM Worship..... 216
Contribution \$7,386

September Birthdays

September 7 - Scott Barham
September 8 - Whitney Watson
September 9 - Ashley Jones & Andria Warnes
September 14 - Acie Mahoney
September 17 - Britani Newman
September 18 - Grady Jones
September 19 - James Horn

Visitor Form

Thank you for joining us for worship! We would love to follow-up with you...



Privileged to Serve

AM Song Leader
AM Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Communion Leader
Communion Servers

Rick Newton
Cameron Haden
Dylan Nors
Greg Olsen
Ronnie Giles

David Baumgartner
Grayson Baumgartner
Larry Rowden
Joshua Haden

Matt Newman
Frizzell Henry
Colton Nicholson
Carson Barham
Rusty Owens

AM Closing Prayer

Paul Stewart

PM Song Leader
PM Opening Prayer
PM Devo
PM Closing Prayer

Marcus Dancer
Ethan Drain
Matt Newman
Casey Hendrix

Wed. Song Leader
Wed. Devo

Paul Ross
Anthony Warnes

Sept. Worship Coord.
Sept. Elder of Month

J. Haden / D. Shastid
Scott Barham