

IN TOUCH

THE CHURCH OF THE LAZY BOY RECLINER

Dear Friend:

This Sunday we come to the end of the 7 Churches of Revelation. The big picture is that Kirk McVay and I are preaching through Revelation September – December 13th. Kirk is preaching this week, you do not want to miss it. Of all the churches the Laodicean church is probably more reflective of modern day churches than any other church we have looked at so far. The church at Laodicea had a disease that can effect any church (and any Christian). The disease: spiritual laziness! Kirk told me an appropriate name for the church would be: The Church of the Lazy Boy Recliner.

Another name for Laodicea may be Poor Little Rich Church. They were a fairly wealthy congregation that had grown more and more spiritually lazy as time passed and their wealth grew. The city and the people of Laodicea had an above average income for several reasons. One thing they did not have was access to good drinking water so they had to pipe it in from 6 miles away and when it arrived at the city it had a distinctly lukewarm temperature. God made a parable to the church: he abused them of being lukewarm spiritually and unless they repented he said he would spit them out of his mouth. Not very flattering is it? As a matter of fact it is kind of disgusting, but that's God view of spiritual lukewarmness.

Let's draw an application out of this: not about Franklin Church (though we should ponder), let's look at our own life...are we spiritually "hot"? If our spiritual temperature was taken would it fall in the 60 degree range? 60 degree coffee is not cold enough for a good iced coffee nor hot enough for a hot morning coffee. Heed the warning to the church of Laodicea...pray and promise God to be on fire for Him!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayers: The McElhaney Family (death in the family), Helen Martindale, Dick Hickernell, Ken Carter, National Elections

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