

The Messenger

COLDWATER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Feb 28, 2016



Hypocrites are a particular breed of liars. They are by definition, insincere play-actors. The Greek word translated "hypocrite" refers to those who are on the stage playing a role. We use the word "hypocrite" as Jesus did, to refer to those who don't practice what they preach. Sometimes, tragically, people will leave the church and give this as a reason for their departure: "There are hypocrites in that church!" It may be true that there are hypocrites in the church, but it is no reason for anyone to leave the Lord. Here are some things to remember about hypocrites:

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).

**VISITORS,
WELCOME!**

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes
for all ages & fellowship
for lunch every Sunday!

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There is hypocrisy (to varying degrees) in every walk of life. Someone who leaves the church on the principle that the church includes hypocrites may fail to be consistent and also isolate himself from all other arenas of life where there are hypocrites. As long as we live in a world ruled by the father of lies (John 8:44; 14:30), who hypocritically disguises himself as a messenger of light (2 Corinthians 11:14), then there will be hypocrisy in various arenas. In the June issue of *The Atlantic*, we find a discussion of various studies claiming to have shown the following:

- 38 percent of doctors (who seem to be telling us constantly to lose weight) are themselves overweight.
- The people who steal most from North American stores aren't shoppers, but the stores' employees.
- 60 percent of the professional ethicists interviewed said that eating red meat is "morally bad," but only 27 percent said that they didn't actually eat red meat.
- Professional ethicists who borrow library books are 50 percent more likely to lose or steal them.

Jesus condemned hypocrisy, and will judge it Himself. A famous example: "You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said: 'This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me'" (Matthew 15:7; cf. Isaiah 29:13). We must not claim insincerely to be followers of Christ. Not only will we be lost, but our negative influence may lead others to be lost as well. Remember that Jesus Himself will judge hypocrites (John 12:48).

The presence of hypocritical, unfaithful members of the Lord's church ...

... **does not excuse my own unfaithfulness to the Lord.** Someone may leave the church because there are hypocrites in the church, without considering that there also will be many hypocrites in hell one day, along with all the other sinners who did not avail themselves of the blood of Christ. Neither you nor I need to be lost just because somebody else will be. Who can imagine spending eternity with all of the hypocrites who have ever lived?

Let us resolve to be Christians “through and through,” as James wrote: “But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and *sincere*” (3:17, emp. added).

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Sermon Review

When It Is Wrong to D.I.Y.

- I. When Seeking the Lost**
- II. When Supporting the Needy**
- III. When Strengthening the Assembly**
- IV. When Shepherding the Flock**
- V. When Serving the Church**
- VI. When Suffering the Consequences**
- VII. When Saving Yourself**

A.C.T.S. — God Makes A Statement ...

(Acts 12:3–24)

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| I. ... to Peter | IV. ... to Herod |
| II. ... to the Church | V. ... to the World |
| III. ... to the People | |

NEWS & NOTES

Please Pray

Jeffrey & Kaiden Ferrell, routine cancer screenings; **Wiley & Betty Tuggle**.

NetCasters
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Far East Missions

Family & Friends

Jack Higginbotham family, Stephanie's father passed Thursday; **Doris Easley family**, Molly's grandmother passed Tuesday, funeral was Saturday; **Judy Dowelling**, Joe's mother, recent heart attack, needs double bypass, and having major kidney problems; **Jo Smith**, Jerry's aunt, has cancer & will have hysterectomy; **Sue Brown**, Jared's grandmother; **Sharol Brown**, Jared's mother, to have surgery to remove polyps; **Bill Fleming**; **Jenny Kraft**, Mischel's co-worker, recently had a heart attack; **Deborah Williams**, Betty Duke's daughter, major eye complications; **Carl Zluticky**; **Linda McDonald**, friend of Sherry; **John Simpson** and family; **Charli Kate Rhodes**, home; **Mac Owen**; **Johnny & Joy Angel**, health problems; **Lottie McMahan**; **Sheila Culbreath Tubbs**; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Tammy Powell**; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **John Smith**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**; **Virginia Johnson**; **Bob Spurlin**.

Birthdays

2/2	Joyce Campbell	2/13	Tim Wilkes II
2/7	Abigail Wilkes	2/25	Betty Tuggle
2/8	Leigh Anne Owen	2/27	Sherry Gaines
2/12	Terry Bland		

Get Involved!

Sunday Afternoon for the Savior – TODAY
Between services

Bible Bowl Prep Activity – TODAY
Between services

Providence Place Devo – Mar 13 – 2 PM

Youth Movie Day – Mar 13 – Time TBD

Angel Baby Shower – Mar 19, 11 AM – 1 PM

Bible Bowl – Mar 19, 4 PM @ Olive Branch
John 16 – 18

Youth Devo, Egg Hunt @ the Williams' – Mar 26

Privileged to Serve

Sunday, February 28

Morning

Prayer Before Class	Russell Wadsworth
Announcements	Jared Brown
Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Lord's Supper:	
Preside	Terry Davis
	Chris Martin
Assist	Noah Davis
	Will Brooks
Opening Prayer	Billy Bland
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Closing Prayer	Wiley Tuggle

Afternoon

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Opening Prayer	Andy Ratliff
Sermon	Clifton Angel
Lord's Supper	Chris Martin
	Will Brooks
Closing Prayer	Jeffrey Ferrell

Wednesday, March 2

Song Leader	Jason Bayless
Prayer	Jim Jackson
Invitation	Clifton Angel
Prayer	Jerry Davis