

HOT OR COLD MILLENNIALS

*I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot.
Would that you were either cold or hot!
So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold,
I will spit you out of my mouth.*

Revelation 3:15–16

I am impressed by the Millennials. The term *Millennials* is used to describe the generation that was born between 1980 and 2000. It turns out they have a lot of positive qualities. One of their qualities caught me by surprise. It turns out they are not that interested in going to church for the sake of appearance.

One of the consequences of this attitude is that church attendance is down. When we see or hear reports of declining church attendance figures we often get discouraged. But, when we dig a bit deeper we discover some interesting facts about these numbers. When it comes to church, the attitude of the Millennials is *all in or not at all*.

It turns out that another interesting characteristic of Millennials is they tend to be close to their parents. Not only do they seek their parent's advice when making major decisions, but they will communicate with their parents on a regular basis, typically multiple times a week. The Millennials want to be close to family, and it is not unusual for them to turn down job promotions if it takes them too far from family.

The parents of the Millennials have a lot of influence in their kids' lives, especially when it comes to church attendance and their relationship with Jesus. But there is a twist in this influence. It turns out that if the parents have a committed relationship with Jesus and his church, then their Millennials kids will have a similar committed relationship with Jesus and this church. In fact, the evidence suggests that the Millennials will be even more committed. However, if the parents have a casual or superficial relationship with Jesus and his church, then their Millennial kids are likely not to even attend church, even for the sake of appearance.

*And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some,
but encouraging one another,
and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

Hebrews 10:24–25

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
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Family News & Notes

- **Art Shumway** is in Methodist Olive Branch.
- **Lula Whittle** is recovering from an infection.
- **Charlie Moore** will have surgery Tuesday, September 12.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Sonia Henry, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Joe Rodgers, Chris Rogers, Jamie Vorhof, Eddie & Margaret Whalen, Lula Whittle, Jane Winstead.

PHYSICAL THERAPY: Dot McEwen

HOSPICE CARE: Katie Culley, Ann Estes

SHUT-INS: Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Gordon & Louise Schmittou, Helen Weathers.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Jane Mullins, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons.

Invite a friend to Worship

BAPTISM

Congratulations to **Mason Branning and family**. Mason was baptized Sunday, September 3, 2017

BUILDING SECURITY

Our security team is making great strides to keep us and our building secure. **Moving forward**, on Sunday mornings, after 10:00AM the **only** doors that will be accessible for **entry** will be the **East and West** doors of the auditorium, the **Welcome Center** doors and the main **North** entrance doors (FLC entrance doors). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

BRIDAL SHOWER

There will be a Bridal Shower for **Banks Ready** and his bride-elect, Emily Jansen, on **Sunday, September 24**, from 3:00PM—4:30PM. They are registered at www.zola.com. Type in **banksandemily**.



NURSERY WORKERS

September 10

10:00AM (0-2 year olds) Nancy Cole, Amanda Denton, Catherine Davis, Crystal Haney

5:00PM: Laura Reed, Darla Walker

September 17

10:00AM (0-2 year olds) Heather Moon, Laurie Hammer, Amanda Massey, Stephanie Akin

5:00PM: Helen & Lindsey Brady

GOODMAN OAKS 101

This class is for anyone who is thinking about joining our church, has recently joined our church, or just wants to know more about who we are as a family. Even if you have been a member here for many years, there are likely aspects of our church life that are still unfamiliar to you. We invite you to come and familiarize yourself with what happens at Goodman Oaks.

Each class meets at **7:00 PM in room 27** on Wednesday evenings. Here is the schedule:

September 13 - Goodman Oaks' Bible Class Care Groups

September 20 - Goodman Oaks' Ministries

September 27 - Goodman Oaks' Facilities and Events

VEGETARIAN NIGHTMARE

The Veggie Nightmare has been reserved for **Saturday, September 23, 2017**. Information sheets are located in most classrooms for the schedule and menu. Please contact **Scotty Smith** for more information.

SAVE THE DATES

- **Veggie Nightmare** September 23
- **A Day With Jesus** October 22
- **Men's Fellowship Breakfast** October 22
- **Fall Festival/5th Sunday** October 29
- **Paragould Angel Tree** December 9

YOUTH NEWS

AREA WIDE

Our first area wide is **tonight** at the Hernando Church of Christ. If you are riding the van please be at the church at **4:30PM**. We will return to the building around **7PM**. If you are meeting us in Hernando show up at **5PM** and be picked up between **6:45 and 7PM**.

SHARE GROUP

Next **Sunday, April 17**, we will be joining with the Share group. Be at the building at **3:45pm** to go sing. We will be back before church starts at 5pm.

TEEN NIGHT

Our next Teen Night will be **Sunday, April 24** at the McCormick's. You can be dropped off as early as **4:45PM** and we will end at **7:00PM**.

