

MARKS OF HYPOCRISY

Jesus charged those who made a show of being religious but put their own selfish interest ahead of doing the will of God with the sin of hypocrisy (Matthew 23). The following excuses for not attending service of the church given by church members under the circumstances indicated, bear the marks of the evil and sinful spirit of hypocrisy.

1. **INSUFFICIENT CLOTHES.** But seen regularly in public, in town, at gatherings for pleasure or business.
2. **UNABLE TO GIVE SUBSTANTIALLY ON THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK.** But able to make substantial payments on automobile, television, home, nice furniture, and spending for pleasure.
3. **SICK ON SUNDAY, ABSENT FROM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY.** But seen out late on Saturday, out driving Sunday afternoon, going to work Monday morning, and active in fun activities, shopping, parties and other places under the same conditions.
4. **UNABLE TO BRING THE CHILDREN OUT.** But take them to town, to parties and other places under the same conditions.
5. **CANNOT LEAVE THE CHILDREN IN CARE OF OTHERS.** But leave them without hesitation for normal duties of life, to go to work, or to engage in pleasures.
6. **TOO OLD TO GET TO CHURCH ANYMORE.** But seen making regular trips to town, or to visit children, and under more strenuous circumstances.
7. **MORNING DUTIES ARE TOO HEAVY TO GET TO CHURCH ON TIME.** But seen meeting earlier engagements on time during the week.
8. **UNAVOIDABLE BUSINESS ENGAGEMENTS.** But under the same circumstances known to cancel like engagements for family functions, or pleasure activities.
9. **CANNOT LOOSE SLEEP FOR SUNDAY NIGHT AND MIDWEEK SERVICES.** But known to be up hours after services are over watching television or engaged in other activities.
10. **CAN'T ENDURE AN HOUR IN CHURCH SERVICES WITHOUT IMPAIRING MY HEALTH.** But seen attending two-hour shows, ball games, and other functions.
11. **TOO NERVOUS TO BE IN A CROWD AT CHURCH.** But seen in larger crowds often for other affairs of life.
12. **CONDEMN NEIGHBORS FOR NOT ACCEPTING BAPTISM AS NECESSARY TO SALVATION.** But wilfully forsaking the assembly of the Lord (Hebrews 10:25).

-- Jerry Westmoreland (Reprinted from *Visitor*, March, 1983)

Remember in Prayer

Sam Swiney is at Princeton in room 4122.

Janice Key is scheduled for neck surgery on March 27 at St. Vincent's.

Bobby Cupps (Magan Gilbert's friend's brother) was in an automobile accident on Sunday morning.

Billy Self (Virginia Mullenix's brother) is at Princeton for open heart surgery.

Long Term Needs

David Burford, Sara Morgan, Ramona Yeilding

Sympathy

Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of **Kathy Strange** (Brad Strange's grandmother) Her funeral was on Saturday, March 21, 2009.

Please remember the following who are currently serving for our country: **Tyler Burger, Mark Davis, Chris Ham & Chris Pridmore**

Please remember all in your prayers!

Attention Ladies:

We will have a brief meeting concerning Ladies' Day after our service on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. Please make your plans to stay.



LADS/LEADERS

Lads/Leaders, your hotel money is due by March 29. Please make the check out to Adamsville church of Christ and give your check to **Ray or Jane Skelton**.

The **Bible Bowl Test** will be Wednesday after services on Chapters 13-24.

Please make plans for our **Praise in Blackwell Park** devo on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM. Menu: Sandwiches and chips. Please come and enjoy a period of devotion and fellowship.

Mark Your Calendar/2009

- Mar. 28 -- Memphis School of Preaching Youth Day
Apr. 10-11 -- Lads/Leaders Nashville
Apr. 17-18 -- Prom Alternative
Apr. 25 -- Ladies' Day with
Cindy Colley
May 8-9 -- Men's Retreat
June 7-10 -- Gospel Meeting: **Ken Tyler**
July 5-10 -- Ronnie's week @ICYC
July 26-29 -- VBS
Oct. 11-14 -- Gospel Meeting:
Curtis A. Cates
Oct. 17 -- Family Fun Day @ Tannehill
Dec. 31 -- New Year's Eve Singing

Visitation Team Meeting

We will not have a Visitation Team meeting on Sunday, March 29, 2009. Worksheets will be available Sunday night on the table in the foyer. Please pick one up and help with this good work. Team #1 will have the next meeting on Sunday, April 5, 2009.



Thank you all so much for the Bible and all the encouraging words that were said. I know that in the future they will both be put to good use.
In Christian Love, **Lydia Knight**

Thank you so much for every act of kindness shown to us during the deaths of our grandmothers. Thank you for the thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and food. This has been a very difficult time, but your love makes it easier to bear. **Stentsen & Erin Ellenburg**

Without the Lord and my wonderful church family I cannot imagine trying to make it through this major loss of my wonderful mother. I would like to thank each of you for the food, cards, calls, and words of comfort, also to those of you that came to the hospital. Your presence in a time of making a difficult decision helped ease the pain!
Love you all, **Becky Kersh** and family

