



Sunday – March 03, 2024

# The Lakeland Hills Leader

## **Lakeland Hills church of Christ**

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## **Schedule of Services**

### **Sunday**

9:00 AM Bible Study  
9:50 AM Worship  
6:00 PM Worship

### **Wednesday**

7:00 PM Bible Study

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### **Elders**

Bob Marschall  
Leon Miller  
Larry Wisdom

### **Deacons**

Bucky Day  
Sherman Johnson  
Michael Sadler  
David Williams

### **Evangelist**

Chuck Kozens

## **SPIRITUAL COMPLACENCY**

*Author Unknown*

It is essential for Christians to grow and mature in the faith. The Apostle Peter stated, *“But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ”* (2 Pet. 3:18). Mature Christians strive to be spiritually strong, but yet, patient and understanding. One thing they must constantly be on guard against is becoming complacent in spiritual matters. This is a condition where nothing seems to affect or move them. It consists of a “self-satisfied” attitude, regardless of the conditions. There are conditions, issues, and needs that ought to affect strong Christians. But with the person who has become spiritually complacent, nothing affects him one way or another. With these thoughts in mind, let us notice some of the symptoms which characterize those who are suffering from *spiritual complacency*.

They absent themselves from the worship services and Bible classes for any (or no) reason. The least little headache or pain keeps them away. But under the same circumstances they go to work, go shopping, go out to eat with friends, go to a ball game, or engage in some other social or recreational activity.

If and when they do come to the Bible classes, they come unprepared and without even bringing their Bible with them.

They are bored with the worship services, as well. They might sing; they might not. They wiggle and squirm during the sermon as though they can’t wait until it’s over. A growing problem developing all over the country involves members of the Lord’s church texting during worship. I recently heard from a friend who is an elder in another state where members in the assembly were actually texting each other during the worship service. *(The elders here request on our Power Point scroll that all electronic communication devices be turned off in the church building.)*

They are not interested in calling on the sick and the shut-ins. They are not interested in making visits, making a phone call, sending a card, preparing food, or waiting upon the sick in any manner.

They see other weak Christians falling and drifting away, but they make no effort to reach and encourage them. Those who are weak need teaching, encouragement, and strengthening, but they make no effort whatsoever to assist them.

They are uninterested when newcomers come into the congregation. They make no effort to speak to them, welcome them, become acquainted with them, or seek to become friends with them.

They lack interest in the local church and its work. They are not concerned about keeping themselves informed, they don’t read the weekly bulletin, they are not interested enough to ever ask the elders any questions.

They do not give to the Lord as they should, which indicates a lack of interest in the progress and growth of the Lord’s work. It indicates a selfish attitude—what is mine is mine, and I am going to keep it.

They lack enthusiasm for worship and Bible classes, but get all excited over television programs, movies, ball games, hunting or fishing trips, etc.

They have no interest in doing any work to reach someone with the gospel. As far as they are concerned, no one is interested anyway, so why bother.

They show no interest in doctrinal matters involving the introduction of unscriptural activities that have divided the Lord's church; they show a lack of concern for moral issues concerning unscriptural divorces and adulterous marriages; they are not mindful of personal issues such as immodest dress or social drinking.

The descriptions that have just been presented do not portray a "*pretty portrait*." In fact, it presents a very sad spiritual condition. Becoming *spiritually complacent* is a terrible condition, and needs to be avoided at all costs. *Spiritual complacency* is much like being lukewarm, and remember what the Lord told the Laodiceans— "*I will spew you out of my mouth*" (Rev. 3:16). Notice what the Lord further told them: "*As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore, be zealous and repent*" (Rev. 3:19).