

Apathy - The Silent Killer

By Van Yandell
Revelation 3: 15-16 NKJV “I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.”
High blood pressure or hypertension has been classified by the medical profession as “the silent killer.” Primarily it is called that because we do not realize we have a problem until it is too late.

Actually, with a slight increase in blood pressure, one sometimes feels an increase in energy which leads one to believe everything with their health is okay.

The church in America is suffering from a condition similar to hypertension. It appears to most of those that occupy a seat in church on Sunday mornings believe the church health is wonderful.

No state of chemically (or other) induced euphoria could create an illusion further from the truth. We are in many churches and see the same developing state of death-bed sickness in many of those. A great sadness is experienced when we fully realize this is not what Jesus had in mind.

Jesus had in mind a church that would obey His instructions. Specifically to love one another (John 13: 34-35), be of one accord (Philippians 2: 2) and to evangelize (Matthew 28: 18-20), and not be divided by individual notions.

Matthew 16: 18 “And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and

Special Service At Poole Church Sunday, July 6

On Sunday July 6, at 3:00 the Grammy nominated singer Johnathan Bond will be in concert at the Poole Missionary Baptist Church located on Hwy 41-A in Poole.

The concert of patriotic and gospel music will be held in the church sanctuary.

Following the concert, free food and games will be available in the backyard of the church. Everyone is invited.

upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”

The “gates of hell shall not prevail against it,” but the gates of denominationalism and indifference may. Many churches once adhering to a denomination are now adding the term, “independent.” Could we at least recognize that in most cases those matters that divide us are not matters of eternal consequence?

We must always teach that eternal salvation is attained by a faith based belief (Ephesians 2: 8) in Christ Jesus crucified (Matthew 27: 35) for the remission of sin (1 John 1: 9) and resurrected (Matthew 28: 6).

Apathy for the church is very similar to the signs of hypertension. Basically, the signs are not recognized as a problem because we consider them to be either good things or at least non-consequential.

In many of today’s churches in America, we need not be concerned with finding a seat. Attendance has dropped to the point two thirds of the building could be partitioned off.

When preaching, I prefer to stand on the floor with the congregation and not behind a speakers stand. It is usually possible to use the front seat as a place to lay my Bible and notes.

Declining attendance at times is a gradual process and people may not notice until one Sunday morning they look up and wonder, “Where is everyone?” A very interesting statement once heard was “People in church at times look around to see who’s there. We should be looking around to see who is not there!”

“Out of sight, out of mind” must not be a philosophy concerning members that suddenly stop attending. Do we not care what happened to them or simply not notice?

A simple phone call or visit may be all the difference it takes to encourage someone to come back. And don’t wait six months to send

someone a mass-produced card “We’re missing you.”

Spiritual weakening contributes to the decision making process of church members. We may ask ourselves “What is more important, which team wins the ball game or eternity?”

Spiritual disconnect is also of paramount concern when observing the apathy and consequent death of a church. We must be alarmed when we as a church or individual lose our supernatural connection with our Creator.

A lack of participation in congregational singing is a sign of a dying church. When we fail to lift up our voices to the Lord, our attitudes are screaming indifference.

Psalm 100: 1-2 “Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing.” The time to worship begins with the spiritual uplifting of the song service.

Pastors get the blame for a dying church and perhaps at times, that is accurate. If anyone is to be excited about Sunday mornings, it must begin with each of us and the pastor.

Also in the pastoral arena is the mission attitude of a church. If Christians fail to comprehend the importance of fulfilling Jesus’ last command (Acts 1: 8) before His ascension, we will continue to see our world digress into chaos.

Jesus told us to “Go ye therefore and preach this gospel to all nations” for a reason. He suffered, shed His blood and died for the sins of everyone; all eight-billion of us.

We must see everyone as someone Jesus died for. If mankind has been given any one gift precious above all others, it is eternal life. Acts 4: 12 “Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we may be saved.”

If people do not understand the differences in right and wrong

and the differences in actions as being acceptable and unacceptable, the deterioration of civilization will continue. The only reference for those is the Holy Bible. Once a man that

was asked, “What do you think about ignorance and apathy? His answer: “I don’t know and I don’t care!” I do not ever want to be that man. Van Yandell is a re-

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God Knows You

By Dr. Bob Hardison

Worshiping Alongside Others Encourages Us In Our Faith

Q: A friend at work keeps inviting me to go to church with him. I tell him, “Look, my faith is a personal matter. I worship God in my own way. I don’t really need to go to church. Am I looking at church wrong? What benefit is there of going to church anyway?

A: By faith, each individual repents of sin and places his or her trust in Jesus to forgive their sins. That experience is personal. Although it’s personal, it shouldn’t be private. Our relationship with Jesus can’t be completely experienced in isolation.

The writer of Hebrews explicitly urges us to regularly worship together. “Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching (of Christ’s

return)” (10:25). A healthy, growing Christian enjoys his local family of believers and enthusiastically participating in corporate worship with them.

Two vitally important things we can do together that we can’t do alone are: hearing the testimonies of others’ walk with Christ fuels our faith. As we meet together and recount

God’s faithfulness and provisions in our lives, every one present is encouraged.

Also, in corporate worship, we are provoked “to love and good works” (Heb. 10: 24). As we sing praises, pray, testify, listen to the reading of God’s Word and hear the gospel preached, the Holy Spirit encourages us to love and serve everyone.

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BID

The Webster County Fiscal Court will start to accept bids on the following items at 9:00 A.M., prevailing time on Monday, June 23, 2025 at the Webster County Courthouse, Dixon, Kentucky. Bids shall be delivered to the office of Stephen R. Henry, Webster County Judge/Executive, P.O. Box 155 U.S. 41-A, South, Dixon, KY 42409, in a marked, sealed envelope. The bids will be publicly opened and read at the meeting of the Webster County Fiscal Court on July 14, 2025, which will begin at 9:00 A.M.

Fishtrap Derby Mine

1) Bid for a 40' by 19'8" pre-cast concrete box culvert with wing walls and installation. (Approximately 54 klbs. per 6' sections).

Installation of box culvert and sing walls with crane pump water away so precast can be set in place. Webster County is to dig out old culverts and haul off. Contractor would finish digging down to final grade.

The Webster County Fiscal Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids and to waiver all formalities in the awarding of bids.

Webster County Health Notes

By Pam Hunter, Facilitator

Insect bites...lots are out this time of year...and treatment.

Most reactions to insect bites and stings are mild, causing little more than redness, itching, stinging or minor swelling. Rarely, insect bites and stings, such as from a bee, a wasp, a hornet, a fire ant or scorpion, can result in severe reactions. Some insects also carry disease, such as West Nile virus.

To take care of an insect bite or sting that causes a mild reaction (especially small children):

Move to a safe area to avoid more bites or stings.

If needed, remove the stinger.

Wash the area with soap and water.

Apply a cool compress. Use a cloth dampened with cold water or filled with ice. This helps reduce pain and swelling. If the injury is on an arm or leg, elevate it.

Apply 0.5 or one percent hydrocortisone cream, calamine lotion or a baking soda paste to the bite or sting to relieve the pain.

Several time insect bites and stings occur when an insect is agitated and seeks to defend itself through its natural defense mechanisms, or when an insect seeks to feed off the bitten person. Some insects inject formic acid, which can cause an immediate skin reaction often resulting in redness and swelling in the injured area.

Stings from fire ants, bees, wasps and hornets are usually painful and may stimulate a dangerous allergic reaction called anaphylaxis for at-risk patients, and some wasps can also have a powerful bite along with a sting. Bites from mosquitoes and fleas are more likely to cause itching.

Take an antihistamine (Benadryl) to reduce itching.

Usually, the signs and symptoms of a bite or sting disappear in a day or two. If you’re concerned—even if your reaction is minor—call your doctor.

Losing your temper is no way to get rid of it.



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