



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## January 17, 2021



### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

#### MINISTER

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

#### ELDERS

Joe Bieren: 208-305-1136

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#### DEACONS

Education – Rick Richardson

Finance – Tom Hill

Outreach – Mark Whittaker

#### AREAS OF SERVICE

Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Secretary – Renee Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

## *Precarious Health*

The vast majority of our family prayer requests are about health. Praise God! Keep them coming. We deeply care about health and wellbeing.

I don't expect many requests for the prayers of the church over brother so-and-so's debilitating struggle with lust or his addiction to heroine. And I doubt sister so-and-so will be quick to ask for prayers to overcome her struggle with gossip or greed. But these struggles are real, even among God's people. Unbelievers have these problems too but often don't feel a need to struggle with them painfully. We do.

Bottom line: do not limit your prayer life to the church prayer list. While I'm at it, don't limit your giving only to money.

We thank God daily for our health. It is His gift, but it is temporary. The things that matter more than health are the things no one can take from us. That's a short list. In fact, without God, it is a non-list. And in a godless culture, it is common for people to devote everything to health and its worship.

The ancient Greeks worshipped several gods and goddesses related to health. Hygiea had temples in many ancient cities, including Corinth and Pergamon. Sacrifices to her abounded in an era when health was precarious, especially in Corinth where venereal diseases were rampant.

In his second letter to the church at Corinth, the apostle Paul mentioned a serious health problem from which he suffered. He called it his "thorn in the flesh" and pleaded with God repeatedly for healing. God's answer pointed Paul to something far greater than health. God said, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness."

So, Paul learned that his physical weakness was a gift if it kept him grateful for God's grace.

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