



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## January 24, 2021



### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Education – Rick Richardson

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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

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## *It comes with the territory...*

*“God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.” (1 Corinthians 1:9)*

The Lewiston Church of Christ family is a gift from the hand of God. We love, because He first loved us (see 1 John 4:19). When we come together, we relish the results of God's love as a family united by our common forgiveness and salvation.

The sweetness of Christian fellowship defines us. Our love is not compromised by our flaws. All families have flaws. Confessing them only makes us appreciate the graceful hand of God all the more.

Jesus paid a huge price for our forgiveness, thus creating our fellowship. But it does not end there. As Christians, we carry Jesus' cross and this means that paying the price of love is a legacy we carry. Love is costly, not just for Jesus but for His followers too.

Having served in ministry here for nine years, I have seen many of our number suffer deeply when we lose a fellow member. This pain comes with love. It is the price we are willing to pay as a family. If you want to avoid hurt, just stop loving.

No, that's not an option. We accept the hurt and beg God for His strength to handle it with grace. No family, bonded by love, is free from pain. When family members hurt us or leave, we are called to increase our love. Jesus paid a high price for love and as His disciples, we stand ever ready to accept gracefully the hurts that come with love—without complaining. It comes with the territory of Jesus' cross.

Consider the Lord's Supper. It focuses on the painful cross where Christ demonstrated His love for sinners by taking our sins upon Himself. Yet, His painful sacrifice results in deeper communion (fellowship) within the family of God. But it's not a free pass around pain. Never allow your hurt to become an excuse for letting go of your love.

Joel Solliday