



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## January 31, 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

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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

## *Lost Generations*

Generations often take on identities. Americans born from 1900-1920 are called the “Lost Generation.” They endured the first World War. Then came the “G. I. Generation” or the “Greatest Generation.” They stood up to the Nazi menace. Then came the “Baby Boomers”, the “Me Generation”, the “Millennials”, or “Generation X.”

These are generalizations and labels applied loosely to real times and real people, so judge for yourself. But don't disregard all generational generalizations. Jesus ripped His own generation, calling it...

- “Evil and adulterous...” (Matthew 12:39 and 16:4).
- “Wicked...” (Matthew 12:45 and Luke 11:29), “
- “Unbelieving and perverse...” (Matthew 17:17 & Luke 9:41))
- “Adulterous and sinful...” (Mark 8:38).

Jesus compared his generation to children in the marketplace shouting, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn.” (Matthew 11:16-17). They were numb to the truth. He also equated His generation with the days of Noah when people were living it up oblivious to the impending flood (Luke 17:26).

Jesus wept for His generation. Because He loved them, he pulled no punches regarding their sick and lost condition, calling for repentance. Spiritually numb, blind, deaf, and listless, they failed to discern the face of God in their midst. So, they killed Him. And yet, God used that fatal failure to accomplish our forgiveness at the cross.

There's more. Seven weeks after Jesus was crucified, Peter stood up in Jerusalem and called his generation “perverse” (Acts 2:40). Yet that day, 3,000 souls repented and were baptized, and Jesus' church was born from the ranks of the perverse. If God can use a crucifixion to bring forgiveness, He can use a church to carry the gospel of forgiveness to every lost generation that comes along.

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