



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## March 21, 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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Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

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## A Joy-Filled Family

Let's take a serious look at Christian joy and begin with our congregation's mission statement:

*"To be united in faith by the word of God,  
To be a joy-filled congregation,  
Called by Christ to heal a broken world."*

Be honest—was it on your radar that being *joy-filled* is crucial to our calling as a church family? This does not mean we are struggle-free or that tears are banned. It also does not mean our teachers and preachers must be funny. So, what does it mean?

- It means we crave justice. God's word says, "The exercise of justice is joy for the righteous." (Proverbs 21:15).
- It means we pursue unity. Paul wrote, "Make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." (Philippians 2:2).
- Above all, it means we get our joy from Jesus, who said, "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and *that* your joy may be made full." (John 15:11). His joy in us is the point. And the joy Jesus considers "full" also includes grief. He added, "...you will grieve, but your grief will be turned into joy!" (John 16:20). To illustrate, He said that a mother's anguish in giving birth is soon replaced by her "joy that a child has been born into the world." (vs. 21). The joy of Jesus can see beyond our present pain. Jesus concluded that, "...no one *is going to* take your joy away from you." (vs. 22).

We are committed to being a "joy-filled congregation." Sometimes it's hard. Life comes with unexpected challenges but no challenge can change our purpose. Joy is a family priority for us. And making Jesus' joy visible has great potential to elevate others. This is our mission.

Joel Solliday