



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## October 4, 2020

### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

#### MINISTER

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

#### ELDERS

Joe Bieren: 208-305-1136

Jerry Bolm: 208-360-9186

Doyle Dawes: 208-836-5718

#### DEACONS

Education – Rick Richardson

Finance – Tom Hill

Outreach – Mark Whittaker

#### AREAS OF SERVICE

Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

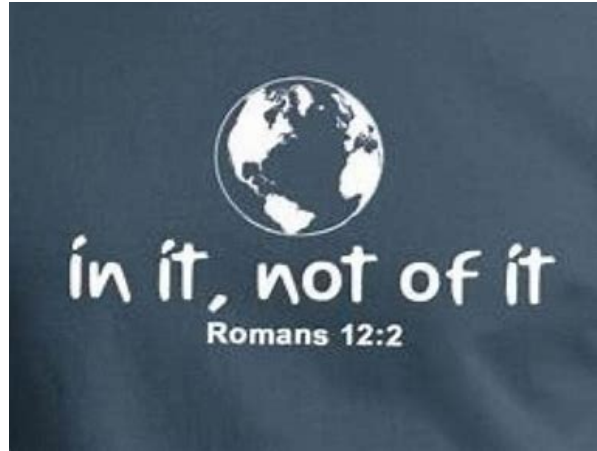
Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Secretary – Renee' Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes



## *Are We Different?*

“People are so judgmental! I can tell just by looking at them.”

I chuckled when I saw this line on Facebook. But the more I thought about it, the less funny it became. Too many people in the world think and act this way.

First, TV commercials teach us to focus on surface appearances as if they shape our happiness. They cannot.

Second, the news is filled with more accusations against groups and parties than fair explanations of events or policy differences. Long before both sides are heard in a courtroom, media junkies rush into our streets to violently attack people simply because they look different or have a business. This rush to judgment is fueled more by manipulated anger than honest understanding.

Finally, too many professors, politicians, pundits, and even some preachers use cheap shots, zingers, and accusations to trigger their listeners rather than enlighten them. Did you see the recent presidential debate? Enough said.

The Bible teaches that anger does not accomplish the righteousness of God (James 1:20). It calls Christians to be different from the world. We walk toward a narrow gate because the wide one leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13). We seek God's transformation and renewal rather than conformation to the world and its ways (Romans 12:2). We are called not to just look different but to be different—to think, act, love, work, care, and communicate differently. And don't expect this to win us the world's love and admiration. The apostle John warned, “Do not be surprised, brethren, if the world hates you. (1 John 3:13).

Jesus paid a high price for being different. So must we.

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