



Lewiston Church of Christ

November 1, 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

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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

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Our Mission is Not on the Ballot!

Democracy is designed to give political power to the people. In a democratic republic like ours, leaders should pay attention to citizens and represent their concerns. I believe Christians should be allowed and encouraged to participate in the voting franchise.

But do not hang too much hope on elections. We do not merely choose one sinner over another but an entire cabinet of sinners over another. Of course, there are crucial differences between the candidates and parties about which Christians deeply care. So, study the differences and vote accordingly. How you vote remains your business.

Nevertheless, as long as the number of children growing up in shattered homes continues to increase, elections will do little to shape our future for the good. As children are intentionally and increasingly deprived of homes led by a married father and mother, our culture will become more chaotic, angry, lawless, violent, and destructive. These pathologies can rise regardless of which party is in power. But thank God for exceptions to this trend when love works hard to make the best of a tough situation.

God instituted marriage as a holy covenant between one man and one woman (Genesis 2:24). He even does the joining (Matthew 19:6). We distort or dishonor marriage to our own peril. As the late Charles Colson said, "Marriage is where the future comes from."

This is true this side of heaven. Our eternal hope, however, rests in Jesus Christ and His cleansing blood, regardless of anyone's marital or political status. Still, God cares about human happiness on earth. He especially cares about how children are raised in this world beset by sin. While we cannot prevent tragedies or change the past, we can uphold God's will for healthy families going forward.

Christians begin with repentance and humility over our own sin and this cultivates compassion for others suffering in sin or from sin. No election can change the main mission of Jesus' church—to reconcile sinners with the holy God who made us and loves us. No matter who wins elections, our hope remains grounded in the gospel of repentance and forgiveness through Jesus. That's where our eternal future comes from.

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