



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## December 6, 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

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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

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes



## *Farsighted Faith*

*“Walk by faith, not by sight.”*  
The Apostle Paul (2 Corinthians 5:7).

Faith is a covenant-keeping quality. Covenants call for trust. In the passage above, Paul is not telling us to close our eyes. He is teaching us to trust in God more than in things we can see and touch; like muscles, money, internet, labels, credentials, journalists, elections, stock markets, laboratories, and so on.

Faith means trusting God above all. Surface appearances can mislead us. We need guidance at a much deeper level than just what our eyes tell us. The world tells us to lean on our own understanding. Astonishingly, God's word tells us instead to trust in the Lord with all our hearts (Proverbs 3:5).

Actually, the world sends mixed messages. Have you heard the saying, “perception is reality”? How about, “create our own reality”? Nonsense! Reality is much bigger than our perceptions and it has already been created! We are just too shortsighted to see it. My perception is not the end-all—be-all. Things are not always as they seem. So, I must rely on God more than my own perceptions, prejudices, or preferences. He is my reality.

On the surface, the cross looked like a failure. Jesus' disciples fled in fear. Yet, God was doing something they could not see in the moment. He was implementing His farsighted plan to save sinners from the just judgment we deserve and grant forgiveness and eternal hope to those who repent, trust, and obey.

So, when you feel like a failure, trust that God is working in you to guide you to a place no GPS can—a place where faith, hope, and love loom large, and ultimately, to an eternal home in heaven. Farsighted faith can make you fearless even when everything you see looks terrifying.

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