



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## January 20, 2019



## *Why I Believe*

### Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

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Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

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God's word calls us to be ready to answer for the hope we hold in Christ. **Amy Adams**, a sister in our fellowship, recently showed that readiness on Facebook and she gracefully granted permission to share some excerpts of her exchange with some challenging friends. Space does not allow for the full context but her words below stands as a solid highlight.

It's not one thing that makes me believe the Bible is true, it is many things... For me, the proof is not simply that it has been banned or that people are willing to die for it. The proof is not only that it has survived so long or that there is evidence that points toward a Creator. The proof isn't just that there is archeological evidence to support the claims in the Bible. Those things definitely help and give strong evidence that the Bible is true. However, the reason I believe without a doubt is based on my experience.

I have experienced the transformation of the Holy Spirit working in my life. I have experienced being stuck in sin, giving in to any type of desire. I have experienced trying desperately to overcome my bitterness, anger, lusts, etc., on my own and failing over and over again. Then I started to read the Bible for myself instead of just listening to what others said about it. I started to believe the words and started loving this Jesus that I never knew personally (only knew a lot about). I started to pray in faith and to put into practice the things I was reading. That's when Jesus changed me. He transformed my heart completely. He taught me how to get rid of any bitterness and how to forgive the way he forgave. He taught me how to overcome my lusts and to desire him above all else. He taught me how to be patient where I used to be angry. He started answering my prayers for other people as well as myself. That's why I believe. He did in me what I could never do in myself. Never. No matter how hard I tried. He is still working in me; still showing me the things in my heart that need to change. One by one getting rid of my sins and evil desires and making me more like Christ. That's why I believe without a doubt. I want everyone to be able to experience this freedom and joy!! I want everyone to know this amazing God!

Amy Adams (shared with permission)