



# Lewiston Church of Christ

April 26, 2020



## Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

### MINISTER

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

### ELDERS

Doyle Dawes: 208-836-5718

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### DEACONS

Education – Rick Richardson

Fellowship – Joe Bieren

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

## *Step Up to the Plate!*

Back in 1969, my high school baseball team had the fastest pitcher in the league. Dan Kaal was fast, but also a bit wild. No one wanted to play catcher.

Finally, the smallest kid on the team, standing 4'10" and skinny as a rail, stepped up to the plate, so to speak. The coach searched all over town for a left-handed catcher's glove. This kid was not chosen for his experience behind the plate--he had none. He was chosen because he was willing.

Dan walked more than his fair share of batters and base-runners often took advantage of the smallest catcher in the league by stealing bases. But then Dan would usually bear down and begin striking out batters. As wild as he was, few pitches got by that tiny catcher. We managed to actually win a few games.

That little left-handed catcher was me. My skill-sets were mixed. My throw down to second base was weak but I could stop nearly any pitch that came my way. For years, my older brother forced me to take his strongest pitches playing catch in our front yard.

In Jesus' church, ministry is for all the members, not just elders, deacons, and staff. Every church contains people with mixed ministry skills. While skills matter, willingness matters even more. How willing are you to step up to serve in our congregation? Do you feel inadequate for the tasks at hand? Believe me, so did that tiny catcher in 1969. He was flawed in more ways than one but he was willing. With the support of his teammates and his coach, he got better in time too.

When the early church in Ephesus needed someone to step up in ministry, Paul called on young Timothy, admonishing him to "be sober in all things, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry." (2 Timothy 4:5). In other words, step up to the plate!

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