



Lewiston Church of Christ

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*Many colours paint the rainbow,
arching over land and sea
Many colours form the fabric
of our human tapestry
God, with joy and hope you made us
by a pattern you had planned,
Weaving varied threads together
with a skilled and loving hand.*

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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Not Forsaking the Assembly

The words of the Holy Spirit Himself: *“And let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.”* (Hebrews 10:24-25)

There is a time when we come together for the express purpose of stirring up one another to love and good works. We assemble specifically to nurture those feelings of love that we are to have for one another as family. We gather specifically to inspire one another to live faithfully, to step out into the world after we leave this assembly and engage in good works.

In reference to our coming together to stir up love and good works, the very next verse says that we are not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together. Did you know that the word “forsake” is three Greek words put together? Those three words are “in,” “down,” and “leave.” The word “forsake” is the idea of leaving someone when they are in a condition of being down. We might use the phrase, being “down and out.”

We get into these debates on whether we are required to attend every time the doors are opened. Do I have to be here every Sunday evening and Wednesday night? That is the wrong question to ask. We need to ask how we can change our attitude so that we can be more faithful in our attendance.

You need to be here together whenever possible not because the elders expect it or because God is keeping attendance records. You need to be here because your brethren need you. They need your encouragement. They need your strength. They need to be stirred up to love and good works. When you decide not to attend because you would rather be somewhere else (rather than due to illness, work, or out of town trips), you need to ask yourself if you are considering your brethren unselfishly.

No one is saved simply by coming and putting in their time. But being saved stands as a huge incentive to be faithful in our brotherly responsibility to encourage others and to be encouraged. Salvation transforms our priorities and inspires us to treasure every opportunity we have to give God the praise and worship He deserves. How does your life compare to Hebrews 10:25?

[written by CLP, of the Northside Church of Christ in North Las Vegas, NV, edited for space].