



Lewiston Church of Christ

June 11, 2017

BE HUMBLE
BE PRAYERFUL
BE GRATEFUL

Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Eternally Grateful

Some things become so normal, it is easy to forget to be grateful. For instance, I can still hear birds sing in the morning. I can see the sun rise. My wife set the coffee-maker to begin brewing at 5 am... and it did! There was milk in the refrigerator. My car started again. I still have a job. I can still eat an apple. And isn't it great that people exist who can fix cars, air conditioners, and computers? I am grateful.

A grateful spirit can be thankful in sunshine and rain. They see the positive purpose and benefit in both. An ungrateful spirit is blind to such benefits. They focus on the negatives in life (yes, we all must deal with negatives). They live in resentment rather than joy often without actually being any worse off in reality than grateful people.

Normalcy is not the only criteria for gratitude. I am also thankful that...

- ⌚ Many Puritan preachers ranted against slavery.
- ⌚ Noah Webster spent 27 years composing an English dictionary.
- ⌚ Policemen are pursuing bad guys at this very moment.
- ⌚ Unusually diligent scholars learned ancient languages well enough to translate the Scriptures into a readable text for us today.

I am tuning up my heart for **All-Teen Camp** at Prince's Pine (July 2-8). Our theme will be: "**Thanks a Lot**"! We aim to cultivate grateful hearts by remembering...

- ⌚ That the 4th of July can still be celebrated without fireworks.
- ⌚ That voluntary baptism is still legal in America.
- ⌚ That hearts really can and often do heal.
- ⌚ That faith, hope, and love cannot be purchased or stolen.
- ⌚ That there is a resurrection hope worth living and dying for!

I know of no better way to remain grateful than to focus on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. Without Him, our resurrection hope would evaporate. But with Him, we can lose everything else and still be eternally grateful. And that's "**a lot**" of gratitude!

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