



Lewiston Church of Christ

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"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

-Mark 10:45

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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Perspective

I was just a kid in the 1960s. I've lived long enough to see some interesting changes.

In the '60s, the popular phrase "Jesus saves" summed up His mission as we understood it. Today, we are more likely to hear "Jesus cares", or "Jesus heals." All of these phrases are correct but a shift in our focus is apparent.

Fifty years ago, when my parents picked me up from Vacation Bible School at church, they always asked, "What did you learn today, Joel?" They expected a thoughtful reply. By the time I was an adult overseeing VBS programs, parents always met their children with a different question: "Did you have fun today?" They just nodded.

I remember when a president actually said, "Ask not what your country can do for you — ask what you can do for your country." (John F. Kennedy, January 20, 1961). Today, most politicians turn this point on its head, running solely on promises of what those in power can do for anyone whose vote is for sale.

Anthony Daniels, a retired psychiatrist, observed in hindsight: "When I started out as a doctor in the mid-1970s, those who received state benefits would say, 'I receive my check on Friday.' Now people who receive such benefits say, 'I get paid on Friday.'"

What happened? Today, people seem to know they are hurting more than they know they are lost. Thus their hope for healing overtakes their longing for salvation. Having fun has become more important than learning. Today, many more Americans than before feel entitled to health care, housing, protection, food stamps, and money without lifting a finger to earn them. There has been a big shift in our perspective.

The trends above cannot be turned around on a dime. But they do not have to define us either. We are defined, instead, by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, who said, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45). In other words, Jesus both serves and saves!

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