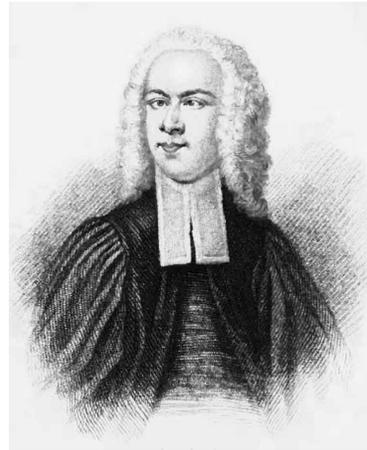




# Lewiston Church of Christ

## June 27, 2021



### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

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## *The Power of Preaching!*

*“It is a poor sermon that gives no offense;  
that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself  
nor with the preacher.” ~ George Whitefield (1714 – 1770).*

Here's a blast from the past—285 years ago to the day! On June 27, 1736, George Whitefield (1714-1770) preached his first sermon in Gloucester, England. He went on to become the most influential preacher of his century, on both sides of the Atlantic. In all, he preached some 18,000 sermons in the hearing of about 10 million listeners.

Whitefield's methods were unconventional and his resounding voice enabled him to huge crowds spellbound without a microphone. Audiences reportedly wept just hearing him speak the word, “Mesopotamia”.

But his voice and methods do not fully explain his impact. It was his message that hit home. When the American colonies were just a century old, religious authority was getting top-heavy. A spiritual void was emerging among the populace. Whitefield's open-air preaching made faith far more personal with his emphasis on the “new birth”! People actually began to think in terms of a personal relationship with God and Whitefield inspired them to take personal responsibility for that relationship. He preached:

*True repentance will entirely change you; the bias of your souls will be changed, then you will delight in God, in Christ, in His Law, and in His people.*

As he finally began to slow down at 55, he said, “I would rather wear out than rust out.” In his last sermon, he challenged the notion that we can get to heaven by good works, saying, “I would as soon think of climbing to the moon on a rope of sand.”

He had a power way of telling the truth!

Joel Solliday