



Lewiston Church of Christ October 9, 2022

 **MESSENGER** *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*

Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM
Sun. Day/Evening Groups
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

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Monthly Service Schedules:
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AND YOU SAY GOD CAN'T USE YOU?

Jacob was a **cheater**
Peter had a **temper**
David had an **affair**
Noah got **drunk**
Jonah **ran** from God
Paul was a **murderer**
Gideon was **insecure**
Miriam was a **gossip**
Martha was a **worrier**
Thomas was a **doubter**
Sara was **impatient**
Elijah was **moody**
Moses **stuttered**
Zaccheus was **short**
Abraham was **old**
Lazarus was **dead**

...MY GRACE IS ALL YOU NEED.
MY POWER WORKS BEST IN WEAKNESS... **2 COR 12:9**

Show Up!

All churches include imperfect people. Everyone knows that, right? Yes, but not all of us feel the same way about it. Some see flaws in church-goers and go out of their way to express shock and disappointment! They use social media to make their outrage public. Others see the same flaws and open their arms and hearts to imperfect church-goers.

Those who are outraged claim good reasons for it. It upsets them that some people go to church without "being" the church. They sing at church but cuss at work. Some church-goers pay little attention to the lyrics. Some parents don't handling their kids correctly. Some fought in the car on the way to church and then dare to smile when they arrive. Some are texting during the sermon. Too many are insufficiently focused on God when prayers are said. Some are hypocrites putting on a religious show. Some are just play church on Sunday and forget to be the church the rest of the week.

I make no excuses for such behavior, but I'm not shocked or outraged. I want to help people overcome these flaws. I am glad when imperfect people show up at church. Showing up is far healthier for flawed people than staying away.

All of us need to make changes for the better. Instead of critiquing the reasons people come to church or judging their maturity, my focus is to make sure they hear the truth and see a Christ-like spirit when they get here. If they don't go to church, that makes them all the harder to reach.

To imperfect and inconsistent church-goers, I say--keep coming! We can better get to know each other and give the gospel truth a better chance to get through—even if it hurts. When flawed people show up (members included), they should expect to be loved and challenged. Keeping flawed people flawed is not our mission. And it is not our excuses that make us a church; it's our repentance and obedience, his forgiveness and redemption, and the living power of God's Holy Spirit that does that. JMS

