



Lewiston Church of Christ

October 8, 2017



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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A Comforting Promise

Just before Jesus died on the cross, he comforted His disciples with this promise: *“I will not leave you as orphans.”* (John 14:18).

Soon after His death, Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to His disciples, but then he left again. Did he forget about His promise?

No. Let's go back to the upper room where Jesus broke bread with His deeply troubled disciples. “Let not your hearts be troubled,” Jesus said, while also telling them that He was about to leave them. They were confused. Then Jesus promised them the eternal presence of the “Helper” or “Comforter” (John 14:16), a clear reference to the eternal “Spirit of Truth” (vs. 17).

The abiding presence of the Spirit of Truth is more than just an abstract spiritual concept. Seven weeks after Jesus died, God's Holy Spirit was poured out in real people and Jesus' real church was born. The Holy Spirit was sent to form Jesus' followers into a family of faith with a mission to make more disciples. Jesus' church began with a call to repent and be baptized and her mission is to call other sinners to repent, be baptized, and follow Jesus as a family of faith in a faithless world. To this day, Christians are called to belong to Jesus' everlasting Spirit-formed church because God does not want His children to be orphans.

November 12th is “Orphans Sunday” and our church will offer the opportunity through a special contribution to support efforts that help children without families. Their physical need for families mirrors our own spiritual need for forgiveness and family—a need that drove Jesus to sacrifice His own life on the cross.

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