



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## November 14, 2021



### Weekly Services

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

#### MINISTER

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Education – Rick Richardson

Finance – Tom Hill

Outreach – Mark Whittaker

#### AREAS OF SERVICE

Building – Ken Vogtman

Custodian – Ron & Cindy Roberson

Fellowship – Joe & Carrie Bieren

Grounds – Cody & Doyle Dawes

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Secretary – Renee’ Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

## Live to Die & Die to Live

*“Father, if You are willing, remove this cup from Me; yet not My will, but Yours be done.” Jesus (Luke 22:42)*

Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane was powerful, passionate, and heartfelt. Yet, He still had to die on the cross. God's will was Jesus' command.

In like manner, a sinner can pray for pardon with deep contrition, fervor, and sincerity, but he/she still needs to die with Jesus in order to live with Him (2 Timothy 2:11).

I believe in the power of prayer but it was never meant to be a shortcut around dying to ourselves. Rather, it is God resource for pointing us to a deeper commitment to His will over our own, even to the point of death. Sorry, but dying is necessary for salvation. Jesus said:

- “For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.” (Luke 9:24)

Christian baptism is the watery grave that God has ordained for our spiritual rebirth. We do the dying and He does the birthing. But don't think of baptism as something to do and get past. The spiritual death it represents becomes a cross we carry on a daily basis. Jesus said, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24). The apostle Paul put it out this way:

- “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.” (2 Corinthians 4:8-10)

Manifesting the life of Jesus is our calling as Christians. And to carry that calling faithfully, we must first die to ourselves.

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