



Lewiston Church of Christ

November 19, 2017



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 P

MINISTER

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

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DEACONS

Mark Whittaker-Outreach

Tom Hill-Finance

Rick Richardson-Education

AREAS OF SERVICE

Joe & Carrie Bieren – Fellowship

Music Ministry – Ron Roberson

Cody & Doyle Dawes- Grounds

Ken Vogtman – Building

Custodian – Jennifer Hill

Technology – Eric Kjorness

Technology – Cody Dawes

Secretary – Renee' Hill

The *Dream* Church

When I was single in ministry, I had a dream wife. She was wonderful. I thought of her often and loved her a lot with a heart full of hope. One problem: she did not love me back. I can't blame her because she didn't exist. Other than that, she was perfect.

When I got married, I had to let the dream go. I don't even miss "her." Now I have a wife who actually loves me in return. And she exists!

Some Christians have a dream church and they love her dearly. She is wonderful. She never gripes or complains. She does not demand or spend money. She is perfectly gorgeous. The only problem is that she does not exist. And she does not love the dreamers back.

In his classic book, Life Together, Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote:

"He who loves his dream of a community more than the Christian community itself becomes a destroyer of the latter, even though his personal intentions may be ever so honest and earnest and sacrificial."

It's easy to love your dream. As for real people, they can be quite a challenge. Jesus' church is just that—real people. And real love welcomes the challenge! Jesus did not die for a mere dream. He died on the cross for real sinners who can be difficult to love. He loved us anyway.

Remember, church is more than a mere assembly. It is a holy relationship between Jesus and His flawed but forgiven followers. And He has commanded His followers to love each other just as He loved us. That means being willing to die for each other.

It's not enough to just 'go' to church. It is not enough to just 'be' the church. It's not even enough to love your idea or dream of a church. We must actively love Jesus' actual church and embrace our need for her.

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