



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## November 21, 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

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

#### ELDERS

Joe Bieren: 208-305-1136

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#### DEACONS

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



## **Melodious Gratitude!**

This afternoon, about a dozen of our members plan to conduct a singing tour in our area. Our local media is not likely to cover this uplifting event but we are not doing it for publicity. Whether inside or outside our facility, here's why we sing:

- ① Sacred singing connects us with God. It invites us to delight in His presence and it draws us closer to Him. God's songbook (Psalms) affirms this.
- ② Sacred singing connects us with each other in in common cause. Paul instructs us to address "one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19). We do this together but ultimately "to the Lord."
- ③ Sacred singing connects head and heart; body and soul. We feel and think at the same time. Paul wrote, "I will sing with my spirit, but I will also sing with my mind." (1 Corinthians 14:15).
- ④ Sacred singing is a powerful teaching tool. When arguments fall short, singing sometimes takes over. When the church sings, we are "teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom." (Colossians 3:16).
- ⑤ Sacred singing is heartfelt evangelism. The Psalmist wrote; "...sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!" (Psalm 105:2).

Musical styles vary widely among God's people, young and old. So does talent. However, talent and style are not what God loves most about the music we make for Him. The heart of the singer is what matters most to God. He listens for heartfelt **gratitude**. The apostle Paul wrote, "*Sing and make a melody in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father....*" (Ephesians 5:19-20).

Our gratitude keeps us in tune with God.

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