



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## November 29, 2020

### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM

Sun. Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

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Education – Rick Richardson

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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

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## *Gift Giving*

*"It is more blessed to give than to receive."*  
~ Luke quoting Paul quoting **Jesus** (Acts 20:35)

Black Friday may be behind us but gift-giving is not. Even when the holiday season passes, gift-giving will remain as the blessing it has always been. Jesus was right!

We all enjoy watching children open their gifts, but we don't enjoy seeing them fight over them. We must teach them the value of sharing-- a blessing for children of all ages. The benefits of giving and receiving flow best on a two-way-street. For example, one of my wife's earliest gifts to me was a coffee pot. Guess who uses it most now? Her generosity came back to bless her. One of my gifts to her was a vacation! Guess who enjoyed that vacation as much as she did! The best blessings are mutual.

So, I have a great idea for a gift! Be happy! Show it! Share it! Those who genuinely love you probably want your happiness more than anything they may want for themselves. Give it to them. Your personal joy is a gracious gift to those who love you.

Sometimes it's hard. Being happy and showing it is an unselfish sacrifice. It means letting go of your grudges. It means yielding your right to stay angry or wallow in gloom. It means actively ignoring your own negative moods to lift others up. Your own happiness has the potential and power to elevate others. Go for it! Your joy is a greater gift by far than anything you can buy at a store.

Shop if you must, but don't limit your generosity to buying and selling. You don't need a lot of money to be a good giver.

Joel Solliday