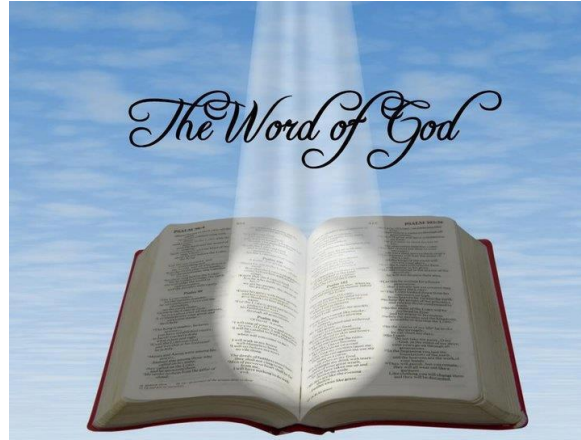




# Lewiston Church of Christ

## February 24, 2019



### Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 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

## **Bible Words!**

**(First in a New Series on Bulletin articles Key Words in Scripture)**

I love words. I especially love Bible words, even though they first appeared in ancient languages that are difficult to understand. In coming articles, I plan to break down key Bible words to better understand them in the context of their usage. But first, a word of gratitude is in order for two brave and brilliant scholars who devoted their lives (at great risk) to honest scholarship so English speakers like us could understand God's word.

**John Wycliffe** (English, c. 1330–1384) was an Oxford scholar who dared to preach what the Bible. He provide his followers the first hand-written translation of the Bible into readable English. He faced controversy without backing down and suffered a stroke and died in 1384. Despite being dead for thirty-one years, the *Council of Constance* declared Wycliffe a heretic and banned his writings—especially his Bible translations. In 1428, the Pope ordered Wycliffe's remains to be exhumed and burned and the ashes cast into the River Swift.

**William Tyndale** (1494-1536) was fluent in eight languages and he became the first to print the New Testament in English. To a fellow cleric, he said, "If God spare my life, ere many years, I will cause a boy that driveth the plough to know more of the Scripture than thou dost." This aspiration made Tyndale an exile and eventually cost him his life. In 1536, he was burned at the stake along with many of his translations and writings. It was illegal to even possess a Tyndale Bible.

Without brilliant and brave scholars like Wycliffe and Tyndale, humanity would be more primitive, corrupt and less free today. Nothing transforms human history for the good like the Bible in the hands of regular people.

I am thankful they were brilliant. I am more grateful they were brave!

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