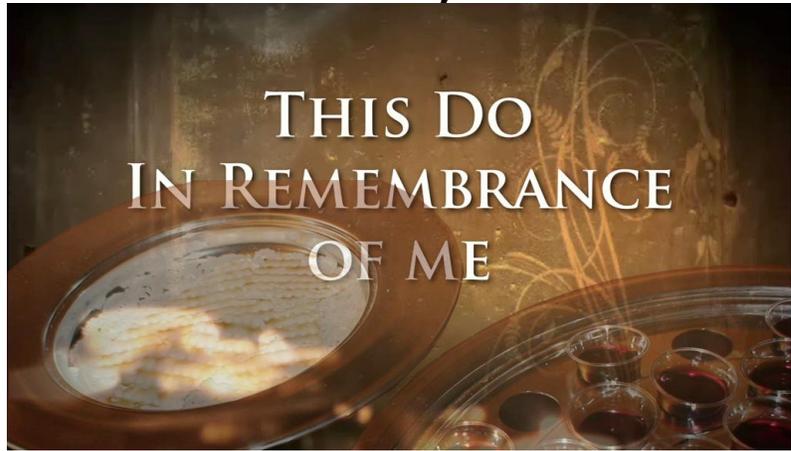




Lewiston Church of Christ

March 18, 2018



Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sunday Evening 6:00 PM

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

MINISTER

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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

Spiritual Inventory

The other day, I was not only watching the news—I was taking notes. There I was, listing the many scandals and grievances we are facing as a people. My piece of paper was not big enough for the list.

Let’s face it; when you turn on the news you are not doing so to take inventory of life’s benefits and blessings. You are opening your mind to messages aimed at leaving you outraged and upset.

I think my list was accurate and valid. However, it was also hopelessly blind to how blessed I am to be alive today in a world created by God for us to enjoy! When I stop and think of the countless possessions, resources, friends, gifts, goods, and assets I have, my grievances may not disappear but they do lose their grip on my heart. Grievances cannot sustain their power in the presence of gratitude.

In 1897, a businessman named Johnson Oatman Jr. wrote a hymn about taking inventory. Actually, it was about shifting our focus from grievances to gratitude. He called for naming our blessings “one by one.” He continued, “And it will surprise you what the Lord has done.”

It does not take a long list of blessings to lift gratitude above grievances. In fact, it just takes one item. When we come together for worship, we always take stock in that one immeasurable blessing at the top of our list. At the Lord’s table, we remember the single greatest deed the Lord has done for us, outweighing all our grievances. We confess in common that there is no greater blessing than the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ. What He did for us on an old rugged cross here on earth establishes our hope for heaven at the heart of our exhaustive inventory of earthly blessings.

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