



# Lewiston Church of Christ

## September 16, 2018

# Are We Campbellites?

### Weekly Services

Sunday Morning

Bible Study 9:45 AM

Worship 10:45 AM

Sun. Day/Evening Groups

Wed Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Have you ever been called a “Campbellite?” I have.

That’s what people who didn’t grow up in the *Restoration Movement* often call people, like me, who did. I was taught not to call myself a “Campbellite” because a major point of our *Restoration Movement* (sparked by Thomas Campbell and others) was to focus on following Jesus, not some other historical figure.

I love history. I find much value in studying the lives and legacies of people like Martin Luther (1483–1546), Menno Simons (1496–1561), John Calvin (1509–1564), Jacobus Arminius (1560-1609), John Wesley (1703-1791), Thomas Campbell (1763–1854), and Alexander Campbell (1788 –1866). However, I don’t identify as a “Lutheran”, a “Mennonite”, a “Calvinist”, an “Arminian”, a “Wesleyan”, or even a “Campbellite.” I know enough about these men to affirm that they did not want their admirers to identify with them by name. Nevertheless, far too many did just that.

Consider the Campbells. Thomas migrated to America from Ireland in 1807 and got into trouble for allowing Presbyterians of various stripes to take the Lord’s Supper. He struggled with his denomination’s strict regulatory demands because he could not find a basis for them in Scripture. His son Alexander came to America in 1809 and they worked together in ministry to restore New Testament Christianity, leaving their Presbyterian connections behind. The birth of Alexander’s first child in 1812 inspired a serious study of baptism, leading him to reject the practice of baptizing infants who had no choice in the matter. The Campbells cared more about what the Bible taught than what denominational traditions dictated. They soon discovered that many others shared this priority and the *Restoration Movement* blossomed from there.

That last thing the Campbells wanted was to start a new faction of Christians called “Campbellites.” They wanted believers to simply be Christians and follow God’s word faithfully. *The Lewiston Church of Christ* shares this desire. We are grateful for the legacy of the Campbells but please don’t call us “Campbellites.” **We are Christians!**

Joel Solliday

