

# Lewiston Church of Christ

## August 13, 2023



**MESSENGER** *Growing Friendships, Families & Faith.*



### Weekly Services

Sun. Bible Study 9:45 AM  
Sunday Worship 10:45 AM  
Sun. Day/Evening Groups  
Wed Bible Study 6:30 PM

### MINISTER

Joel Solliday: 208-743-2711

### ELDERS

Joe Bieren

Doyle Dawes

### DEACONS

Education: Shawn Bolm  
Finance: Tom Hill  
Outreach: Mark Whittaker  
Tech & Safety: Eric Kjorness

### AREAS OF SERVICE

Building: Ken Vogtman  
Custodian: Hannah McKee  
Fellowship: Joe/Carrie Bieren  
Grounds: Doyle Dawes  
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Class & Sermons online  
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### **Monthly Service Schedules:**

Posted in the foyer. Please find a replacement if you will be gone.

## *Two-Handed Ministry*

The statue below shows Thomas Guthrie (Scottish, 1803-1873) with one hand on a "ragged child" and the other holding a Bible. It represents what Guthrie saw the two top priorities of Jesus' church--**truth** and **love**.



Guthrie was beloved as an eloquent preacher of the gospel and a friend of the poor. His power as a preacher was on the rise when a cholera outbreak hit and he sought ways to combine his medical knowledge with his ministry. By 1847, this expanded into Guthrie's "*Ragged School Movement*," targeting the wretched throngs of children around him known as "street urchins."

Dr. Guthrie saw these neglected wild children through the eyes of Christian hope. He wrote; "Bedded in their dark and dismal abodes, precious stones lie there, which only wait to be dug out and polished, to shine, first on the earth, and hereafter and forever in a Redeemer's crown."

Guthrie earned a reputation for solid gospel preaching and fatherly kindness. One boy said, "He was the only father I ever had." For Guthrie, Christian hope was not something to hide in his heart. He acted on it. His *Ragged School Movement* rescued countless children and provided them with meals, clothes, industrial training, and Christian instruction. They combined discipline, structure, and kindness to give hope to needy aimless kids. Knowing that love goes hand in hand with truth, Guthrie's ragged schools followed the motto; "the Bible, the whole Bible, and nothing but the Bible..."

Dr. Guthrie sought to be an instrument in the hand of God saving many needy kids from a life of misery and crime. He did this with one hand on the Bible and the other on a ragged child. Jesus' church in 2023 calls for the same two-handed approach. What are you able to do about this? JMS