

Acts 9 from the New Living Translation

⁹ Meanwhile, Saul was uttering threats with every breath and was eager to kill the Lord's followers. So he went to the high priest. ² He requested letters addressed to the synagogues in Damascus, asking for their cooperation in the arrest of any followers of the Way he found there. He wanted to bring them—both men and women—back to Jerusalem in chains.

³ As he was approaching Damascus on this mission, a light from heaven suddenly shone down around him. ⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul! Saul! Why are you persecuting me?"

⁵ "Who are you, lord?" Saul asked.

And the voice replied, "I am Jesus, the one you are persecuting!" ⁶ Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷ The men with Saul stood speechless, for they heard the sound of someone's voice but saw no one! ⁸ Saul picked himself up off the ground, but when he opened his eyes he was blind. So his companions led him by the hand to Damascus. ⁹ He remained there blind for three days and did not eat or drink.

¹⁰ Now there was a believer in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord spoke to him in a vision, calling, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord!" he replied.

¹¹ The Lord said, "Go over to Straight Street, to the house of Judas. When you get there, ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul. He is praying to me right now. ¹² I have shown him a vision of a man named Ananias coming in and laying hands on him so he can see again."

¹³ "But Lord," exclaimed Ananias, "I've heard many people talk about the terrible things this man has done to the believers in Jerusalem!" ¹⁴ And he is authorized by the leading priests to arrest everyone who calls upon your name."

¹⁵ But the Lord said, "Go, for Saul is my chosen instrument to take my message to the Gentiles and to kings, as well as to the people of Israel. ¹⁶ And I will show him how much he must suffer for my name's sake."

¹⁷ So Ananias went and found Saul. He laid his hands on him and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on road, has sent me so that you might regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸ Instantly something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he got up and was baptized. ¹⁹ Afterward he ate some food and regained his strength.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What divine disruptions have you experienced?

Was Saul acting as a grownup when he persecuted the early church?

How have divine disruptions changed you?

Other notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Su	Hebrews 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 49	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Mo	James 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 50	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Tu	James 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 51	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	We	James 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Jeremiah 52	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Th	James 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Lamentations 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Fr	James 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Lamentations 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Sa	1 Peter 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Lamentations 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Su	1 Peter 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Lamentations 4	<input type="checkbox"/>



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A. ACCEPTANCE:

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B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

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Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

April 19: Laketon Bethel Students

April 19 -26: Rummage Sale Donation Drop Off

April 27 - 30: Rummage Sale Drop Off & Set-Up

May 1 & 2: Rummage Sale

May 5: LBRC Golf League begins

May 8: Mother's Day Dinner

June 22 - 24: VBS - Illumination Station

Watch for more information in the bulletin as we get closer to these dates.



LBRC
Golf
League

Hickory Knoll Golf Course

Tuesdays at 1:00pm

Starts May 5, see Donna Spytma or call her at (231) 329-5071

Special Senior: Helen Powell

Please sign the card located on the table in the entryway.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Servers: Kathy Young

2nd Service Coffee Server: Colby Beckstrom/Kelly Andry

1st Service Nursery: Joann Petroski

2nd Service Nursery: Karen Ervin

Announcements

Cookbooks If you signed up to buy a Laketon Bethel Cookbook, they can be picked up today in the entryway **AFTER** both Worship Services.

Rummage Sale We will be having a Rummage Sale May 1st and 2nd. Drop-off of donations will begin April 19th. We need lots of volunteers, please sign up in the entryway. Bakers - we will be having a Bake Sale during the Rummage Sale and need many baked goods to sell. See Jill Mouw for more information.

Laketon Bethel Students Middle & High School students are welcome to join us today for games, real-life Bible discussion, and meaningful community. Come as you are. Bring a friend! We will meet the 2nd and 3rd Sundays of the month from 12:30 - 2:30pm in the Youth Center (Old Sanctuary). See Mia Fick for more information.

Mother's Day Dinner will be Friday May 8th at 6:00pm and a spaghetti dinner will be served. Back by popular demand is the Reeths-Puffer Jazz Band. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for 12 and under. Tickets are being sold today after the service in the entryway.

Sub Sandwich Sale The Men's Group is launching a Sub Sandwich Fundraiser, offering 6" subs for \$5 - either Ham, Chicken or Turkey with cheddar cheese. They are taking preorders starting today through May 17th with pickup May 31st. Proceeds to repair the damage to our back wall from the leaking roof.

Service Opportunities

Hand2Hand If you would like to donate, please write Hand2Hand on the envelope or your check, or choose that category from the list on SecureGive if you give online. If you have purchased items to donate, place them in the barrel by the Hand2Hand table in the entryway. See Maureen Mussman for more information.

Sacred Suds (Helping Every Living Person Survive) With warmer weather coming soon, T-shirts, short sleeve shirts, light jackets etc. will be appreciated. Towels, toothbrushes and toothpaste, deodorant, soap or body wash are always welcome donations also.

Order of Worship - 9:00am

Gathering Song

"Here I Am to Worship"

Call to Worship

"The Light of the World is Jesus"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Heaven Came Down"

"Sunshine In My Soul"

Crosstalk - "Divine Disruption"

Offering

"Daystar"

Benediction

"Glory Be to the Father!"



Order of Worship - 11:00am

Call to Worship

"Everlasting God"

"Lion and the Lamb"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Surrender"

"I Surrender All"

"Let It Rise"

Crosstalk - "Divine Disruption"

Offering

"New Creation"

Benediction

"The Blessing"