

Acts 16.16-34, New Living Translation

¹⁶One day as we were going down to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit that enabled her to tell the future. She earned a lot of money for her masters by telling fortunes. ¹⁷She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, and they have come to tell you how to be saved."

¹⁸This went on day after day until Paul got so exasperated that he turned and said to the demon within her, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And instantly it left her.

¹⁹Her masters' hopes of wealth were now shattered, so they grabbed Paul and Silas and dragged them before the authorities at the marketplace. ²⁰"The whole city is in an uproar because of these Jews!" they shouted to the city officials. ²¹"They are teaching customs that are illegal for us Romans to practice."

²²A mob quickly formed against Paul and Silas, and the city officials ordered them stripped and beaten with wooden rods.²³They were severely beaten, and then they were thrown into prison. The jailer was ordered to make sure they didn't escape.²⁴So the jailer put them into the inner dungeon and clamped their feet in the stocks.

²⁵Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.²⁶Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! ²⁷The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself.²⁸But Paul shouted to him, "Stop! Don't kill yourself! We are all here!"

²⁹The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰Then he brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

³¹They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household." ³²And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. ³³Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. ³⁴He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Who is Kate Bowler?

Kate Bowler defines joy not as a fleeting emotion or the absence of pain, but as a "stubborn" divine gift that allows for gratitude and delight to exist alongside, rather than in place of, suffering and grief. It is a "being" rather than just a "doing," providing a "joyful, anyway" perspective that finds light in the midst of unfinished, difficult lives.

What do you think of the above statement?

Notes:

April/May Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Su	1 Peter 2			Lamentations 4	
27	Mo	1 Peter 3			Lamentations 5	
28	Tu	1 Peter 4			Ezekiel 1	
29	We	1 Peter 5			Ezekiel 2	
30	Th	2 Peter 1			Ezekiel 3	
1	Fr	2 Peter 2			Ezekiel 4	
2	Sa	2 Peter 3			Ezekiel 5	
3	Su	1 John 1			Ezekiel 6	



Laketon Bethel's Core Values:

A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

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.

C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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Office Hours Tues. - Fri. 9am - 1pm

Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

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

May 1 & 2: Rummage Sale Fri. 9am-4pm, Sat. 9am-3pm

May 5: LBRC Golf League begins

May 8: Mother's Day Dinner

May 11: Food Truck

May 13: Supper House

June 22 - 24: VBS - Illumination Station

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



LBRC
Golf

Hickory Knoll Golf Course

Tuesdays at 1:00pm

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

Special Senior: Ardie Pulsipher

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

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Servers: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski

1st Service Nursery: Amy Kunnen

2nd Service Nursery: Sally Hendrixon

Announcements

Rummage Sale We will be having a Rummage Sale Friday, May 1st 9am-4pm & Saturday, May 2nd 9am - 3pm. Drop-off of donations Monday-Thursday 9am-3pm. If that time doesn't work for you text or call Jill at 231-288-7147. We need lots of volunteers, please sign up in the entryway. Bakers - we will be having a Bake Sale during the Rummage Sale. Please drop off your baked goods Wednesday & Thursday 9am-1pm. 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 and May 3rd 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

"I'm Standing On the Solid Rock"

Call to Worship

"The Solid Rock"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

"Be Still My Soul"

Crosstalk - "Joyful Anyway"

Offering

"It Is Well With My Soul"

Benediction

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"



Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Song

"God So Loved"

Call to Worship

"Of All the Things About You"

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

"Same God"

"Who You Say I Am"

Crosstalk - "Joyful Anyway"

Offering

"Old Church Choir"

Benediction

"Salt & Light"