

Philippians 1.1-24, New Living Translation

1 This letter is from Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus.

I am writing to all of God’s holy people in Philippi who belong to Christ Jesus, including the church leaders and deacons.

2 May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace.

3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. **4** Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, **5** for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. **6** And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

7 So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News. **8** God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus.

9 I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. **10** For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. **11** May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

12 And I want you to know, my dear brothers and sisters, that everything that has happened to me here has helped to spread the Good News. **13** For everyone here, including the whole palace guard, knows that I am in chains because of Christ. **14** And because of my imprisonment, most of the believers here have gained confidence and boldly speak God’s message without fear.

15 It’s true that some are preaching out of jealousy and rivalry. But others preach about Christ with pure motives. **16** They preach because they love me, for they know I have been appointed to defend the Good News. **17** Those others do not have pure motives as they preach about Christ. They preach with selfish ambition, not sincerely, intending to make my chains more painful to me. **18** But that doesn’t matter. Whether their motives are false or genuine, the message about Christ is being preached either way, so I rejoice. And I will continue to rejoice. **19** For I know that as you pray for me and the Spirit of Jesus Christ helps me, this will lead to my deliverance.

20 For I fully expect and hope that I will never be ashamed, but that I will continue to be bold for Christ, as I have been in the past. And I trust that my life will bring honor to Christ, whether I live or die. **21** For to me, living means living for Christ, and dying is even better. **22** But if I live, I can do more fruitful work for Christ. So I really don’t know which is better. **23** I’m torn between two desires: I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me. **24** But for your sakes, it is better that I continue to live.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

How would you put verse 9 in your own words?

How can we best pray for our kids?

What to you is the most significant statement of Philippians 1?

Other Notes:

May Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Su	Jude			Ezekiel 13	
11	Mo	Revelation 1			Ezekiel 14	
12	Tu	Revelation 2			Ezekiel 15	
13	We	Revelation 3			Ezekiel 16	
14	Th	Revelation 4			Ezekiel 17	
15	Fr	Revelation 5			Ezekiel 18	
16	Sa	Revelation 6			Ezekiel 19	
17	Su	Revelation 7			Ezekiel 20	

Parental Prayer

"IT IS MY PRAYER THAT YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND MORE AND MORE, WITH KNOWLEDGE, AND ALL DISCERNMENT, SO THAT YOU MAY APPROVE WHAT IS EXCELLENT, AND SO BE PURE AND BLAMELESS, FOR THE DAY OF CHRIST, FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST, TO THE GLORY AND PRAISE OF GOD."
PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11

May 10, 2026

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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Upcoming Events Mark Your Calendars!

May 11: Food Truck

May 13: Supper House

June 22 - 24: VBS - Illumination Station

June 8: Food Truck

June 10: Supper House

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

LBRC Lending Library Books for Everyone!

Locations:

Children 0 - 10: In front of Nursery

Preteens and Teens: Upstairs in the Parlor

Adults: Upstairs Hallway and on the Book Cart in Entryway

If you haven't checked it out in awhile, there have been some new books donated.

Special Senior: Leona Vanderberg

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

Today's Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Servers: Sue Vannette

2nd Service Coffee Server: Steve & Marueen Mussman

1st Service Nursery: Sally Hendrixon

2nd Service Nursery: Sydney Scott

Announcements

Food Truck The Food Truck will be here TOMORROW. Volunteers should arrive by 5pm. See Jill Mouw for more information.

VBS 2026: Illumination Station June 22–24 Join us this summer from 6:00–8:00pm! Kids entering **1st–5th Grade** are invited to be part of *Illumination: Jesus is the Light of the World*. Each night will include Bible lessons, games, crafts, and music. Register Online laketonbethel.org under the **Ministries** tab or sign up at our VBS table. We'd love to have your kids join us!

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). *We will not meet today, because of Mother's Day.* See Mia Fick for more information.

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 in the entryway after both services today through May 17th with pickup May 31st. Proceeds to repair the damage to our back wall from the leaking roof.

Service Opportunities

Supper House Volunteers serve meals at Temple United Methodist Church. If you would like to volunteer, please arrive this Wednesday afternoon at 2:45. See Dave DeBoer for more information.

Hand2Hand Packing The final packing for this school year will be May 26th at 7pm. We will need extra help because we will be packing for three weeks. 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

“Redeemer”

Call to Worship

“Redeemed”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”

Crosstalk - “Parental Prayer”

Offering

“Adonai”

Benediction

“Spirit Song”

Happy Mother's Day!



Order of Worship - 11:00am

Gathering Song

“This I Believe”

Call to Worship

“This Is Our God”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Holy Forever”

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

“Revelation Song”

Crosstalk - “Parental Prayer”

Offering

“Goodness of God”

Benediction

“God Be With You”