

2 Corinthians 5 from The Message

14-15 Our firm decision is to work from this focused center: One man died for everyone. That puts everyone in the same boat. He included everyone in his death so that everyone could also be included in his life, a resurrection life, a far better life than people ever lived on their own.

16-20 Because of this decision we don't evaluate people by what they have or how they look. We looked at the Messiah that way once and got it all wrong, as you know. We certainly don't look at him that way anymore. Now we look inside, and what we see is that anyone united with the Messiah gets a fresh start, is created new. The old life is gone; a new life emerges! Look at it! All this comes from the God who settled the relationship between us and him, and then called us to settle our relationships with each other. God put the world square with himself through the Messiah, giving the world a fresh start by offering forgiveness of sins. God has given us the task of telling everyone what he is doing. We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you.

John 13, New Living Translation

34 So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. **35** Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Who in your life is easy to hang around?

Who is not?

What is a "vervelende ezel?"

How hard is it to accept God's offer of friendship?

Other Notes:

January Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
19	Su	Matthew 22			1 Chronicles 1	
20	Mo	Matthew 23			1 Chronicles 2	
21	Tu	Matthew 24			1 Chronicles 3	
22	We	Matthew 25			1 Chronicles 4	
23	Th	Matthew 26			1 Chronicles 5	
24	Fr	Matthew 27			1 Chronicles 6	
25	Sa	Matthew 28			1 Chronicles 7	
26	Su	Mark 1			1 Chronicles 8	



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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Questions, Part 2

This is a new adult Bible study based on the questions you have asked. Put these dates on your calendar and hold on to your hat because we will be exploring some of the nitty-gritty topics addressed in Scripture.

January 22

The Atonement Debate: Why did Jesus have to die? Was it to appease God’s anger, offer himself as a ransom or to display God’s wrath at our sin?

January 29

The Salvation Debate: Does God want everyone to be saved or just those he chooses? Or, is it up to us?

February 5

The Destiny of the Unevangelized Debate: Do those who don’t know about Jesus have a chance at eternal life? What about those who reject Jesus? What about Jews and Muslims? What about rednecks who don’t go to church?

February 12

The Charismatic Gifts Debate: What about speaking in tongues, getting slain in the spirit, getting words of prophecy, etc? Do these things continue in modern days or are they something that ended with the apostolic age? Is your neighbor really speaking in tongues or do they need an increase in medication?

February 19

The Women in Ministry Debate: Are girls created to serve boys and be submissive? Are we created equal with complimentary roles? Is gender irrelevant for spiritual authority?

Sacred Suds

Sacred Suds is an organization that helps the homeless. It offers showers, laundry, technology and housing by appointment. They are in need of many items and the list is on the table in the entryway. Thank you in advance!

Announcements

Membership Class We will have a Membership Class on February 16th in the Parlor following the Second Service. Lunch will be provided. If interested, please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway.

Jr. & HS Youth Group Students 6th grade - 12th grade are welcome to join us for dinner, a lesson and lots of fun. We will meet tonight from 5:00-7:00pm. For any questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

Jr. High J.A.M. Students in grades 6th and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2nd and 4th Sunday. We will start a new study that’s focused on answering the question Jesus asked his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” The first lesson will challenge students to consider what they really know about Jesus, experience what it’s like to get closer to him, and begin to develop a new and deeper understanding of who he is. Our Jr. High JAM group will also get together during our time to support Hand2Hand.

Women’s Divorce Group We're offering a women’s support group on Wednesdays at 6:30pm at Park Meadows. We will gather in the small meeting room on the east end. For any questions, please contact Heather Wilke at (231) 215-8593.

Service Opportunities

Children’s Church We are looking for helpers for set-up, classroom assistance, and clean up. More info and sign-up sheets are located on the table in the entryway.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski
2nd Service Coffee Server: Colby Beckstrom & Kelly Andry
1st Service Nursery: Joanne Petroski
2nd Service Nursery: Cyndie Bingaman & Tina Dadd

Special Senior: Jack & Jean Moore
Please sign the cards located on the table in the entryway.

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song
“Redeemed”
Call to Worship
“Lift High the Cross”
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
“If Jesus Goes With Me”
“Wonderful Words of Life”
Crosstalk - “Friend of God”
Offering
“Jesus Is the Answer”
Benediction
“Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song
“Good God Almighty”
Call to Worship
“Let It Rise”
Welcome & Announcements
Congregational Prayer
Worship in Song
“Trust in God”
“Raise a Hallelujah”
Crosstalk - “Friend of God”
Offering
“All My Hope”
Benediction
“Salt & Light”