

2 Corinthians 9 from [The Message](#)

I want you to have all the time you need to make this offering in your own way. I don't want anything forced or hurried at the last minute.

6-7 Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.

8-11 God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done.

This most generous God who gives seed to the farmer that becomes bread for your meals is more than extravagant with you. He gives you something you can then give away, which grows into full-formed lives, robust in God, wealthy in every way, so that you can be generous in every way, producing with us great praise to God.

12-15 Carrying out this social relief work involves far more than helping meet the bare needs of poor Christians. It also produces abundant and bountiful thanksgivings to God. This relief offering is a prod to live at your very best, showing your gratitude to God by being openly obedient to the plain meaning of the Message of Christ. You show your gratitude through your generous offerings to your needy brothers and sisters, and really toward everyone. Meanwhile, moved by the extravagance of God in your lives, they'll respond by praying for you in passionate intercession for whatever you need. Thank God for this gift, his gift. No language can praise it enough!

2 Thessalonians 3 from the [New Living Translation](#)

10 Even while we were with you, we gave you this command: "Those unwilling to work will not get to eat."

11 Yet we hear that some of you are living idle lives, refusing to work and meddling in other people's business. 12 We command such people and urge them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and work to earn their own living. 13 As for the rest of you, dear brothers and sisters, never get tired of doing good.

Deep Sheet

[a place for notes]

*The responsible followers of Jesus take care of their financial needs in such a way to not be dependent on others. Make as much as you can, save as much as you can and give as much as you can.*

Have you ever run into anyone who believes in the “word of faith” idea?

What do you think of Paul’s statement: “Those who do not work do not eat?”

What are some ways you can plan your giving?

Other Notes:

February Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
09	Su	Mark 15			1 Chronicles 22	
10	Mo	Mark 16			1 Chronicles 23	
11	Tu	Luke 1			1 Chronicles 24	
12	We	Luke 2			1 Chronicles 25	
13	Th	Luke 3			1 Chronicles 26	
14	Fr	Luke 4			1 Chronicles 27	
15	Sa	Luke 5			1 Chronicles 28	
16	Su	Luke 6			1 Chronicles 29	



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.*

## February 12

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 19

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 26

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?

## March 5

The Millennium Debate: When will Jesus return? Should I only take short-term investments? Will there be a rapture? Will there be a physical return of Jesus to this earth?

## March 12

This final session will be a potluck with "preacher's pork" and time to discuss the next Bible Study.

For this session we will talk about "The Hell Debate: Does hell exist?" Does God mandate unending torment of the wicked? Do we simply cease to exist after we die if we reject Jesus?

# Announcements

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

**Food Truck** The Food Truck is tomorrow and we ask that all volunteers to please be at the church by 5:30pm. For questions, please see Jill Mouw.

**Family Profile Project** If you would like to participate to have your family highlighted, please pick up the profile form and send a picture and information to Mike Lyons at [lyonsmike61@gmail.com](mailto:lyonsmike61@gmail.com).

**Jr. High J.A.M.** Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. We will start a new study that's focused on answering the question Jesus asked his disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" 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 one Wednesday a month at 6:30pm at Park Meadows. The next one will be February 19<sup>th</sup>. 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

**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. For any questions, please see Lois Cordle or call her at (231) 286-5700.

**Books for Kids** We are asking for new or gently used children's books to establish our "Books for Kids" lending library. The age groups are from early childhood to 10 years old. There is a collection bin in the entryway. For any questions, please see Deborah Groenveld or call her at (231) 206-0198.

# Volunteers

- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Diane Brantsen
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Steve & Maureen Mussman
- 1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Lorri Anderson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Melissa Wynsma, Emily Kendall

# Order of Worship-9:00am

- Gathering Song
  - "Here I Am to Worship"
- Call to Worship
  - "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
  - "Because I Have Given Much"
  - "Make Me a Blessing"
- Crosstalk - "Thrifty and Generous"
- Offering
  - "Breathe"
- Benediction
  - "We Are Called to Be God's People"



# Order of Worship-11:00am

- Gathering Song
  - "Everlasting God"
- Call to Worship
  - "This I Believe"
- Welcome & Announcements
- Congregational Prayer
- Worship in Song
  - "Made for More"
  - "Raise a Hallelujah"
- Crosstalk - "Thrifty and Generous"
- Offering
  - "Maybe I'm Amazed"
- Benediction
  - "God Be With You"

**Special Senior: Dave Utzinger**

*Please sign the cards located on the table in the entryway.*