Luke 13 (nlt)

³¹ At that time some Pharisees said to him, "Get away from here if you want to live! Herod Antipas wants to kill you!"

³² Jesus replied, "Go tell that fox that I will keep on casting out demons and healing people today and tomorrow; and the third day I will accomplish my purpose. ³³ Yes, today, tomorrow, and the next day I must proceed on my way. For it wouldn't do for a prophet of God to be killed except in Jerusalem!

³⁴ "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones God's messengers! How often I have wanted to gather your children together as a hen protects her chicks beneath her wings, but you wouldn't let me. ³⁵ And now, look, your house is abandoned. And you will never see me again until you say, 'Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Philippians 3.17-4.1 (msg)

, ¹⁷⁻¹⁹ Stick with me, friends. Keep track of those you see running this same course, headed for this same goal. There are many out there taking other paths, choosing other goals, and trying to get you to go along with them. I've warned you of them many times; sadly, I'm having to do it again. All they want is easy street. They hate Christ's Cross. But easy street is a dead-end street. Those who live there make their bellies their gods; belches are their praise; all they can think of is their appetites.

²⁰⁻²¹ But there's far more to life for us. We're citizens of high heaven! We're waiting the arrival of the Savior, the Master, Jesus Christ, who will transform our earthy bodies into glorious bodies like his own. He'll make us beautiful and whole with the same powerful skill by which he is putting everything as it should be, under and around him.

4 My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track steady in God.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

What is the Lord's vision for your life?

What "fox" is trying to distract you from God's vision for your life?

Notice Philippians 4.1. How does that apply to your life?

Notes:

March Weekly Bible Readings

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Date	Day	New Testament	$\mathbf{\nabla}$	Special Prayer	Old Testament	V
16	Su	John 10			2 Chronicles 28	
17	Mo	John 11			2 Chronicles 29	
18	Tu	John 12			2 Chronicles 30	
19	We	John 13			2 Chronicles 31	
20	Th	John 14			2 Chronicles 32	
21	Fr	John 15			2 Chronicles 33	
22	Sa	John 16			2 Chronicles 34	
23	Su	John 17			2 Chronicles 35	



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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Sherwin's Ten Reasons for Going to Church Every Sunday

1. Renew

Everyone goes through times where enthusiasm for life melts away. We all have times where our faith diminishes. Worship on Sunday renews faith and energizes attitudes for all of life.

2. Laugh

Yes. We laugh. Humor is a valuable part of worship. Most of it is unplanned. Sherwin's brother told him years ago that: "People aren't laughing at you because you're funny, they are laughing because you are so stupid..."

3. Pray

Face it. You don't pray much. Church services remind you of the importance of prayer. They jump start your prayer life. You learn more about prayer. When your family is with you, they see you praying and that is an example that changes lives.

4. Sing

Songs of faith can move mountains of despair. You probably won't like all the songs. But some of them will change your life.

5. Help

You will often find ways to help in your community. When you help, it reduces inherent narcissism. You think less of yourself and more of others. You become more grateful for what you have. You become a better person and a happier one.

6. Give

Yes. Put in some money. Do something with your cash for God instead of for yourself. Don't expect anything back and you will be surprised at how blessed you are. We all waste money. Here you have an opportunity to do something positive with it.

7. Meet

Connect with other people. Laketon Bethel accepts everyone, including you. Many friendships are made on a regular basis. We have great coffee and cookies, which help in all sorts of discussions.

8. Learn

The guy up front is trained and experienced and often knows what he is talking about. You will learn something every Sunday.

9. Grow

When you put what you learn into practice, you will find positive changes in your life. You will have unstoppable growth in ways you don't always expect.

10. Jesus

The church exists because of Jesus. When you participate in it regularly, he is pleased. One day you will meet him face-to-face. If you regularly connect with him through weekly worship services, that meeting will be happy.

Announcements

Thank you for the visits, cards, well-wishes, prayers and meal gift cards as I heal from my knee surgery. Sincerely, Andra Johnson

Jr. High J.A.M. Students in grades 6th and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2nd and 4th Sundays. We started 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 6:00pm 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

<u>Nursery Help</u> We are in need of nursery helpers for the Second Service. If interested, please see Sally or Tina.

<u>Sacred Suds</u> 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 286-5700.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young
2nd Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley, Theresa Schiltz

1st Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson
2nd Service Nursery: Cyndie Bingaman, Melissa
Wynsma

Special Senior: Donna Doctor

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

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

"Come, Thou Almighty King" Call to Worship "O Worship the King" "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Welcome & Announcements Congregational Prayer Worship in Song "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" "Gentle Shepherd"

Crosstalk - "Trusting the Fox"

Offering

"Mighty Is the Power of the Cross" Benediction

"Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go"



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song "Open Up the Heavens" Call to Worship "Lion and the Lamb" Welcome & Announcements Congregational Prayer Worship in Song "Oceans" "Who You Say I Am" Crosstalk - "Trusting the Fox" Offering "He Is" Benediction "God Be With You"