John 10 from The Message

⁶⁻¹⁰ Jesus told this simple story, but they had no idea what he was talking about. So he tried again. "I'll be explicit, then. I am the Gate for the sheep. All those others are up to no good sheep rustlers, every one of them. But the sheep didn't listen to them. I am the Gate. Anyone who goes through me will be cared for—will freely go in and out, and find pasture. A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.

²²⁻²⁴ They were celebrating Hanukkah just then in Jerusalem. It was winter. Jesus was strolling in the Temple across Solomon's Porch. The Jews, circling him, said, "How long are you going to keep us guessing? If you're the Messiah, tell us straight out."

²⁵⁻³⁰ Jesus answered, "I told you, but you don't believe. Everything I have done has been authorized by my Father, actions that speak louder than words. You don't believe because you're not my sheep. My sheep recognize my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them real and eternal life. They are protected from the Destroyer for good. No one can steal them from out of my hand. The Father who put them under my care is so much greater than the Destroyer and Thief. No one could ever get them away from him. I and the Father are one heart and mind."

Deep Sheet

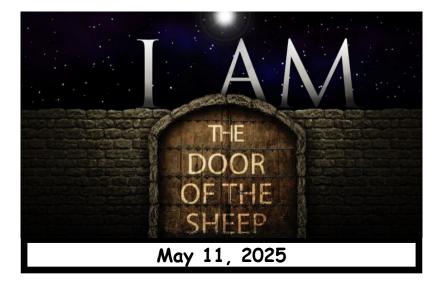
What is Annihilationism?

What is conditional immortality?

What is the role of the Good Shepherd in your life?

What must you do to experience real life now and eternal life later?

Other notes:



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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Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young
2nd Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman
1st Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson
2nd Service Nursery: Tina Dadd & Chelsea Deblock

May Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	V	Special Prayer	Old Testament	\checkmark
11	Su	1 Corinthians 1			Job 16	
12	Mo	1 Corinthians 2			Job 17	
13	Tu	1 Corinthians 3			Job 18	
14	We	1 Corinthians 4			Job 19	
15	Th	1 Corinthians 5			Job 20	
16	Fr	1 Corinthians 6			Job 21	
17	Sa	1 Corinthians 7			Job 22	
18	Su	1 Corinthians 8			Job 23	

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

Food Truck The Food Truck is tomorrow and we ask all volunteers to be here by 5pm. See Jill Mouw for more information.

Jr. High J.A.M. This is the final month of Junior High J.A.M. Come and join us today during the Crosstalk for our Mother's Day Lesson.

<u>Unity Christian Music Festival August 6th-9th</u> Church Tickets are on sale through May 18th. See Heather Wilke or call at 231-215-8593 for questions or to purchase tickets.

Whether you are visiting for the first time or looking for a church home, please stop by our welcome table in the entryway. Our friendly volunteers are eager to greet you or answer any questions. We would love to connect with you!

Service Opportunities

<u>Supper House</u> Volunteers get together to provide an evening meal from 3-5pm in the gymnasium of Temple United Methodist Church this Wednesday. Volunteers should arrive at 2:45pm to serve, then clean up after the meal.

Sunday School Totes We are in need of 60 totes to reorganize Children's Church Supply Closets. The approximate size is 18X12X7. If interested in donating cash or totes, please see Tina or Joann.

<u>Nursery Help Needed</u> We are looking for Nursery help for the Second Service. If you are interested, please see Tina or Sally.

LBRC Kids Library The Library for Kids has books available for borrowing. The Book display is found across from the Nursery. Stop today and pick up a book to help brighten a child's life!



Special Senior: Helen Powell Please sign the cards located on the table in the entryway.

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" "Comfort Reading" "All the Way My Savior Leads Me" Crosstalk - "The Door" Offering "As the Deer" Benediction "Spirit Song"



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song "Everlasting God" Call to Worship "This I Believe" Welcome & Announcements Congregational Prayer Worship in Song "Who You Say I Am" "Only A God Like You" Crosstalk - "The Door" Offering "Word of God Speak" Benediction "God Be With You"