

# The Bickering Booster



Laketon Bethel Church

March 10, 2024

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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.

## **Order of Worship-9:00am**

Gathering Song

“You’re Worthy of My Praise”

Call to Worship

“We Have Come Into His House”

“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Have Thine Own Way, Lord”

“I Surrender All”

Crosstalk - “The Bickering Booster”

Offering

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Benediction

“Make Me a Blessing”



## **Order of Worship-11:00am**

Gathering Song

“Made to Worship”

Call to Worship

“All to You”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Surrender”

“I Surrender All”

“Let It Rise”

Crosstalk - “The Bickering Booster”

Offering

“Chain Breaker”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

# Announcements

**LBC Breakfast On Sunday** March 24<sup>th</sup>, breakfast will be served after both services. The breakfast will consist of pancakes, hashbrowns, scrambled eggs and sausage. There is no cost, but donations are appreciated. The proceeds will be going to pay for a badly needed replacement window in the kitchen. Initial quotes are coming in around \$2000.

**LBC Golf** The **LBRC Golf League** is forming for the 2024 season. We are seeking golfers of all abilities to join our league of men and women. We golf Tuesday afternoons at Hickory Knoll from May 7th-August 27th. **We have at least one person seeking a partner for the season** and we have room for many more. If you would like to join the league or want more information, please send an e-mail to [LBRCTUESDAYGOLFLEAGUE@COMCAST.NET](mailto:LBRCTUESDAYGOLFLEAGUE@COMCAST.NET) or contact Doug Dolislager at 231-744-7262.

## Service Opportunities

**Nursery Help** We are in need of volunteers for our second service Nursery. This service opportunity begins at 10:45am until the service is over and kids are picked up. If interested, please see Sally Hendrixon or call the office at 744-1749.

**Christian Care** Laketon Bethel was part of starting Christian Care over 100 years ago. They are unfortunately going through hardships and are looking into selling. The latest information on Christian Care is on the table in the entryway. If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Mia Fick at 231-720-8506.

## Volunteers

1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Colby Beckstrom & Kelly Andry

1st Service Nursery: Lorri Anderson

2nd Service Nursery: Cyndi Bingaman & Sally Hendrixon

## Children & Youth News



### *LBC Children's Church*

All kids in grades Prek-Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> are welcome to join our Children's Church during the second service. We have lots of fun learning about the love of Jesus. If you have any questions, please see Jackie Ritsema or Mia Fick.

### *Laketon Bethel Youth Group*



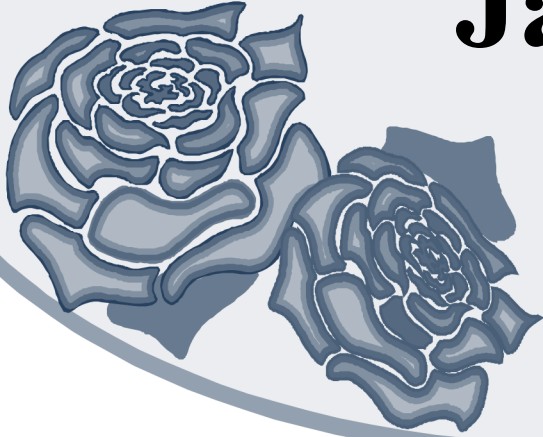
All youth in 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades are welcomed to join us on TODAY from 5:00-7:00pm for dinner, a lesson, and lots of fun.

*Note: March 10<sup>th</sup> is Ashley's birthday!*

For any questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

**Special Senior of the Week:**

*Please show your support by signing the cards located  
on the table in the entryway.*



**Jack & Jean  
Moore**

*Please remember in prayer our friends who are  
battling long-term illnesses:*

*Donald Bayne*

*Jana Belladone*

*Betty Bonneville*

*Larry Budreau*

*Patti Buurma*

*Craig Carlson*

*Amanda Cihak*

*Larry Cone*

*Amy Fredericks*

*Jacob Geers*

*Bob Hanson*

*Scott Hladki*

*Sally Legard*

*Avery Lynn*

*J.T. Maskell*

*Tom McKee Sr.*

*Patti Mercer*

*Paul Ortquist*

*Lynn Pluger*

*Shirly Pummell*

*Aaron Rop*

*Gary Samples*

*Joe Shavalier*

*Larry Shavaler*

*Ida Shealy*

*Sandy Streeter*

*Kathy Tabor*

*Inga Weavers*

*Marv Wegner*

# Scripture for Today

## Ephesians 4.29 NLT

<sup>29</sup> Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

## Proverbs 12.18 MSG

<sup>18</sup> Rash language cuts and maims,  
but there is healing in the words of the wise.

## Colossians 3 NLT

<sup>8</sup> But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander, and dirty language.

<sup>17</sup> And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

## Colossians 4.6 MSG

Be gracious in your speech. The goal is to bring out the best in others in a conversation, not put them down, not cut them out.

## Philippians 2.14 NLT

<sup>14</sup> Do everything without complaining and arguing.

# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

*Let's give up bickering and complaining for lent and for good. Let's replace our negative words with words of gratitude. Let's use our speech to bring light into the world rather than darkness. Let's build up and not tear down.*

How does complaining or bickering affect others in the conversation?

Does complaining bring more things into your life to complain about?

When is it right to remove yourself from complaint-filled conversation?

“Bickering” is a euphemism for what non-pc word?

Other Notes:

## March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Su	1 Peter 5			Genesis 24	
11	Mo	2 Peter 1			Genesis 25	
12	Tu	2 Peter 2			Genesis 26	
13	We	2 Peter 3			Genesis 27	
14	Th	1 John 1			Genesis 28	
15	Fr	1 John 2			Genesis 29	
16	Sa	1 John 3			Genesis 30	
17	Su	1 John 4			Genesis 31	



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## THE PURPOSE OF LAKETON BETHEL:

*“To trust steadily in God, hope unswervingly, love extravagantly. And the best of the three is love.”*

## 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.

## OUR CONSISTORY

### Elders

Joel Ortquist, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker,  
Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-  
Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke

### Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Kristie Hall, Kathy Forrester,  
Jill Mouw, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers, Jerry  
Vos, Diana Wagbo