

Laketon Bethel Church

March 12, 2023

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

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 Our food truck is tomorrow and we ask that volunteers please be here at 5:00pm. For any questions, please see Jill Mouw.

The LBRC Golf League is forming for the 2023 season. We golf at 2:00 PM on Tuesdays at Hickory Knoll from May 2nd - August 29th. **We are hoping to field more teams and are in real need of subs.** All golfing abilities are welcome! If you would like to join the league or want more information, please contact Doug Dolislager at 231-744-7262. send an e-mail to LBRCTUESDAYGOLFLEAGUE@COMCAST.NET

Hand2Hand If you want to help but can't physically, we are collecting pudding cups for Hand2Hand. There is a box for your donations in the entryway. We appreciate your donation. Thank you!

Nursery We are in need of first and second service volunteers for the nursery. If you are interested in joining this team, see Sally Hendrixon or Joann Petroski or call the office at 744-1749.

Children's Ministry Children's Church is open to children from Preschool through Fifth Grades during the 11:00 Service. Please check your child/children in at check-in station. If you are new, registration sheets are available at the check-in station as well.

Coffee Server We are in need of more coffee servers for the first service. If you are interested in serving for this hospitality ministry, please call the office at 744-1749.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Kathy Young

2nd Service Coffee Server: Jim Hanley & Theresa Schiltz

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

“Look What the Lord Has Done”

Call to Worship

“Victory in Jesus”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”

“Heaven Came Down”

Crosstalk - “Too Late to Repent?”

Offering

“Love Brought Me Back”

Benediction

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“Maybe I’m Amazed”

Call to Worship

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Your Grace Finds Me”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “Too Late to Repent?”

Offering

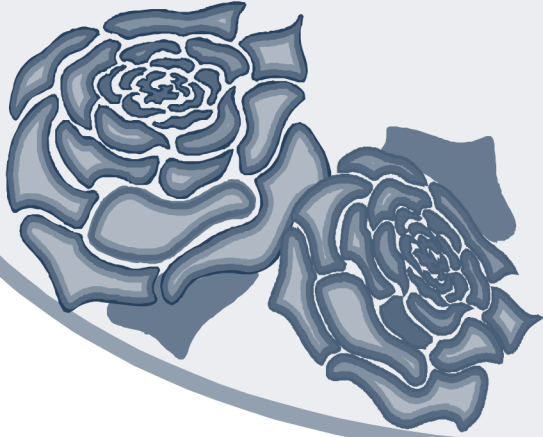
“To the Table”

Benediction

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Mick Meyers

*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

Stephanie Cutler

Amy Fredericks

Jacob Geers

Bob Hanson

Scott Hladki

Sally Legar

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

Luke 15 [The Message]

20-21 “When he was still a long way off, his father saw him. His heart pounding, he ran out, embraced him, and kissed him. The son started his speech: ‘Father, I’ve sinned against God, I’ve sinned before you; **I don’t deserve** to be called your son ever again.’

22-24 “But the father wasn’t listening. He was calling to the servants, ‘Quick. Bring a clean set of clothes and dress him. Put the family ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Then get a prize-winning heifer and roast it. We’re going to feast! We’re going to have a wonderful time! My son is here—given up for dead and now alive! Given up for lost and now found!’ And they began to have a wonderful time.

25-27 “All this time his older son was out in the field. When the day’s work was done he came in. As he approached the house, he heard the music and dancing. Calling over one of the houseboys, he asked what was going on. He told him, ‘Your brother came home. Your father has ordered a feast—barbecued beef!—because he has him home safe and sound.’

28-30 “The older brother stomped off in an angry sulk and refused to join in. His father came out and tried to talk to him, but he wouldn’t listen. The son said, ‘Look how many years I’ve stayed here serving you, never giving you one moment of grief, but have you ever thrown a party for me and my friends? Then this son of yours who has thrown away your money on whores shows up and you go all out with a feast!’

31-32 “His father said, ‘Son, you don’t understand. You’re with me all the time, and everything that is mine is yours—but this is a wonderful time, and we had to celebrate. This brother of yours was dead, and he’s alive! He was lost, and he’s found!’”

Acts 3.19 [New International Version]

Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Deep Sheet

[a place for notes]

It is never too late to repent. The sooner you repent, the sooner the benefits of repentance become manifest. Repent now.

“It won’t get better on its own” is stated a few times today. In your life, what won’t get better unless you do something about it?

What does “metanoia” mean?

Which of the two sons in the parable today has entitlement issues?

Your story will end one day. What would you like the last chapter to contain?

What can you do today to make that happen?

Other Notes:

March Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Su	Romans 6			Psalms 110	
13	Mo	Romans 7			Psalms 111	
14	Tu	Romans 8			Psalms 112	
15	We	Romans 9			Psalms 113	
16	Th	Romans 10			Psalms 114	
17	Fr	Romans 11			Psalms 115	
18	Sa	Romans 12			Psalms 116	
19	Su	Romans 13			Psalms 117	

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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

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

Deacons

Brent Ackerman, Mia Fick, Kathy Forrester,
Mike George, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers,
Rita Sikkenga, Diana Wagbo