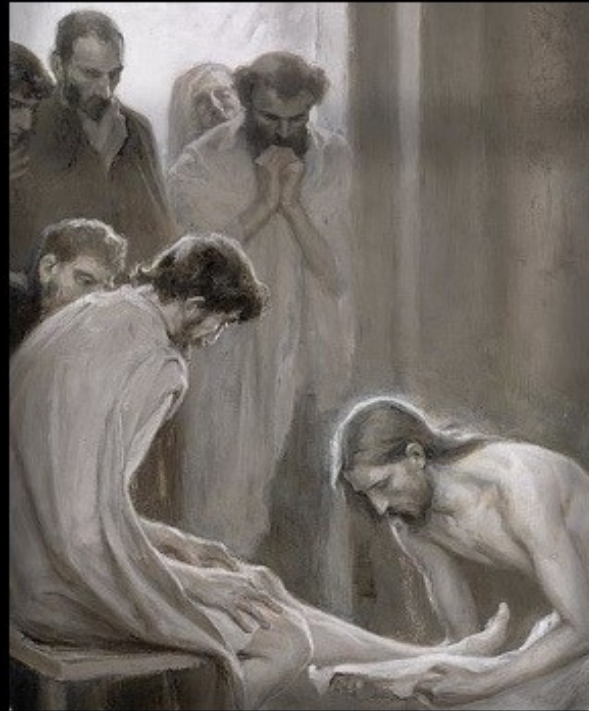


Who Is Your
Humble
Servant?



Laketon Bethel Church

April 2, 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

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: Sue Vannette

2nd Service Coffee Server: Terri Forward

Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song

“Crown Him”

Call to Worship

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering

“What Kind of King?”

Crosstalk - “Who Is Your Humble Servant?”

Communion

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

“There Is a Redeemer”

Worship in Song

“O How He Loves You and Me”

“Were You There?”

Time of Reflection

“Come and See”

Benediction

Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“In the Name of Love”

Call to Worship

“Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Offering

“Love Song”

Crosstalk - “Who Is Your Humble Servant?”

Communion

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

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“You Are My King”

“Were You There?”

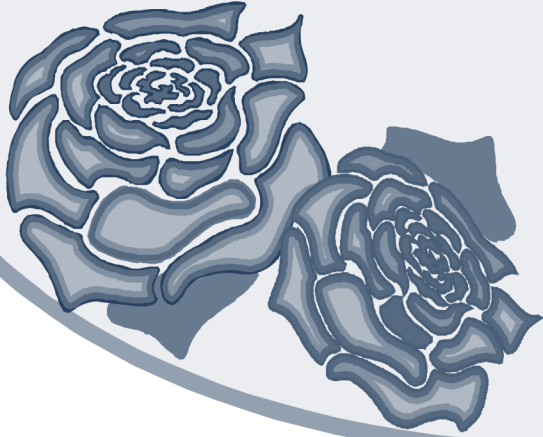
Time of Reflection

“Your Grace Still Amazes Me”

Benediction

Special Senior of the Week:

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



Ardie Pulsipher

*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

John 13, from the Message

13 ¹⁻² Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end. It was suppertime. The Devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal.

³⁻⁶ Jesus knew that the Father had put him in complete charge of everything, that he came from God and was on his way back to God. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron. When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Master, *you wash my feet?*”

⁷ Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.”

⁸ Peter persisted, “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!”

Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.”

⁹ “Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!”

¹⁰⁻¹² Jesus said, “If you’ve had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you’re clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you’re clean. But not every one of you.” (He knew who was betraying him. That’s why he said, “Not every one of you.”) After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table.

¹²⁻¹⁷ Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do. I’m only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn’t give orders to the employer. If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.

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[a place for your notes]

What are some chores that you simply don't like to do?

What happened on "Palm Sunday?"

Why do we call the Thursday prior to Easter, "Maundy Thursday?"

Why did Jesus wash the feet?

Who is your humble servant?

other notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

| Date | Day | New Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special Prayer | Old Testament | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| 02 | Su | 1 Corinthians 11 | | | Psalms 131 | |
| 03 | Mo | 1 Corinthians 12 | | | Psalms 132 | |
| 04 | Tu | 1 Corinthians 13 | | | Psalms 133 | |
| 05 | We | 1 Corinthians 14 | | | Psalms 134 | |
| 06 | Th | 1 Corinthians 15 | | | Psalms 135 | |
| 07 | Fr | 1 Corinthians 16 | | | Psalms 136 | |
| 08 | Sa | 2 Corinthians 1 | | | Psalms 137 | |
| 09 | Su | 2 Corinthians 2 | | | Psalms 138 | |

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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