

**IF MAMA AIN'T  
HAPPY  
AIN'T NOBODY HAPPY  
IF GRANDMA  
AIN'T HAPPY  
RUN**

Laketon Bethel Church

May 14, 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.

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

Gathering Song

“Melody of Love Medley”

Call to Worship

*Reading: Salvation in His Name*

“Glorious Is Thy Name”

“In the Name of the Lord”

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“All Because of God’s Amazing Grace”

“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”

Crosstalk - “If Mama Ain’t Happy...”

Offering

“Breathe/He’s All I Need”

Benediction

“Praise God from whom All Blessings Flow”



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

Gathering Song

“God of Wonders”

Call to Worship

“Above All”

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Lord, I Need You”

“This Is Amazing Grace”

Crosstalk - “If Mama Ain’t Happy...”

Offering

“There Was Jesus”

Benediction

“Salt & Light”

# Announcements

*A warm welcome to our newest baptized member, Gemma Belle Fick, daughter of Greg and Mia Fick!*

**Unity tickets are now available to purchase. Please call/text Cheryl Howard at (231) 670-5476 to get your tickets.**

**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.

## Volunteers

1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server: Jill Mouw & Dianna Ockaski

## Current Laketon Bethel Outreach Activities & Programs

**Hand2Hand**

**Food Truck**

**Supperhouse**

**Trunk or Treat**

**Make a Difference Ministry**

**(MadHouse)**

**Adopt-A-Family**

**Coat Drives**

**Rummage Sales**

**Santa's Secret Shop**

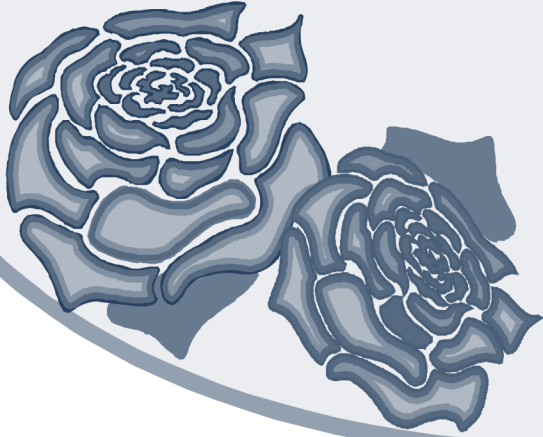
**Funerals**

**Vacation Bible School**

**Westshore Christian Academy**

## **Special Senior of the Week:**

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



# **Jackie Buck**

*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*

# Romans 7 & 8

<sup>17-20</sup> But I need something *more*! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't *do* it. I decide to do good, but I don't *really* do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time.

<sup>21-23</sup> It happens so regularly that it's predictable. The moment I decide to do good, sin is there to trip me up. I truly delight in God's commands, but it's pretty obvious that not all of me joins in that delight. Parts of me covertly rebel, and just when I least expect it, they take charge.

<sup>24</sup> I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question?

<sup>25</sup> The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different. [from *The Message*]

**8** So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. [*New Living Translation*]

# Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

*We can't make mama happy on our own [we can't refrain from sin], but we can be set free from sin and death through Jesus.*

Do you know anyone who has been able to stop sinning?

Why do you keep on messing up?

What does Jesus give you to help you in this predicament?

Other Notes:

## April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14	Su	1 Thessalonians 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 24	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Mo	1 Thessalonians 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
16	Tu	2 Thessalonians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 26	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	We	2 Thessalonians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 27	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Th	2 Thessalonians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 28	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Fr	1 Timothy 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 29	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	Sa	1 Timothy 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Su	1 Timothy 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 31	<input type="checkbox"/>

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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