

Why Were
Ticks Created?



Laketon Bethel Church

May 21, 2023

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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

“The promised Land Medley”

Call to Worship

“Blessed Assurance”

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

“Be Still, My Soul”

Crosstalk - “Why Were Ticks Created?”

Offering

“Near to the Heart of God”

Benediction

“Spirit Song”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song

“God So Loved”

Call to Worship

“Of All the Things About You”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“King of My Heart”

“Revelation Song”

Crosstalk - “Why Were Ticks Created?”

Offering

“Show Me Your Glory”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

Announcements

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

1st Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

2nd 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

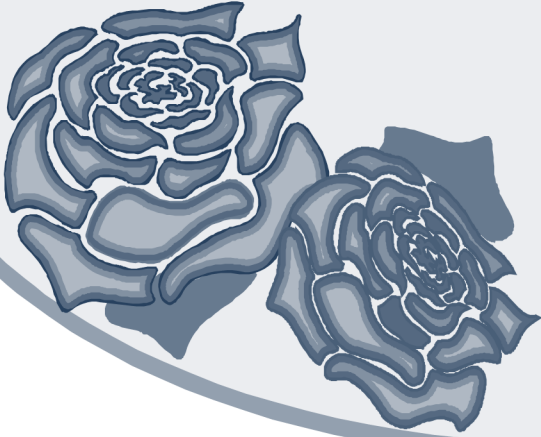
Funerals

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.*



Larry Cone

*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

Bible Readings (New Living Translation)

Genesis 1.1-2

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was formless and empty, and darkness covered the deep waters. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters.

Genesis 1.31

Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!

Genesis 2.15-17

15 The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. **16** But the Lord God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— **17** except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.”

Romans 8

20 Against its will, all creation was subjected to God’s curse. But with eager hope, **21** the creation looks forward to the day when it will join God’s children in glorious freedom from death and decay. **22** For we know that all creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. **23** And we believers also groan, even though we have the Holy Spirit within us as a foretaste of future glory, for we long for our bodies to be released from sin and suffering. We, too, wait with eager hope for the day when God will give us our full rights as his adopted children, including the new bodies he has promised us. **24** We were given this hope when we were saved. (If we already have something, we don’t need to hope for it. **25** But if we look forward to something we don’t yet have, we must wait patiently and confidently.)

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

*It is God's plan to return us to Eden if we desire.
Let's trust him to make that happen.*

Why were ticks created?

What is the ruin-restoration (gap) theory of creation?

Why do you think God allows for free will?

What are the ABC's needed for a return to Eden?

Other notes:

April Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
21	Su	1 Timothy 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Proverbs 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Mo	1 Timothy 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Tu	1 Timothy 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 2	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	We	1 Timothy 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	Th	2 Timothy 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 4	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Fr	2 Timothy 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 5	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Sa	2 Timothy 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 6	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Su	2 Timothy 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Ecclesiastes 7	<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