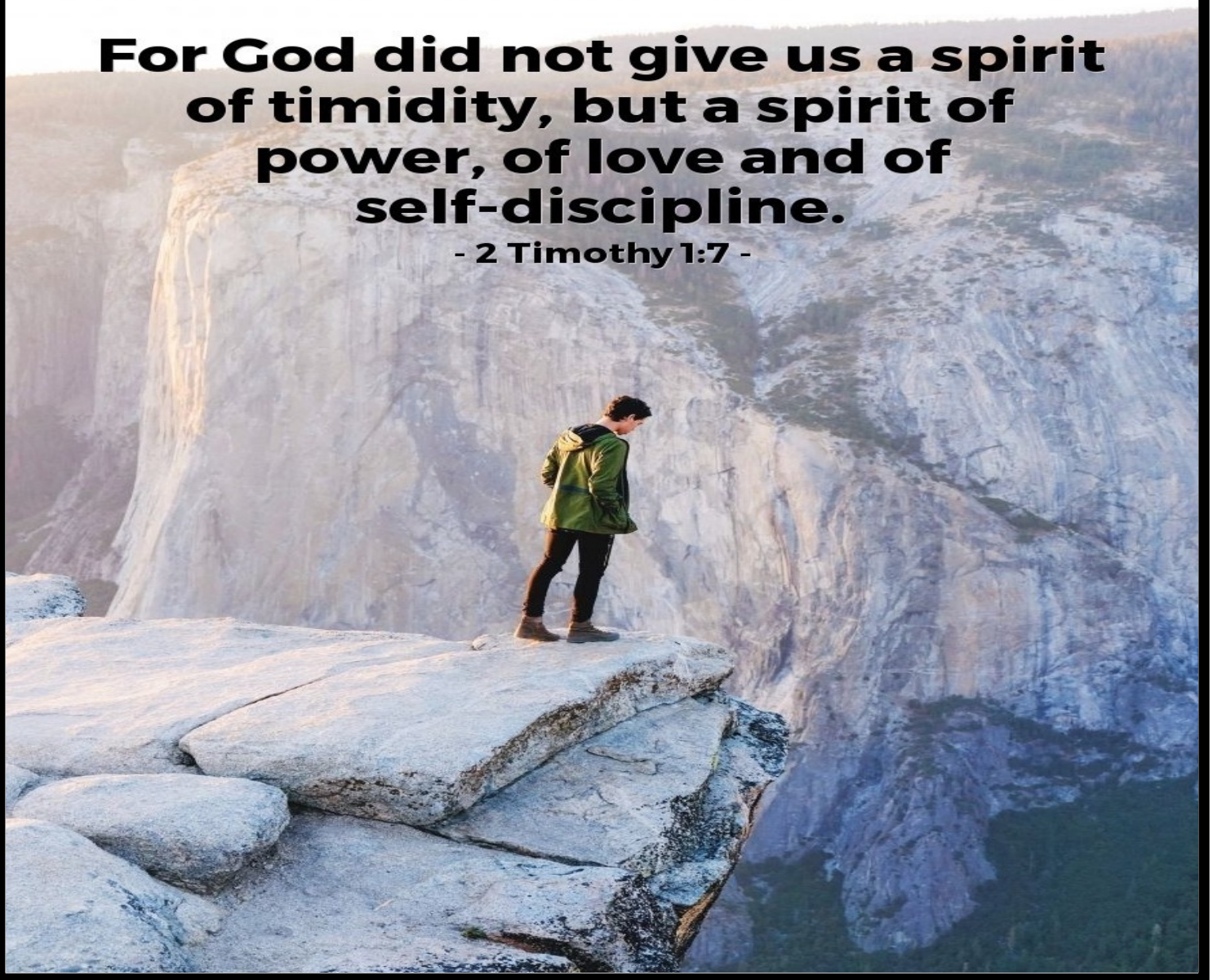


# "Thrive: Lesson from Daniel, Part 5: A Lion in a Den of Daniels"

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power, of love and of  
self-discipline.**

- 2 Timothy 1:7 -



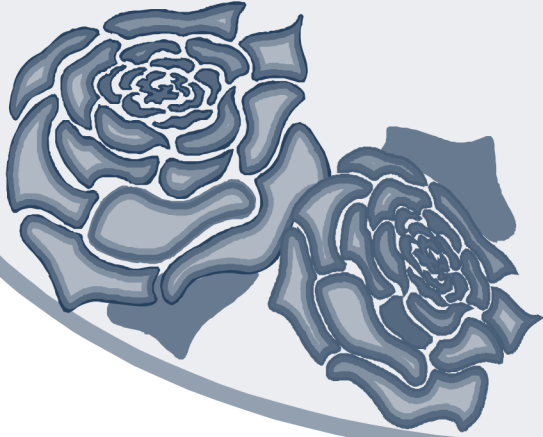
Laketon Bethel Church

July 4, 2021

Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

**Special Senior of the Week:**

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



***Donna  
Doctor***

***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***

***Stephanie Cutler***

***Amy Fredericks***

***Jacob Geers***

***Bob Hanson***

***Scott Hladki***

***Avery Lynn***

***J.T. Maskell***

***Tom McKee Sr.***

***Patti Mercer***

***Paul Ortquist***

***Lynn Pluger***

***Shirly Pummell***

***Aaron Rop***

***Gary Samples***

***Joe Shavalier***

***Ida Shealy***

***Sandy Streeter***

***Kathy Tabor***

***Inga Weavers***

***Marv Wegner***

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

### ***We Approach Our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

#757 “My Country ‘Tis of Thee”

Congregational Prayer

Response of Praise

#423 “Joy Unspeakable”

#368 “The Longer I Serve Him”

### ***Offerings-We Give Back***

Special Music

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - “Thrive, Part 5: A Lion in a Den of Daniels”

### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

“Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow”



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

### ***We Approach our Friend***

Welcome

Prayer of Confession and Reminder of Pardon

Response of Praise

“Goodness of God”

“Everlasting God”

Congregational Prayer

### ***Offerings-We Give Back***

“All My Hope”

### ***We Learn, Remember and Renew***

Crosstalk - “Thrive, Part 5: A Lion in a Den of Daniels”

### ***We Respond to Our Friend***

Benediction

“Goodness of God”

## Scriptures for Today:

From the Message and the New Living Translation

### Daniel 6

<sup>18</sup> The king then went back to his palace. He refused supper. He couldn't sleep. He spent the night fasting.

<sup>19-20</sup> At daybreak the king got up and hurried to the lions' den. As he approached the den, he called out anxiously, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve so loyally, saved you from the lions?"

<sup>21-22</sup> "O king, live forever!" said Daniel. "My God sent his angel, who closed the mouths of the lions so that they would not hurt me. I've been found innocent before God and also before you, O king. I've done nothing to harm you."

<sup>23</sup> When the king heard these words, he was happy. He ordered Daniel taken up out of the den. When he was hauled up, there wasn't a scratch on him. He had trusted his God.

<sup>24</sup> Then the king commanded that the conspirators who had informed on Daniel be thrown into the lions' den, along with their wives and children. Before they hit the floor, the lions had them in their jaws, tearing them to pieces.

<sup>28</sup> From then on, Daniel was treated well during the reign of Darius, and also in the following reign of Cyrus the Persian.

### 2 Timothy 1.7

For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline.

# Thrive (Lessons from Daniel), Part 5: A Lion in a Den of Daniels.

THEME: You don't have to be a wimp. God gives us a spirit of power, love and self-discipline. Use it to get through your dark times and to make the dark times of those next to you better.

What percentage of the kids in our local area attend church regularly?

Why did the Babylonian officials want to take Daniel down?

If God doesn't give us a spirit of fear and timidity, who does?

What causes the most anxiety in your life?

What is the first step toward getting power, love and self-discipline in your life?

Other notes:

## July Daily Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
04	Su	Matthew 27			Nahum 3	
05	Mo	Matthew 28			Habakkuk 1	
06	Tu	Mark 1			Habakkuk 2	
07	We	Mark 2			Habakkuk 3	
08	Th	Mark 3			Zephaniah 1	
09	Fr	Mark 4			Zephaniah 2	
10	Sa	Mark 5			Zephaniah 3	
11	Su	Mark 6			Haggai 1	

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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 Bible is the final authority for faith and practice. We will study it 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

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Larry Joslyn, Grant Meyers, Jason Peterson,  
Louanne Utzinger, Ron Zant

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Kathy Andrews, Jon Brantsen, Greg Fick,  
Kathy Forrester, Alex Lassow,  
Rita Sikkenga, Kathy Young