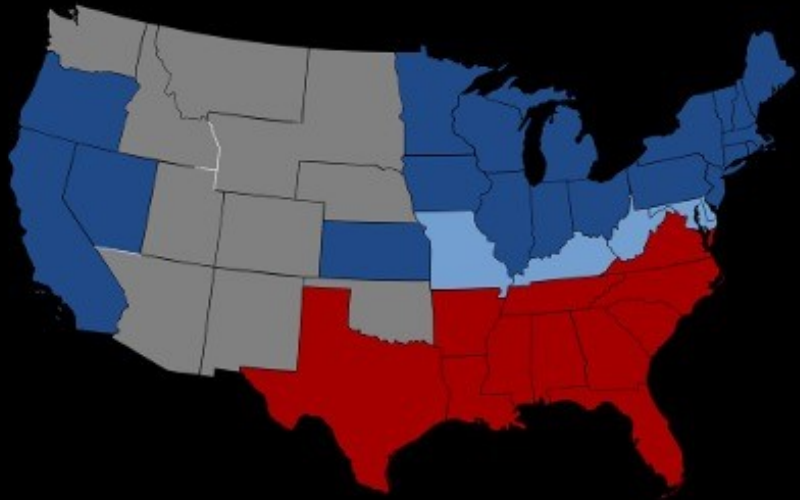


How to
Disable
Division



Laketon Bethel Church

July 9, 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

“I’m Standing on the Solid Rock”

Call to Worship

“The Solid Rock”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Wonderful”

“He’s a Wonderful Savior to Me”

Crosstalk - “How to Disable Division”

Offering

“Lead Me to the Cross”

Benediction

“Go Forth and Tell!”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Call to Worship

“Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Lord, I Need You”

“Goodness of God”

Crosstalk - “How to Disable Division”

Offering

“You Say”

Benediction

“God Be With You”

Announcements

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.

Church Life If you have moved or have a new number, please contact the office at 744-1749 to update your information for the Church Life Directory.

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Ed Kawaleski

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

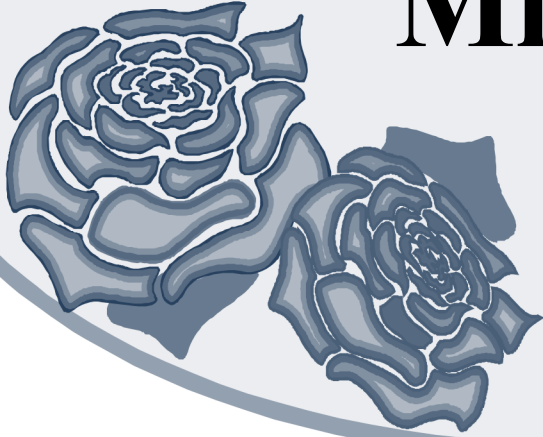
Vacation Bible School

Westshore Christian Academy

Safe Harbor Christian Communities

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Mick & Jackie
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

Romans 14

The Message

14 Welcome with open arms fellow believers who don't see things the way you do. And don't jump all over them every time they do or say something you don't agree with—even when it seems that they are strong on opinions but weak in the faith department. Remember, they have their own history to deal with. Treat them gently.

¹²So mind your own business. You've got your hands full just taking care of your own life before God.

¹³⁻¹⁴ Forget about deciding what's right for each other. Here's what you need to be concerned about: that you don't get in the way of someone else, making life more difficult than it already is. I'm convinced—Jesus convinced me!—that everything as it is in itself is holy. We, of course, by the way we treat it or talk about it, can contaminate it.

¹⁹ So let's agree to use all our energy in getting along with each other. Help others with encouraging words; don't drag them down by finding fault.

²²⁻²³ Cultivate your own relationship with God, but don't impose it on others. You're fortunate if your behavior and your belief are coherent. But if you're not sure, if you notice that you are acting in ways inconsistent with what you believe—some days trying to impose your opinions on others, other days just trying to please them—then you know that you're out of line. If the way you live isn't consistent with what you believe, then it's wrong.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

Which is better: Culver's or Cracker Barrel?

Do you think there is a high level of division in this country? Why?

What was the cause of division in the early church in Rome?

What are 5 things you can do to disable division?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

other notes:

July Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
09	Su	Revelation 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Isaiah 29	<input type="checkbox"/>
10	Mo	Revelation 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Isaiah 30	<input type="checkbox"/>
11	Tu	Revelation 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Isaiah 31	<input type="checkbox"/>
12	We	Revelation 7	<input type="checkbox"/>		Isaiah 32	<input type="checkbox"/>
13	Th	Revelation 8	<input type="checkbox"/>		Isaiah 33	<input type="checkbox"/>
14	Fr	Revelation 9	<input type="checkbox"/>		Isaiah 34	<input type="checkbox"/>
15	Sa	Revelation 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Isaiah 35	<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,
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