

Repent and  
Reinvent



Laketon Bethel Church  
September 22, 2024  
Dr. Sherwin Brantsen

# Sherwin's Adult Bible Study

We will have pizza at 6:00pm with the Bible Study beginning at 6:30pm.

## Questions (Part One)

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*This is a new adult Bible study based on the questions you have asked. Put these dates on your calendar and hold on to your hat because we will be exploring some of the nitty-gritty topics addressed in Scripture.*

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Oct. 16: What does the Bible teach about abortion?

Oct. 23: Does the Bible have mistakes and contradictions?

Oct. 30: Does God know the future?

Nov. 6: Did God create the earth in six literal days?

Nov. 13: Are we created in the image of God?

Nov. 20: Was Jesus really born of a virgin and what does that mean for us?

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*This is part one. More will follow if these topics and others are of interest to you.*

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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

“His Great Love Medley”

Call to Worship

“To God Be the Glory”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Blessed Assurance”

“Heaven Came Down”

Crosstalk - “Repent & Reinvent”

Offering

“Jesus Is the Answer Medley”

Benediction

“Take My Life, and Let It Be Consecrated”



## **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

“Made for More”

“Glorious Day”

Crosstalk - “Repent & Reinvent”

Offering

“Trust In God”

Benediction

“God Be With You”



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**BACK TO CHURCH**

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**BBQ**

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**OCTOBER 6, 2024**

**AFTER 9 A.M. & 11 A.M SERVICES**

**1568 W. GILES RD.**

# Announcements

## Jr. High J.A.M.

For students grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk in the Parlor the second and fourth Sunday of the month.

**Ladies' Monday Morning Bible Study** We have begun our book study and meet every Monday morning at 9:30. We will be using the book "Women of the Bible" by Jean E. Syswerda. Come join us for some good fellowship.

## Service Opportunities

**Jr. High** We are in need of volunteers for Jr. High J.A.M.. If interested, please see Mia Fick.

## Volunteers

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Diane Brantsen

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Jan Kovalcik & Sheri Vanderlaan

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Connie Reahm

**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Bryan & Rebekkah Wolffis



## Children & Youth News



### *LBC Children's Church*

The new class year will begin soon, and we would like to have the registrations done before September. You can register online at [laketonbethel.org](http://laketonbethel.org) or stop at the check-in station to pick up a form.

Grades Preschool – 5 and Nursery

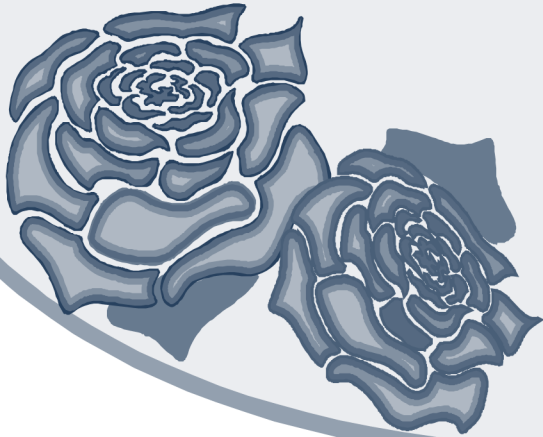


### *Laketon Bethel Youth Group*

The Youth Group Kickoff is on Sunday, September 8th from 4-7pm. We will play flag football at Mullally Park and grill out. Parents, siblings and anyone else are welcome to join us. For questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

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

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



# **Sally Legard**

*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*

*Amy Fredericks*

*Jacob Geers*

*Bob Hanson*

*Scott Hladki*

*Sally Legard*

*Avery Lynn*

*J.T. Maskell*

*Tom McKee Sr.*

*Patti Mercer*

*Paul Ortquist*

*Lynn Pluger*

*Aaron Rop*

*Gary Samples*

*Joe Shavalier*

*Larry Shavaler*

*Ida Shealy*

*Sandy Streeter*

*Kathy Tabor*

*Inga Weavers*



# John 3, New Living Translation

There was a man named Nicodemus, a Jewish religious leader who was a Pharisee. <sup>2</sup>After dark one evening, he came to speak with Jesus. “Rabbi,” he said, “we all know that God has sent you to teach us. Your miraculous signs are evidence that God is with you.”

<sup>3</sup>Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, unless you are born again, you cannot see the Kingdom of God.”

<sup>4</sup>“What do you mean?” exclaimed Nicodemus. “How can an old man go back into his mother’s womb and be born again?”

<sup>5</sup>Jesus replied, “I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. <sup>7</sup>So don’t be surprised when I say, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup>The wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the wind but can’t tell where it comes from or where it is going, so you can’t explain how people are born of the Spirit.”

<sup>9</sup>“How are these things possible?” Nicodemus asked.

<sup>10</sup>Jesus replied, “You are a respected Jewish teacher, and yet you don’t understand these things? <sup>11</sup>I assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen, and yet you won’t believe our testimony. <sup>12</sup>But if you don’t believe me when I tell you about earthly things, how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup>No one has ever gone to heaven and returned. But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. <sup>14</sup>And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.

<sup>16</sup>“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.

# Deep Sheet

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*Let Jesus reinvent you and you will experience constant growth and change for the better and receive eternal life.*

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The Greek word for “repentance” is “metanoia”. What does this mean, literally?

Why do you think Nicodemus came to see Jesus at night?

What do you think it means to be “born of water and the Spirit?”

Adam and Eve believed the snake would enhance their lives. It didn’t. Because of the snake, we all die. Where do we look to have eternal life?

If you were going to be reinvented, what would you change from your present life?

Other Notes:

## September Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
22	Su	Galatians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Mo	Galatians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Tu	Galatians 3	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
25	We	Galatians 4	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
26	Th	Galatians 5	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
27	Fr	Galatians 6	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 14	<input type="checkbox"/>
28	Sa	Ephesians 1	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 15	<input type="checkbox"/>
29	Su	Ephesians 2	<input type="checkbox"/>		Judges 16	<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**

Joel Ortquist, Dave DeBoer, Jeff Hooker,  
Mike Lyons, Steve Mussman, Paula Scott-  
Stewart, Donna Spytma, Heather Wilke

### **Deacons**

Brent Ackerman, Kristie Hall, Kathy Forrester,  
Jill Mouw, Doug Lubbers, Kris Meyers,  
Jerry Vos, Diana Wagbo