



How to
Remove
Regret

Laketon Bethel Church

December 17, 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

“Across the Sky”

Call to Worship

3rd Week of Advent Reading

“How Great Our Joy”

Welcome & Announcements

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

“Angels, From the Realms of Glory

Crosstalk - “How to Remove Regret”

Offering

“O Holy Night”

Benediction

“The First Noel”



Order of Worship-11:00am

Call to Worship

“Angels From the Realms of Glory/Hosanna”

Welcome & Announcements

Baptism

Congregational Prayer

Worship in Song

3rd Week of Advent Reading

“Glory in the Highest”

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Crosstalk - “How to Remove Regret”

Offering

“O Holy Night”

Benediction

“Joy to the World”

Announcements

We extend a warm welcome to our newest members, Maddison & Caleb Sampson, and we also celebrate the baptism of their daughter, Mavin.

The beautiful Christmas decorations that you see on the stage are designed and created by Andra Johnson.

We are so blessed to benefit from her expertise.

Our sincerest thanks!

Volunteers

1st Service Coffee Server: Ron & Connie Maciejewski

2nd Service Coffee Server: Steve & Maureen Mussman

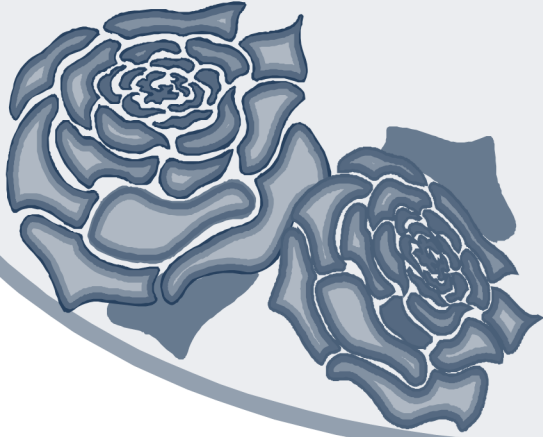


Christmas Eve Service
“The Gift”

Join us at 7:00pm on Christmas Eve as we tell the Christmas Story through scripture and song. We will complete our Advent journey as we light the *Christ Candle*, and discover what our real Christmas Gifts are.

Special Senior of the Week:

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



**Sue
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*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

Shirly Pummell

Aaron Rop

Gary Samples

Joe Shavalier

Larry Shavaler

Ida Shealy

Sandy Streeter

Kathy Tabor

Inga Weavers

Marv Wegner

Romans 3

New Living Translation

²¹ But now God has shown us a way to be made right with him without keeping the requirements of the law, as was promised in the writings of Moses and the prophets long ago. ²² We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for everyone who believes, no matter who we are.

²³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. ²⁴ Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. He did this through Christ Jesus when he freed us from the penalty for our sins.

²⁷ Can we boast, then, that we have done anything to be accepted by God? No, because our acquittal is not based on obeying the law. It is based on faith. ²⁸ So we are made right with God through faith and not by obeying the law.

Deep Sheet

[a place for your notes]

We are made right with God by trusting Jesus, not by following rules. Advent is the anticipation of the arrival of this one who saves us from the penalty of our sins.

Can you name three regrets that affect you personally?

How can regret be a good thing?

How can regret be a bad thing?

How does today's Bible passage affect your response to regret?

Other Notes:

December Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17	Su	1 Corinthians 10	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hosea 7	<input type="checkbox"/>
18	Mo	1 Corinthians 11	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hosea 8	<input type="checkbox"/>
19	Tu	1 Corinthians 12	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hosea 9	<input type="checkbox"/>
20	We	1 Corinthians 13	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hosea 10	<input type="checkbox"/>
21	Th	1 Corinthians 14	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hosea 11	<input type="checkbox"/>
22	Fr	1 Corinthians 15	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hosea 12	<input type="checkbox"/>
23	Sa	1 Corinthians 16	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hosea 13	<input type="checkbox"/>
24	Su	2 Corinthians 01	<input type="checkbox"/>		Hosea 14	<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

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