

General Information

COFFEE, PUNCH & COOKIES are served in the Friendship Center following morning worship. You are invited to join us. We would like to meet you.



HAS GOD BEEN SPEAKING TO YOU THIS MORNING THROUGH WORSHIP?

Have you been carrying some burdens that you would like to give to the Lord? Do you want to spend some time in prayer this morning? If so, we would encourage you to linger after worship right where you sit. Spend a few moments in silent prayer. There will also be some members of Bethany's prayer team that are available to pray with you at the front of the sanctuary.

BETHANY PRAYER CONCERNS – Please call Pastor Lon at (562) 866-1812 ex. 224 no later than Thursday afternoon to place your praises and needs on the prayer sheet.

SPECIAL OFFERINGS — are listed each week in the bulletin. To give to the listed cause, please use a blue envelope available in the pew OR use your regular giving envelope and indicate the amount you are giving toward the special offering. All cash placed in the offering plate goes to the general budget.

YOU CAN GIVE ONLINE by logging in at bethanycrc.ccbchurch.com. If you need assistance call Deanne in the office.

 **LIKE US ON FACEBOOK...AND FOLLOW US ON TWITTER!**  If you would like to use social media to keep up with things happening here at Bethany, then "like" us on Facebook at (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Bethany-CRC/468329003279601>) and follow us on Twitter (@Bethany_CRC).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (for children who are in Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade) will exit with the banner to join us for our worship time. Children may be picked up at 10:50 in Room 26/Following Jesus Room (which is the room above the kitchen).

Announcements

FLOWERS — If you would like to place flowers in the sanctuary please contact Lois Prins.

MEMOIRISTS meet tomorrow, January 22, at 4:30 p.m. in the Hospitality Room. Join us as we write down and share stories and precious memories. New writers are always welcome! Please call Fred Wind for further information.

OUR FOOD PANTRY — is in need of Progresso Soup and Chef Boyardee meals. Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week.

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *Dancing with Max* by Emily Colson. We will meet on Monday, February 19 at 7:15 pm at Adrea Boeriger's home to discuss the book. New members are always welcome. Call Sue Leck for more info.

BOUNDARIES FOR THRIVING — Boundaries are the basic, yet invisible, rulebook that guides us in all our interactions in life. Boundaries define how and what we communicate, what we give and receive, and even what we expect from others. They reflect how we love ourselves and others and what we value most deeply. They impact how we function at work and the use of the money we earn from work. They influence when we say no and when we say yes. They determine where our own needs start and end. Some of us have boundaries that are porous and some have very rigid boundaries. Some of us aren't even aware of many healthy boundaries. All of us have some level of struggle in establishing and maintaining healthy boundaries so that we can flourish in life. These four sessions on Boundaries for Thriving will help us better understand our boundaries and why they're so important and how to strengthen ones that may have weakened. We will meet in the Hospitality Room during the Sunday School hour beginning on March 4. Our facilitator for our discussions is Jeffrey Funk—chaplain, professor, author, and fellow-struggler.

WEDNESDAY COFFEE BREAK — has just started a new study on Forgiveness and we would love to have you join us. This is one way to start the year with a clean slate. God forgives us from so much. We will learn that forgiveness is freedom. Hope to see you at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. You'll be glad you did!

NOISY COLLECTION - to support our Kabale Team (who will visit PAG Church in Uganda this summer) will be taken next Sunday.

TALK TIME — Are you confused, hurting or grieving? Do you just need to talk? Pastor Jim Kok is available on Friday mornings here at the church. (Other times possible as well). Please call the church office at (562) 866-1812 Ext. 221 to make an appointment.

ALL CHURCH STUDY — Our 2018 All Church Study based on Lee Strobel's book, *The Case for Faith*, continues today. This 6 week study includes a sermon series on Sunday mornings, small groups to take the study a little deeper, and an optional (but highly recommended) book to read along with the study. Contact Pastor Lon with any questions you have or to join a small group. We look forward to God doing great things in and through us during this study!

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 1/14/17	\$10,165.51
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)	
Faith Promise	\$400.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$190.00
Outreach Fund	\$642.00

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will gather again this Tuesday as we study *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel as part of Bethany's All Church Study. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please join us!

THE CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES — continues weekdays through January 23. Lectures will be shown here at Bethany through live feed from Calvin College from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This week's topics are: Exploring Partnership Between Churches & Cities and Reimagining Dementia & Humanness. We are just one of 50 remote webcast sites across the continent, joining a daily audience of about 3,000 people a day. Additional information on the speakers and topics is available in the foyer. Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin right here in Bellflower.

BETH MOORE EVENT — Over the years, many Bethany women have been blessed to be part of Bible studies using teaching by Beth Moore. There is a 2-day event coming to San Diego on April 27-28 that you may want to consider. It is "LIVING PROOF Live" with Beth Moore and worship with Travis Cottrell. It is happening at The Rock Church. The early bird rate is \$69 if you register by Jan. 30. Go to www.LifeWay.com/LivingProof to register or to learn more.

LIGHTSHINE 2018 — presents *Trust God!* under the Direction of Kay Van Weerthuisen on Friday, January 26 at 7 p.m., Saturday, January 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 28 at 6 p.m. Presentations will be held at Trinity Christian Reformed Church (18718 Grayland Ave., Artesia). No tickets required. No nursery available. Please call Long Beach CRC (562) 421-1721 for more information.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSES — Valley Christian will celebrate their annual Winter Admissions Open House Day on Saturday, January 27 (High School @ 10:00 AM ▪ Middle School @ 12:00 PM.) Tell your family and friends!

AFFORDABLE TREASURES THRIFT STORE is in need of volunteers in our store located at 17829 Bellflower Blvd. Please call 562-866-0060 to volunteer or to get more information.

FIRST CRC OF ARTESIA has a weekly celebration of Christ's presence on Sunday evenings at 6:00 p.m. Begin your new week with the in-filling and empowerment of the Holy Spirit by joining with the family of God and the body of Christ for worship

LIGHT FOR THE NATIONS - We all wish for church growth, but how do we react when it happens in ways that make us uncomfortable? Join Groundwork as we study Acts 13 to see how the early church reacts as they experience the same situation and discover what it teaches us about the scope of God's mission. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

Children's Ministry

TODAY

- **Little Lambs** (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.
- **Children's Worship** (Pre K—1st Grade) will meet this morning. Follow the banner after the worship time.
- **Sunday School** — Children meet in Room 12/13 at 11 a.m. and then are dismissed to their classrooms. They will be ready to be picked up in their classrooms at NOON. Classrooms: Pre-K to 1st Grade ~ Room 9B ▪ 2nd to 4th Grade ~ Room 25 ▪ 5th to 6th Grade ~ Room 22

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Dinner from 5:45 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Activities for kids from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

- Nursery (0-3 year olds)
- Kingdom Kids (Pre-k to 1st Grade)
- Cadets (2nd – 6th grade boys)
- GEMS (2nd- 6th grade girls)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!



On the Edge, Step Out! & Y.a.
 (7th & 8th Grades) (9th-12th Grades) (Age 18-28ish)

Sunday, January 21 — Weekend Edition (MS) and **AWAKE** (HS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 21 — Step Out (HS) will meet for Open House.

Wednesday, January 24 — On-the-Edge (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for small group. Hope you will join us!

January 26-28 — Our **Middle School Retreat** will be held at Camp Pondo. Cost is \$200. Go to bethanycrcyouth.org for more information or to register.

February 9-11 — Our **High School Retreat** will be held in Running Springs. Cost is \$175 with skiing or \$135.00 without. Go to bethanycrcyouth.org for more information or to register.

All details can be found at bethanycrcyouth.org.

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Join us this week or pray for...

Today	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary Sunday School, 11:00 a.m., Room 12/13 Weekend Edition (JH Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Awake (HS Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Step Out, 7 p.m., The 2nd Story
Monday	January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room Memoirists, 4:30 p.m., Hospitality Room BSF, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Tuesday	January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room Tutoring, 3:30 p.m., Friendship Center Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	Coffee Break, 9:30 a.m., Friendship Center Community Outreach Dinner, 4:00, North Friendship Center Family Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Friendship Center Family Night @ 6:30 p.m. — Nursery • Kingdom Kids (Pre-K to 1st Grade, Room 9a) • GEMS (Girls Grades 2-6, Room 12/13) • Cadets (Boys Grades 2-6, Cadet Room) • On-the-Edge (Grades 7 & 8, The 2nd Story) • Coffee Break (Hospitality Room) • The Case for Faith (Choir Room)
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
Friday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Lil Hogan and Greta De Young
Foyer greeters: Ray Yeates, Jim and Sharon Zoetewey
Patio greeters: Jake Hoogeveen
Ushers: Rich Rens (cap.), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: Larry Walraven, Arnie Westra • **Parking Lot Assistant:** Ron Van Meeteren
Nursery: Alyson Hogan (greeter), Gayle Vaden Berg, Pam Huckins, Philip Ulstrup
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Leann Bakker, Mary Murray, Meg Pheifer
Library: Susie Ruditis, Nancy Curley

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Mary Jo Van Duyn and Stan Cole
Foyer greeters: Derek and Mary Jane Zondervan, Keith and Barb Zondervan
Patio greeters: Bud and Leann Bakker
Ushers: Rich Rens (cap.), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: Jeff Westra, Mike Whitten • **Parking Lot Assistant:** Joe Wiersma
Nursery: Breanna Kuyper (greeter), Megan Huckins, Jane Compton, Derek Murray
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Sheryl Dielens, Nancy Winters, Jesse Rhodes
Library: Eileen Walraven, Nancy Curley

Church Staff and Council

Jim Kuiper ~ Minister of the Word ext. 223	Janis Westra ~ Worship Leader ext. 225
Lon Wagner ~ Minister of Discipleship ext. 224	Sue Leck ~ Financial Administrator ext. 229
Jim Kok ~ Pastoral Care (leave message) ext. 221	Deanne Grachen ~ Office Administrator ext. 221
Kendall Abud ~ Children's Ministry Director ext. 230	Caleb Miller ~ Director of HS and MS ext. 228
Faith Rietveld ~ Choir Director ext. 226	Angel Chun ~ Facilities Coordinator ext. 235

Deacons: Karla Anema, Ed Bakker, Sandy Binns, Chad Bomgaars (Deacon President), Rick Dykstra, Pam Eaker, Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Todd Pheifer (Vice President), Jon Slager, Cindy Tanis (Secretary), Derek Zondervan
Elders: Ron Anema (Council President), Charlie Boerigter, Stan Cole, Keith Cok, Dave Dyer (Vicar/Clerk), Rob Kamstra (Elder President), Ron Kruid, Dave Ligtenberg, Henry Mariotti

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Morning Celebration Worship January 21, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

THE CASE FOR FAITH SERIES

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Song

Greetings

Songs of Praise

Confession & Assurance

Song of Response

Congregational Prayer

Message

"I HAVE DOUBTS, SO I CAN'T BE A CHRISTIAN"

Matthew 9:14-24

Offering

Bethany Choir

Special Offering: World Renew

Blessing

Closing Song

Postlude

Preaching: Pastor Lon Wagner

We provide loving care for your little ones during worship. The nursery is located close to the main entrance of the sanctuary in the southwest corner of the Friendship Center. 2 ½-4 Year-Olds are invited to "Little Lambs" in Room 9A which is located in the Education Building at the north end of the campus.

Next Sunday at Bethany...

Please join us as Pastor Jim Kuiper continues our series "The Case For Faith".

Special Offering: Building Fund