

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

COOKBOOKS — The GEMS Ministry still has cookbooks for sale. You can get them during the week at the church office. The cost has been reduced to \$5 per book. All proceeds will go to help the Esther School in Zambia.

COMPTON WORK DAY — Bethany is heading to the City of Compton on Saturday, Jan. 27 to paint a house. But it's more than that...we go to Compton together 4 times a year to serve God by serving others. This is a great opportunity to be used by God to be a blessing to Compton and to a grateful homeowner. Sign-ups for Bethany's team will begin soon...put this date on your calendar now and plan to be a part of this fun and rewarding day.

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

SPECIAL OFFERINGS DISCUSSION — For many years, Bethany has supported organizations outside of our congregation, both near and far. The Deacons are currently discussing how we may best use the resources that God has entrusted to us. Join the Deacons for a conversation about special offerings, and the role that they may play in the future. Anyone interested can join us TODAY at 11:00 AM in the Sanctuary.

OUR NEXT COUNCIL MEETING — will be held this TUESDAY, January 9 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will not meet this Tuesday. We will gather again on Tuesday, January 16 as we study *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel as part of Bethany's All Church Study.

ALL CHURCH STUDY — Our 2018 All Church Study based on Lee Strobel's book "The Case for Faith" kicks off next Sunday, January 14. This 6 week study will include 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 sign up for a group.

BETHANY CHOIR — will begin rehearsals for 2018 this Thursday, January 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. This would be a great time to join the choir! We hope to see you there!

THE JUST CURIOUS BOOK CLUB will be discussing "Sarah Phillips" by Andrea Lee on January 18 at the Anaheim CRC. Call Stan Cole if you have questions.

OUR FOOD PANTRY — is in need of Progresso Soup, Vienna Sausages and Mac N' Cheese cups. Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *Winter's Solstice* by Elin Hilderbrand. We will meet on Monday, January 15 at 7:15 p.m. at Jan Whitten's home. New members always welcome.

NOISY COLLECTION - to support our partnership with Lianna Tanis and her work next year with World Renew and the PAG Church in Uganda will be taken the last Sunday of the month.

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 12/31/17	\$24,344.00
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$550.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$1150.00

GIVING ENVELOPES — Someone picked up the box of giving envelopes #40. If you do not plan to use envelopes you can return them to the church office. If you would like to use them, please call the office and give us your name so we can track your giving for you.

THE CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES — continues weekdays through January 23. Each lecture will be shown here at Bethany through live feed from Calvin College from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This week's topics include the death penalty, zero waste, pluralism, generosity and behavioral science. We are just one of 50 remote webcast sites across the continent, joining a daily audience of about 3,000 people a day. For information on the speakers and topics, pick up a brochure in the foyer or visit the January Series website at www.calvin.edu.january. Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin right here in Bellflower.

LIGHTSHINE 2018 – presents *Trust God!* under the Direction of Kay VanWeerhuizen 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.

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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED — 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 infilling and empowerment of the Holy Spirit by joining with the family of God and the body of Christ for worship.

THE MAGI - After Christmas, the church calendar turns to Epiphany. Join us in studying Matthew 2:1-11 to explore the story of the Magi, whose visit marks the beginning of the season of Epiphany. Discover what this story about sharing news of a Savior with these Gentile wise men teaches us about God and his greater mission. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

SHORT-TERM VOLUNTEERS - Are you 18 to 24 years old and interested in embarking on a short-term volunteer opportunity with life-long impact? World Renew's Global Volunteer Program provides opportunities to live, work, eat, and play in an international community while exploring how God wants you to use your talents and skills for His purpose. For more information, contact Andrew at globalvolunteer@worldrenew.net.

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** — will not meet today. We begin meeting again next Sunday, January 14. We are excited to see you!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

There will be no Family Dinner, Nursery, Kingdom Kids, Cadets or GEMS until January 17.



On the Edge, Step Out! & Y.a.

(7th & 8th Grades) (9th-12th Grades) (Age 18-28ish)

Sunday, January 7 — Weekend Edition (MS) and **AWAKE** (HS) will NOT be meeting today. We will start meeting again next Sunday, January 14. We will see you then!

Sunday, January 7 — Step Out (HS) will not be meeting tonight. We will start up again on January 14. Hope you join us then!

Wednesday, January 10 — On-the-Edge (MS) is on break and will not meet. We will begin meeting again on January 17th.

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 NO Weekend Edition, Awake or Step Out
Monday	January Series, 9:30 a.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 Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Hospitality Room NO Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	Coffee Break, 9:30 a.m., Friendship Center January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room NO Community Outreach Dinner NO Family Dinner NO Family Night (Kingdom Kids, GEMS, Cadets, On-the-Edge, Coffee Break) Children/Youth Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 p.m., Friendship Center
Thursday	January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
Friday	January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room
Saturday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Greta De Young and Mary Jo Van Duyn
Foyer greeters: Fred and Wilma Wind, Henry and Linda Wind
Patio greeters: Brad and Teresa Peterson
Ushers: Rich Rens (cap.), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: Bob Vanden Burg, Kent Vander Meulen
Parking Lot Assistant: Todd Huckins
Nursery: Julie Ulstrup (greeter), Jan Whitten, Ann Wilson, Carson Slager
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Breanna Kuyper, Pam Hoekstra, Brooke Tolen
Library: Carolyn Kamstra, Carissa Kamstra

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Stan Cole and Ron Anema
Foyer greeters: Stan and Nancy Winters, Iris Wybenga
Patio greeters: John and Fran Kampen
Ushers: Rich Rens (cap.), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: George Veltman, Tom Veltman
Parking Lot Assistant: Jake Hoogeveen
Nursery: Anna Willoughby (greeter), Liz Wagner, Leann Bakker, Landon Bouma
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Breanna Kuyper, Pam Hoekstra, Brooke Tolen
Library: Eileen Walraven, Jan Whitten

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 (leave message) ext. 221	Angel Chun ~ Facilities Coord. (leave message) ext. 221

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 7, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Opening Song
 Greetings
 Songs of Praise
 Confession & Assurance
 Songs of Response
 Children's Message
 Offering
Special Offering: Faith Promise
 Congregational Prayer
 Message
"RESOLUTION TO BLESSING"
Numbers 6:22-27
 Communion
 Blessing
 Closing Song
 Postlude
Preaching: Pastor Jim Kuiper

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 leads us in a time of worship and the word.

Special Offering: Outreach Fund