

## 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](http://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

**OUR FALL BLOOD DRIVE** — will be held October 19 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar and plan on donating.

**BETHANY FAMILIES ARE HEADED TO TIJUANA!** On Saturday, October 28, we will spend the day in Tijuana with Bethany missionaries, James and Barbarita Lee. Our purpose will be to speak with, play with, pray with, and eat with members from one of the churches the Lees support. This will be fun and meaningful for everyone involved. Contact Pastor Lon to learn more or to sign up.

**COMMUNITY HYMN-SING** — Bethany will host a Community HYMN-SING in our sanctuary TODAY at 4:30 p.m. Join song leader Pieter Goedhart and other musicians in singing your favorite hymns and spiritual songs. We hope to see you here!

**MOB<sup>2</sup> (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible)** - *Honest Answers to Honest Questions* — Dialogues with Doubters. In the New Testament, people came to Jesus with their serious questions, looking for straight up answers. Surprisingly, they seldom received the answer they were expecting or even wanting. The Men's Bible Study is looking at nine of these sincere questions in order to find help for our own questions, and hopefully we will find some answers to some of our own problems in the process. We discuss these questions on Tuesday nights, October 3, 17, 31, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Deacons Room (through the Choir Room door). If you'd like study questions ahead of time, send Jeffrey Funk your e-mail at [jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org](mailto:jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org).

**WEEKEND TO REMEMBER** — Great marriages don't just happen. Get intentional about taking your marriage to the next level at Family Life's Weekend to Remember marriage retreat. Bethany is getting a group together to go on the weekend of Nov. 17-19 in La Jolla. We've got a group rate which is \$100 off the regular price. Go to [weekendtoremember.com](http://weekendtoremember.com) to register or contact Pastor Lon for more information at 562-866-1812 ex. 224 or [lwagner@bethanycrc.org](mailto:lwagner@bethanycrc.org).

**COMPTON WORK DAY**—Bethany is headed to the City of Compton on Saturday, Oct. 21. We'll spend half a day painting a grateful homeowner's house. And we'll have fun doing it!! Families: this is a great opportunity to put what we're learning from "Sticky Faith" into practice..sign up to serve together! Sign-ups begin today following worship.

**TUTORING** — Bethany Church partners with Bellflower elementary schools by offering a tutoring program once a week. There is always a waiting list for students to enter our program. If you would be willing to donate an hour of your time on Tuesdays (beginning October 10) from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. to read with and have conversations with a student about what they're reading and vocabulary, please contact Sandy Cok or Pam Huckins.

**THE ARTESIA CHRISTIAN HOME AUXILIARY** — will meet in the Front Parlor at 11614 E. 183rd Street, Artesia, CA 90701 at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, October 3rd. New Volunteers are welcome!!

### WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 9/24/17 .....	\$11,194.75
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$156.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance .....	\$140.00
World Renew .....	\$995.00

**COLLEGE BOXES** — There are sheets with each student's name available in the Friendship Center following worship this morning. Please take time to write a little note to say "hello". ■ If you brought items or goodies to be included in the boxes, please place your donations on the counter in the church kitchen. You can also drop them off in the church office tomorrow from 10:00 a.m.— 5 p.m. ■ We can use help packing the boxes tomorrow evening in the South Friendship Center. Please join us if you are willing to volunteer. Contact Henry Mariotti for more details. ■ If you have a child who is away at school or in the military please provide the church office with their current mailing address by e-mailing [dgrachen@bethanycrc.org](mailto:dgrachen@bethanycrc.org) TODAY.

**NEW ADULT WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS ~ "YOUR STORY, GOD'S STORY"** We human beings are wired for stories. If you want to get someone's attention, tell them a story. Each person's life is also a story. Yet how do we understand our stories as a unified whole, with a plot and a purpose? And how do we understand our stories in light of God's broader story of redemption and transformation? This is a practical 4 session class that will help you understand the themes of your own story, as well as the ways in which God has been and is at work in the writing of your story. Join Pastor Brian Willats beginning on Wednesday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**DO YOU LOVE TO BE INVOLVED IN LEADING WORSHIP** or is it something you would like to try? Do you play an instrument that you would love to share your talent with during music in church? Bethany is looking to set up regular teams to help in leading worship. Whether you enjoy singing or playing, we are looking for several people to make up 3 to 4 teams. If you are interested in being part of a consistent worship team, please contact Janis Westra and let her know. ([jwestra@bethanycrc.org](mailto:jwestra@bethanycrc.org))

**WE BE FRIENDS?** Bethany has several members with severe learning difficulties. Their parents say their children feel well-accepted by Bethany. But we could do better! We will be offering a workshop on developing helpful relationships with those who have special needs. It will be held at Bethany at 9AM on Saturday, October 21. We urge you to come. We will have a fine time.

**CHURCH HISTORY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** — St. Boniface is killed by the Frisians in 754, but they listen to St. Williboard to embrace the faith. Frankish King Pepin embraces the faith, and then Frankish leader Charles Martel turns back Islam from Europe at the Battle of Poitiers in 732 A.D. Pope Stephen digs up former Pope Formosus and puts the corpse on trial as people begin to tire of church she-nigans and demand reform. Where we have been explains a lot of who we are and where we are going. Let's walk together through the years 500- 1000 A.D. in the footsteps of the Church at a class beginning October 15 at 11 a.m. in the Hospitality Room

**DON'T FORGET** — Ethnos Community Church's Worship Service & Open House on Saturday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Patio Room.

## 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys)
- GEMS (2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!

*Every Good & Perfect gift is from above...  
James 1:17*

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

**Sunday, October 1** — **Weekend Edition** (MS) and **AWAKE** (HS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, October 1** — **Step Out** (HS) will meet for Open House. Please contact Caleb if you are interested in finding a home group to join.

**Wednesday, October 3** — **On-the-Edge** (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for small groups. Hope you will join us!



**Fall Retreats are coming up!**

High School (Oct 20-22) • Middle School (Oct 13-15)

Go to [Bethanycrcyouth.org](http://Bethanycrcyouth.org) for details and to sign up

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### Join us this week or pray for...

<b>Today</b>	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 Sticky Faith, 11:00 a.m., Hospitality Room Community Hymn Sing, 4:30 p.m., Sanctuary Step Out ~ Open Homes
<b>Monday</b>	BSF, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	Coffee Break, 9:30 a.m., Friendship Center Community Outreach Dinner, 4:00, North Friendship Center Family Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Friendship Center <b>Family Night @ 6:30 p.m.</b> — 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) • Sticky Faith (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

### Opportunities for Service

#### ~ Serving This Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Shalom—Mariotti/Zondervan  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Stan Cole and Ron Anema  
**Foyer greeters:** Corwin and Ruth Schenk, Delmar and Marlys Schenk  
**Patio greeters:** George and Tom Veltman  
**Ushers:** Joe Wiersma (cap.), Erik Wiersma, Austin Wiersma, Don Hoekstra  
**Parking Lot:** Sherm Kredit, Carl Leck  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Mike Boer  
**Nursery:** Julie Ulstrup (greeter), Jan Whitten, Ann Wilson, Carson Slager  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Anna Willoughby, Claire Westra, Jesse Rhodes  
**Library:** Carolyn Kamstra, Carissa Kamstra

#### ~ Serving Next Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Shalom—Mariotti/Zondervan  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Lil Hogan and Greta De Young  
**Foyer greeters:** Jon and Shannon Slager, Bob and Karen Slager  
**Patio greeters:** Fred and Wilma Wind  
**Ushers:** Joe Wiersma (cap.), Erik Wiersma, Austin Wiersma, Don Hoekstra  
**Parking Lot:** Don Hoekstra  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Don Hoekstra  
**Nursery:** Anna Willoughby (greeter), Liz Wagner, Leann Bakker, Landon Bouma  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Breanna Kuyper, Olivia Vande Vegte, Anneka Bakker  
**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	Elsie Ophorst ~ 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 Pfeifer (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 October 1, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Song

Greetings

Song of Praise

Confession/Assurance

Song of Response

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message

**"CATCHING WATER IN BROKEN SISTERS"**

Jeremiah 2:5-13

Offering

Special Offering: Building Fund

Blessing

Closing Song

Postlude

Preaching: Rev. Jeff Funk

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...

We know the pain of being excluded and the joy of being included. And we know that Jesus was the greatest "includer" of all time. So how can we be more like Jesus? Join us next Sunday as Pastor Lon brings a message from Matthew 15:21-28 entitled "The Inner Ring".

Special Offering: Benevolence