

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

MOB² (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible) - will NOT meet this week. See you next week, Oct. 17, as we take a look at Honest Answers to Honest Questions: Dialogues with Doubters.

OUR FALL BLOOD DRIVE — will be held October 19 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. in the South Friendship Center. You can sign up after worship this morning in the Friendship Center, or sign up online at www.redcross.org (sponsor code BethanyBellflower).

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 soon to learn more or to sign up.

TOWN HALL — There will be a town hall meeting on Sunday, November 5, 2017 following the morning service. You are invited to submit your questions/concerns regarding Bethany, and council will address them during this meeting. Please email your inquiry to bethanycrc17@gmail.com or provide a hard copy to Deanne Grachen in the church office by October 22.

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 to register or contact Pastor Lon for more information at 562-866-1812 ex. 224 or 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 continue today following worship.

TUTORING — Bethany Church partners with Bellflower elementary schools by offering a tutoring program once a week (beginning October 17). 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 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.

STICKY FAITH—concludes this week! Join us as we learn how we (as a church) and we (as families) can nurture a lasting faith in our kids... a "sticky faith". The class meets on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Hospitality Room and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

CAN 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.

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *The House at Riverton* by Kate Morton, one of our favorite authors. We will meet Monday, October 30 at Iris Wybenga's home at 7:15 pm. New members are always welcome. Call Sue Leck for info at 562-866-1812.

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 9/24/17	\$17,842.10
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$820.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$40.00
Building Fund.....	\$1470.00

HARVEST FAIR 2017 — On Wednesday, Oct. 25, from 6:30-8:00pm we'll gather in the Bethany parking lot for a time of fun for the whole family. There will be food, games, prizes, inflatables, and a dunk tank. This will be a night you won't want to miss...and a night you'll want to invite your friends to be a part of. See you there!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS for Bethany's game booth at Trick or Treat on the Boo-levard on October 27 from 4-7 p.m. We have people to set up and take down, so our need is for a few more volunteers to run the game. Please sign up with Caleb by calling (562) 866-1812 ex. 228 or emailing cmiller@bethanycrc.org.

CANDY NEEDED — We need lots of candy for the Harvest Fair and Trick or Treat on the Boo-levard. If you are willing to donate some, please put it on the counter in the kitchen or bring it to the church office during the week.

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)

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-nanigans 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

SALEM CHRISTIAN HOMES invites you to celebrate & rejoice with the residents, families, and friends of Salem at their Annual Connecting Hearts Benefit Auction on October 14th at 5:00 p.m. at the Sheraton Fairplex Conference Center (601 West Mckinley Avenue, Pomona) . Dinner cost is \$40. RSVP with Victor Sanchez at (909) 614-0579.

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, October 8 — *Weekend Edition* (MS) and *AWAKE* (HS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, October 8 — *Step Out* (HS) will meet at 7:00 p.m. in The 2nd Story for Large Group.

Wednesday, October 11 — *On-the-Edge* (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for large group. Hope you will join us!



Fall Retreats are coming up!

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

Go to Bethanycrcyouth.org for details and to sign up

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 Sticky Faith, 11:00 a.m., Hospitality Room Step Out, 7 p.m., The 2nd Story
Monday	BSF, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary Council, 7:00 p.m., Hospitality Room
Tuesday	NO Men's Bible Study
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) • Sticky Faith (Choir Room)
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Anema, Boerigter
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: Alan Tolen (cap.), Harry Prins Jr., Randy Algra, Ron Vande Vegte
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

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Anema, Boerigter
Coffee After Worship: Camp Shalom—Mariotti/Zondervan
Post-Service Prayer: Terry and Sandy Binns
Foyer greeters: Erv and Loise Smidt, Cheryl Solomon
Patio greeters: Charlie and Adrea Boerigter
Ushers: Alan Tolen (cap.), Harry Prins Jr., Randy Algra, Ron Vande Vegte
Parking Lot: Darrin Mesman, Scott Murray
Parking Lot Assistant: Todd Huckins
Nursery: Pam Hoekstra (greeter), Paulette Mariotti, Anneka Bakker, Joe De Young
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Leann Bakker, Rosalinda Lpez, Meg Pheifer
Library: Susie Ruditis, 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 (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 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 October 8, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Confession & Assurance

Choir

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message

"THE INNER RING"

Matthew 15:21-28

Offering

Special Offering: Benevolence

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 leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

Special Offering: VC Tuition Assistance