

## 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

**THE GEMS WILL BE SELLING BANKET** - (a favorite Dutch almond pastry) TODAY in the Friendship Center after the worship service. The cost will be \$12.50/stick. All checks can be made out to Bethany Church. Thank You!

**UGANDA FUNDRAISER** — Thank you to everyone who attended the breakfast fundraiser for Lianna Tanis and the Uganda Team. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$4072.00! Your interest, prayers, donations and support are all much appreciated.

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS FOR THE BETHANY FAMILY** — There will be no dinner this week. See you next Wednesday!

**THE JUST CURIOUS BOOK CLUB** will be discussing *Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain at 7:00 p.m. on November 16 at Anaheim CRC. Call Stan Cole if you have questions.

**THANKSGIVING WORSHIP** — will be this Thursday, November 23, at 9:30 a.m. A single offering will be taken for Faith Promise. We will also bring forward canned goods for our food pantry. We hope to see you here!

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** — for our Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner.

- Monday, November 20 — 6 people are needed to prep for the meal from 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Tuesday, November 21—20 people are needed at 1:00 p.m. to set the tables, serve the meal, and clean up after.

Please call Pam Eaker to let her know you are willing to help.

**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Tuesday Nights, 7-8:30 p.m. Since God's Word is true, it will guide us through whatever unique questions and dilemmas we are facing now. Our job is to understand the Bible as well as we can and then to listen with honesty and compassion to the questions that people are asking. Jesus did that. And the Men's Bible Study is looking at some of the questions He was asked and how He responded. Come! And bring your own questions.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT CLASS FOR ADULTS ~ "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. We will take this Wednesday off and resume on Nov. 29.

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** — will not meet next Sunday, November 26 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will begin meeting again on December 3rd.

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

**OUR FOOD PANTRY** — is in need of ongoing donations, which can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week. Thank you for your continuing support!

**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.

### WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 11/5/17 .....	\$8132.10
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$200.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance .....	\$60.00
Building Fund.....	\$842.00

### LOOKING AHEAD -

- Advent Series "What Child Is This?", December 3,10,17&24 @ 9:30 a.m.
- Children's Live Nativity Christmas Program, December 10 @ 6:00 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Service, December 24 @ 5:00 p.m.

**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 each month.

**LLLL BOOK CLUB** — will be reading *Mudbound* by Hillary Jordan. We will meet Monday, December 4 at 7:15 p.m. at Beth Kuiper's home to discuss the book.

**CHURCH HISTORY SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** — St. Boniface is killed by the Frisians in 754, but they listen to St. Willibroard 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. We will not meet this Sunday. Our final class session will be on December 3.

**NIGHT OF WORSHIP** — Rosewood Church (10115 Rose St., Bellflower) is hosting a Night of Worship TONIGHT at 6:00 p.m. The service will have a large number of young adults attending, but all ages are welcome. Hope to see you there!

### UPCOMING VALLEY CHRISTIAN CONCERTS TO BE HELD @ BETHANY-

- Kindergarten & 3rd Grade Christmas Concert on Tuesday, 12/5 at 7:00 PM
- 5th & 6th Grade Band, Orchestra and Choir Christmas Concert 12/13 at 10:00 AM

**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.

**DOUBLE YOUR DONATION TO HELP A FAMILY IN NEED** - Between now and Giving Tuesday (November 28, 2017), you can double your gift to help a family caught in the crossfire of conflict in Syria through World Renew's matching grant from One Day's Wages (ODW). Give a \$30 gift and see it doubled to \$60, enough to feed a family of six for a month. Go to [www.onedayswages.org/worldrenew](http://www.onedayswages.org/worldrenew) to learn more, donate, or start a fundraising campaign.

**ADVENT DEVOTIONAL SERIES** - Looking for more meaning in the midst of a busy Christmas season? This Advent, ReFrame Media offers a special email devotional series just for you. With daily devotions and encouragements from Today, Family Fire, Groundwork, and the fun of Kids Corner, we designed it to help your whole family experience the true wonder of Christmas, the coming Christ. Subscribe at [reframemedia.com/advent](http://reframemedia.com/advent).

## 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. (We will not meet next Sunday)
- **Sunday School** — We will be rehearsing for our Live Nativity Christmas Program in Room 12/13 from 11 a.m. to noon. (Please pick your children up there). Please note that we will not be meeting/rehearsing next Sunday, November 26.

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Kingdom Kids, Cadets and GEMS will not meet this week. Happy Thanksgiving!



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

(7th & 8th Grades)

(9th-12th Grades)

(Age 18-28ish)

**Sunday, November 19** — **Weekend Edition** (MS) and **AWAKE** (HS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m. Please note we will NOT be meeting on Sunday, November 26.

**Sunday, November 19** — **Step Out** (HS) **Golf N' Stuff Outing** Join us for Mini Golf, Go Carts and more. Meet at church at 6:00 p.m. and plan to return around 9 p.m. Cost is \$10.00. It will be fun...so invite your friends!

**Wednesday, November 22** — **On-the-Edge** (MS) will NOT meet due to Thanksgiving. We will see you next week!

All details can be found at [bethanycrcyouth.org](http://bethanycrcyouth.org).

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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 (MS Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Awake (HS Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story NO Church History Class Step Out—Golf N' Stuff Outing
<b>Monday</b>	BSF, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary Elders/Deacons, 7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Thanksgiving Outreach Dinner, 2:00 p.m., Friendship Center Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	NO Coffee Break NO Community Outreach Dinner, 4:00, North Friendship Center NO Family Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Friendship Center NO Family Night (Nursery, Kingdom Kids, GEMS, Cadets, On-the-Edge, Coffee Break, Your Story, God's Story)
<b>Thursday</b>	Thanksgiving Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary NO Choir Rehearsal
<b>Friday</b>	Church Office Closed

### Opportunities for Service

#### ~ Serving This Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Cok, Cole  
**Coffee After Worship:** CAMP Unity—Ligtenberg/Martinez  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Greta De young and Mary Jo Van Duyn  
**Foyer greeters:** Lloyd and Deanna Van Duyn, Randy and Mary Jo Van Duyn  
**Patio greeters:** Pam Eaker  
**Ushers:** Ron Anema (cap.), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Rietsma  
**Parking Lot:** Daniel Rhodes, Joe Ruditis  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Mike Boer  
**Nursery:** Alyson Hogan (greeter), Donna Reitsma, Karla Anema, Victoria Tenajero  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Anna Willoughby, Brooke Tolen, Nancy Winters  
**Library:** Eileen Walraven, Rachel Walraven

#### ~ Serving Thanksgiving ~

**Foyer greeters:** Gene and Rosie Van Essen, John and Helen Van Essen  
**Patio Greeters:** Erv and Louise Smidt  
**Ushers:** Ron Anema (cap.), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Reitsma  
**Parking Lot:** 9:30 Corwin Schenk, Delmar Schenk  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Don Hoekstra  
**Nursery:** Teresa Peterson (greeter), Breanna Kuyper, Sherry Boer, Aubrey Slager

#### ~ Serving Next Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Cok, Cole  
**Coffee After Worship:** CAMP Unity—Ligtenberg/Martinez  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Stan Cole and Ron Anema  
**Foyer greeters:** Bonnie Van Horsen, Ron and Alice Van Meeteren  
**Patio greeters:** Iris Wybenga and Betty De Koek  
**Ushers:** Ron Anema (cap.), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Rietsma  
**Parking Lot:** Jon Slager, Bob Slager  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Todd Huckins  
**Nursery:** Mary Beth Flietstra (greeter), Hilda Bouma, Greta De Young, Maranda Prins  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Breanna Kuyper, Mary Murray, Meg Pheifer  
**Library:** CLOSED

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

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## Morning Celebration Worship November 19, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Men's Chorus

Greetings

Songs of Praise

Confession & Assurance

Songs of Response

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message

**"HOW SOON, O LORD"**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Offering

Special Offering: Benevolence

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...

Jesus spoke often about the "kingdom". But what did He mean by that? Was He talking about the church? Heaven? His reign after His second coming? Join us next week on "Christ the King Sunday" as Pastor Lon brings a message from Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43 entitled "The Mysterious Kingdom of God".

Special Offering: VC Tuition Assistance