

## 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

**LADIES CHRISTMAS CRAFT NIGHT** — will be held this Saturday, Nov 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Friendship Center. Cost is \$15 per person. Please join us...and bring a friend! Today is the last day to sign up, so please head over to the table after worship this morning.

**WE NEED YOU!** — Tutoring is often as simple as reading with a student at kindergarten level for an hour on Tuesdays from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please contact Sandy Cok if you are willing to help.


**THE JUST CURIOUS BOOK CLUB** will be discussing *Innocents Abroad* by Mark Twain at 562-943-4866 if you have questions.

**TOWN HALL** — There will be a town hall meeting TODAY following our worship service. The questions/concerns that were submitted will be addressed by council during this meeting. There will be no open mic available, only the questions that have been submitted will be answered.

**TODAY DEVOTIONALS** — have been mailed and are still on their way, so watch for them soon in the wood rack as you exit the sanctuary.

**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).

**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. The Men's Bible Study is looking at some of the questions He was asked and how He responded. Join us, and bring your own questions.

**THANK YOU** — for the meals, prayers and visits during my recent surgery and recuperation. I so appreciate the love and concern shown to me by the Bethany family.  Karen Van Steen

**UGANDA FUNDRAISER** — Please join us in supporting Lianna Tanis and the Uganda team at a breakfast and open house on NEXT SUNDAY, November 12 from 8-9:15 a.m. Come learn about this ministry and enjoy a breakfast. Lianna will be traveling to Uganda in January 2018 to do volunteer work in Kabale, and plans are underway to send a team next June. Please sign-up on the sheets in the Friendship Folders if you are planning to join us. Prayers for this ministry are requested and any donation amount would be appreciated.

**NEW MEMBERS** — We look forward to welcoming new members into Bethany Church next Sunday.

**PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT** - The Bethany Sister Church Committee, along with Ethnos, Sila and Maranatha would like to invite you to a Praise and Prayer Night TONIGHT @ 4:00 PM in the 2nd Story. Please join us as we gather as one body to sing praises and lift up prayers for our community.

### WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 10/29/17 .....	\$11,884.00
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$470.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance .....	\$400.00
Outreach Fund.....	\$705.00

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 as this class continues this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room.

**THANK YOU** to all those who donated blood at our recent Blood Drive. The Red Cross was able to collect 18 units of much needed, life saving blood thanks to you!

**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 that will continue meeting on November 12 at 11 a.m. in the Hospitality Room. **(Please note this class will NOT meet today due to the Town Hall Meeting.)**

**THE ARTESIA CHRISTIAN HOME AUXILIARY** is a group of women who support projects for the benefit of the Residents of the Artesia Christian Home. If you have a willingness to be of service to the elderly and would like to participate, please join us at our regular monthly meeting in the Front Parlor at 11614 E. 183rd Street, Artesia, CA 90701 at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, November 7th. New Volunteers are welcome!!

**HURRICANE RESPONSE UPDATE** — World Renew is sending volunteers in Christ's name to help with clean-up and home repairs in Texas and Florida, and Disaster Response Services personnel are on their way to Puerto Rico. Learn more at [worldrenew.net/hurricanes](http://worldrenew.net/hurricanes).

## 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 — ATTENTION ALL PARENTS OF PRE-K THRU 6TH GRADE STUDENTS:** Rehearsals for our Live Nativity Christmas Program will begin TODAY. All children will meet in Room 12/13 from 11 a.m. to noon (please pick kids up there).

### 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!



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

**Sunday, November 5 — Weekend Edition** (MS) and **AWAKE** (HS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, November 5 — Step Out** (HS) will meet for Open House. Please see Caleb if you do not have a group yet and would like to find one to join.

**Wednesday, November 8 — On-the-Edge** (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for small groups. Hope you will join us!

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 Town Hall Meeting, 11 a.m., Sanctuary Praise and Prayer Night, 4:00 p.m., The 2nd Story Step Out ~ Open House
<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) • Your Story, God's Story (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
<b>Saturday</b>	Ladies Craft Night, 6:00 p.m., Friendship Center

### Opportunities for Service

#### ~ Serving This Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Cok, Cole  
**Coffee After Worship:** CAMP Unity—Ligtenberg/Martinez  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Lil Hogan and Greta De Young  
**Foyer greeters:** Janice Templeman, Alan and Loretta Tolen  
**Patio greeters:** Ruth and Corwin Schenk  
**Ushers:** Ron Anema (cap.), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Rietsma  
**Parking Lot:** Harry Prins Sr. & Harry Prins Jr.  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Joe Wiersma  
**Nursery:** Mary Jane Zondervan (greeter), Karen Martinez, Grace Martinez, Laura De Groot  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Lori Rhodes, Donovan Hoekstra, Madison Slenk  
**Library:** Carolyn Kamstra, Karissa Kamstra

#### ~ Serving Next Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Cok, Cole  
**Coffee After Worship:** CAMP Unity—Ligtenberg/Martinez  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Terry and Sandy Binns  
**Foyer greeters:** Erik and Julie Ulstrup, Hank and Earlene Van DenBerg  
**Patio greeters:** Mike and Sherry Boer  
**Ushers:** Ron Anema (cap.), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Rietsma  
**Parking Lot:** Gene Reitsma, Rich Rens  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Ron Vande Vegte  
**Nursery:** Wynnette Bouma (greeter), Judi Murray, DeAnna Van Duyn, Savannah Tinajero  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Sue Leck, Pam Hoekstra, Jonathan Pheifer  
**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 November 5, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Choir

Greetings

Songs of Praise

Confession & Assurance

Songs of Response

God at Work in the World

Pastor Tomas Ivens ~ Ethnos Church

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message

"MERCY AND DELIGHT"

Micah 7:18

Offering

Special Offering: World Renew

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: Building Fund