

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

ALL CHURCH STUDY — Our 2018 All Church Study continues this week. Our study this year is based on Lee Strobel's book, *The Case for Faith*. This study runs 6 weeks and will include a sermon series on Sunday mornings, small groups which will form 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 about this study. We look forward to God doing great things in and through us during this study!

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

NOISY COLLECTION - to support our Kabale Team (who will visit PAG Church in Uganda this summer) will be taken the last Sunday of the month.

WHY MILLENNIALS ARE THE HOPE OF THE CHURCH — A few weeks ago, several Bethany members had the opportunity to participate in Calvin's January Series lecture on this topic. The speaker was Calvin College's chaplain, Mary Hulst. Her lecture was so impactful that we want to make it available for the whole congregation. Join us on Sunday, February 25 during the Sunday School hour as we consider this topic and how it might impact Bethany Church going forward.

BOUNDARIES FOR THRIVING — Boundaries are the basic, yet invisible, rulebook that guides us in all our interactions in life. Boundaries define how and what we communicate, what we give and receive, and even what we expect from others. They reflect how we love ourselves and others and what we value most deeply. They impact how we function at work and the use of the money we earn from work. They influence when we say no and when we say yes. They determine where our own needs start and end. Some of us have boundaries that are porous and some have very rigid boundaries. Some of us aren't even aware of many healthy boundaries. All of us have some level of struggle in establishing and maintaining healthy boundaries so that we can flourish in life. These four sessions on Boundaries for Thriving will help us better understand our boundaries and why they're so important and how to strengthen ones that may have weakened. We will meet in the Hospitality Room during the Sunday School hour beginning on March 4. Our facilitator for our discussions is Jeffrey Funk—chaplain, professor, author, and fellow-struggler.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FOLLOW — what is going on with Lianna Tanis in Uganda, check her blog at liannajoy.weebly.com.

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *Dancing with Max* by Emily Colson. We will meet on Monday, February 19 at 7:15 pm at Adrea Boeriger's home to discuss the book. New members are always welcome. Call Sue Leck for more info.

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.

OUR FOOD PANTRY — has been blessed by your recent food donations! Currently our need is bottled water. Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week.

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 1/28/18	\$13,102.00
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)	
Faith Promise	\$270.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$140.00

SIMPLIFY — Overscheduled...Exhausted...Overwhelmed. Sound familiar? *Too* familiar? Many of us are living at a velocity that we know is unsustainable. Our lives are off course...too crammed with busyness, too out of focus. We wait for things to get better, but they never do. In this class, which is based on Bill Hybels' book, we will identify core issues that drive this kind of living and offer action steps to help us live a better way. We will learn how to sweep the clutter from our souls, stop doing what doesn't matter, and start doing what does. Your life won't simplify itself. You must act. Isn't it time? This 4 session class will be led by Pastor Lon on Wednesday nights from 6:30-8pm in the Bethany Choir Room beginning on February 28th. Sign up for this class no later than Feb. 14th.

SUMMER INTERNSHIPS AT BETHANY — Information and applications for this Summer's internship are now available by going to <http://www.bethanycrcyouth.org/internship.php>. We will be doing rolling interviews as we receive applications. If you have any questions contact Caleb at 562-866-1812 ex. 228. He would love to talk with anyone interested in this opportunity!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will gather again this Tuesday as we study *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel as part of Bethany's All Church Study. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please join us!

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.

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 in-filling and empowerment of the Holy Spirit by joining with the family of God and the body of Christ for worship

GEMS GIRLS' CLUBS is celebrating its 60th birthday this year, and we plan to kick off the celebration at the 2018 Conference. Any woman is invited to attend! Will you help us celebrate? Join us in Ancaster, Ontario at Redeemer University College on July 13-15, 2018. You can find more details on the GEMS website. Discounted individual and group rates are available until March 10. Register soon!

ENGAGING CULTURE WITH THE GOSPEL - God's mission to spread the light of salvation to all nations makes it imperative for us to engage culture. How do we do this well? Join us in studying the Apostle Paul's ministry in Acts 17 to uncover a valuable method and model to help us prepare for and begin these important conversations. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com.

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, February 4 — **AWAKE** (HS) and **Weekend Edition** (MS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m.



Sunday, February 4 — **Step Out Super Bowl Party** (HS) at Jim and Cindy Tanis' House at 3:00 p.m. Please bring an appetizer to share.

Wednesday, February 7 — **On-the-Edge** (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for small group. Hope you will join us!

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 Sunday School, 11:00 a.m., Room 12/13 Weekend Edition, 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Awake (HS Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Step Out Super Bowl Party, 3:00 p.m., Tanis' House
Monday	BSF, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary
Tuesday	Tutoring, 3:30 p.m., Friendship Center Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
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) • The Case for Faith (Choir Room)
Thursday	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
Friday	
Saturday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Anema, Boerigter
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Ron Anema and Lil Hogan
Foyer greeters: Nelson and Patricia Abud, Ron and Karla Anema
Patio greeters: Louise Bazen and Lil Hogan
Ushers: Dave Ligtenberg (cap.), Joe Ruditis, Milt Vanderburg, Rick Dykstra
Parking Lot: Joe Wiersma, Fred Willbanks • **Parking Lot Assistant:** Ron Vande Vegte
Nursery: Teresa Peterson (greeter), Jaci Hugen, Geraldine Kruid, Matthew Machado
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Susie Ruditis, Claire Westra, Olivia Vande Vegte
Library: Meg Pheifer, Jan Whitten

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Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Terry and Sandy Binns
Foyer greeters: Jim and Pam Auman, Bud and Leann Bakker
Patio greeters: Fred and Wilma Wind
Ushers: Dave Ligtenberg (cap.), Joe Ruditis, Milt Vanderburg, Rick Dykstra
Parking Lot: Fred Wind, Henry Wind • **Parking Lot Assistant:** Don Hoekstra
Nursery: Danielle Bouma (greeter), Paulette Mariotti, Aneka Bakker, Claire Westra
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Lori Rhodes, Aneka Bakker, Rosalinda Lopez
Library: Eileen Walraven, Larry Walraven

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 ext. 226	Angel Chun ~ Facilities Coordinator ext. 235

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 February 4, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

THE CASE FOR FAITH SERIES

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Choir
 Opening Song
 Greetings
 Songs of Praise
 Confession & Assurance
 Song of Response
 Children's Message
 Congregational Prayer

Message
"UNSTOPPABLE"
 Romans 8:22-30

Communion

Offering
 Special Offering: Faith Promise

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 continues our series "The Case For Faith".

Special Offering: VC Tuition Assistance