

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 AND WORSHIP/FOLLOWING JESUS — for all children (PreK-2nd grade) meets during the service. Children may exit church by following the banner to their worship centers. Please pick up your children at 10:50 a.m. (FJ - Room 26 • CIW - Ed Bldg. Room 2)

Announcements

MOB² (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible) - Real men understand that the important things in life are not things at all: they are the relationships we have. God has put a desire for relationship in every one of us—a desire He intended to be met with relationships with other people, but most of all to be met by a relationship with Him. In First John, we are told the truth about relationships and this God-inspired letter shows us how to have relationships that are real, for both now and eternity. Come have fellowship with other men who want to learn together on Tuesday nights, 7-8:30 p.m., through the Choir Room door. To receive Bible study questions please contact Jeffrey Funk (jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org)

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *The Hired Girl* by Laura Amy Schlitz. We will meet on Monday, June 5 at 7:15 pm at Kitty De Groot's home to discuss the book.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS — In June, we anticipate offering a new members' class for people desiring to join Bethany or who would like to learn more about this local church body. Please contact Pastor Lon (562-866-1812 x224 or LWagner@BethanyCRC.org) to sign up or to learn more about this opportunity.

MEN'S ADVENTURE WEEKEND — This is the week! We head out to Bishop, CA on Thursday for a great weekend of adventure. If you have signed up already, make sure you have a list of what to bring and directions to our campground. If you haven't signed up, yet, today is your last chance. Stop by the MAW table this morning following worship if you have any questions. See you in Bishop!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN BETHANY'S PARKING LOT — On Wednesday nights, we ask for your assistance in creating a safe environment for all who participate in our youth and adult programs. Please enter the parking lot from the Park St. entrance and exit through the driveway leading to Bixby Ave. (next to the Education Building). We desire to have the traffic flow in one direction to minimize risk to pedestrians, as well as, for people backing out of parking spaces. Thank you for your help with this.

PARADOXES OF PEACEMAKING BETWEEN MUSLIMS & CHRISTIANS Join us for an adult Sunday School class taught by Pastor Eric Sarwar. Here is a description: "Islam is an organic reality possessing three basic dimensions: the practice of law or the (*Sharia— al-islam*), faith (*al-iman*), which includes doctrine and intellectual teachings), and spirituality (*al-ihsan*)" (The Psalms of Islam). Since the inception of Islam, Muslim-Christian relations have been discussed according to three "C-encounters": Colloquial, Confrontational, and Colonial interactions. This study will explore the peril and promises of the peacemaking through the fourth C- cultural lens of Islamic *tasawwuf* - Sufism as a bridge for Muslim-Christian engagement." Our class will NOT meet today. We continue next Sunday, May 21.

RECEIPTS REQUESTED — As we are winding up our fiscal year, if you have any ministry reimbursements, please submit your receipts with a check request form to the church office by Sunday, May 28.

SAVE THE DATE — Our next Blood Drive will be Thursday, June 15 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. Mark your calendar and plan to donate.

Happy Mother's Day!

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 5/7/17	\$11,276.45
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$16,606.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$1465.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$195.00

TODAY IS FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY — A brochure highlighting the mission causes we are supporting for 2017 is in your mailbox. You will also find your Faith Promise pledge card (extras are available on the small shelf in the foyer). Please prayerfully consider your pledge and place your card in the offering plate today or next Sunday.

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. There is no cost.

THE COUNCIL IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE the following Elder and Deacon Nominees to begin service in June. For Elder: Ron Anema, Dave Dyer, Rob Kamstra, Henry Mariotti, and Jim Tanis. For Deacon: Edsel Abud, Leann Bakker, Pam Huckins, Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Brad Peterson, Cindy Tanis, and Derek Zondervan. We will be filling four Elder positions from the five nominees and four Deacon positions from the eight nominees. The agenda and materials for the Annual Congregation Meeting scheduled for June 4 will be in your foyer mailboxes on May 21.

NEW PICTURE DIRECTORY — We are in the process of creating a 75th Anniversary Edition picture directory for Bethany, and we would love to have everyone's picture included! The dates for photography will be June 9,10,11,12 and July 6,7,8,9. They will also be taking pictures at the Artesia Christian Home on July 5. Each family photographed will receive a free directory as well as a free 8 x 10. (Friends and family can also participate and receive a free 8x10, even if they do not want their picture in the directory). Sign ups for photo appointments will be taken at a table in the Friendship Center this morning following worship. You can also sign up online (weekdays only) by going to www.bethanycrc.org and clicking on the link on our page.

IMPORTANT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY — Our GEMS girls are in need of a new leader to oversee, plan and coordinate their program starting next fall! This is a great opportunity to serve the 1st - 6th grade girls of our community and be a part of helping girls develop a lasting relationship with Christ! We are looking for one person, or a team of people to share in responsibility in leading. Please don't pass this over, but instead thoughtfully and prayerfully consider if this could be a new way God could use you to minister. Contact Kendall Abud at (562) 866-1812 to discuss this possibility. Thank You!

HOUSING IS NEEDED — for one of Bethany's summer interns from June 13 - August 3. The responsibilities for the host family simply include offering a bed and access to the kitchen in a welcoming environment. (The intern has his own transportation and will figure out meals.) Please contact Andrew at anishimoto@bethanycrc.org or (562) 866-1812 ex. 228 if you are able to help.

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

Children's Ministry

SUNDAY

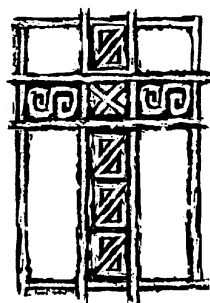
- **Little Lambs** (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.
- **Children In Worship** (Pre K and K) and **Following Jesus** (1st and 2nd Grade) will meet this morning. Follow the banner after the worship time.
- **NO Sunday School today** — Happy Mothers Day! Join us next week for our End of the Year Pizza and Movie Party as we watch *Storks!* Our party will be upstairs in the Sunday School Room from 11-12:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday night is filled with activities for kids from 6:30 p.m.—8:00 p.m.

- Nursery (0-3 year olds)
- Kingdom Kids (4-5 year olds)
- Cadets (1st – 6th grade boys)
- GEMS (1st -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, May 14 — Weekend Edition and AWAKE will not meet this morning. Enjoy your time with your mom!

Sunday, May 14 — Step Out will not meet tonight. We will see you next week at Open House.

Wednesday, May 17 — On-the-Edge (Middle School) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for small group. See you then!

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 NO Sunday School NO Weekend Edition & Awake NO Step Out
Monday	Elders/Deacons, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	Tutoring, 3:30 p.m., Friendship Center Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	Community Outreach Dinner, 4:30 p.m., Friendship Center Family Night @ 6:30 p.m. — Nursery • Kingdom Kids (4-5 yr olds, Room 9a) • GEMS (Girls Grades 1-6, Room 12/13) • Cadets (Boys Grades 1-6, Cadet Room) • On-the-Edge (Grades 7 & 8, The 2nd Story)
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Tanis, Vander Molen
Coffee After Worship: Camp Fellowship— Cok/Anema
Post-Service Prayer: Terry and Sandy Binns
Foyer greeters: Bob and Eleanor Dykstra, Pam Eaker
Patio greeters: Dave and Debbie Ligtenburg
Ushers: Ron Anema (cap.), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Rietsma
Parking Lot: Randy Algra, Ron Anema
Parking Lot Assistant: Ron Vande Vegte
Nursery: Kim Bouma (Greeter), Ann Vande Vegte, Jan Whitten, Aubrey Slager
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Leann Bakker, Emily De young, Brooke Tolen
Library: Nancy Curley, Jan Whitten

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Tanis, Vander Molen
Coffee After Worship: Camp Fellowship— Cok/Anema
Post-Service Prayer: Greta De Young, Mary Jo Van Duyn
Foyer greeters: Duane Evink, Darren and Mary Beth Flietstra
Patio greeters: Terry and Sandy Binns
Ushers: Ron Anema (cap.), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Rietsma
Parking Lot: Jim Auman, Bud Bakker
Parking Lot Assistant: Mike Boer
Nursery: Alyson Hogan (Greeter), Megan Huckins, Jane Compton, Maranda Prins
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Onnie Bomgaars, Nancy Winters, Meg Pheifer
Library: Eileen Walraven, Rachel Walraven

Church Staff and Council

Jim Kuiper ~ Minister of the Word ext. 223	Sue Leck ~ Financial Administrator..... ext. 229
Lon Wagner ~ Minister of Discipleship..... ext. 224	Deanne Grachen ~ Office Administrator ext. 221
Jim Kok ~ Pastoral Care (leave message) ext. 221	Andrew Nishimoto ~ Student Ministries/Outreach .. ext. 228
Kendall Abud ~ Children's Ministry Director.... ext. 230	Caleb Miller ~ Director of HS and MS..... ext. 228
Faith Rietveld ~ Minister of Music..... ext. 225	Elsie Ophorst ~ Facilities Coord. (leave message)..... ext. 221

Deacons: Karla Anema, Ed Bakker, Sandy Binns, Chad Bomgaars, Matt De Young (Deacon President), Kathy Dyer, Rick Dykstra, Pam Eaker, Todd Pheifer, Jon Slager, Ray Yeates,

Elders: Charlie Boerigter, Stan Cole, Keith Cok, Ron Kruid, Dave Ligtenberg, Merf Tanis, Marlin Vander Molen (Elder President), Mike Whitten (Vicar/Clerk)

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Morning Celebration Worship

May 14, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Greetings

Songs of Praise

God at Work in the World

Faith Promise

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message:

"WHAT IS A MOTHER?"

Matthew 20:20-28

Offering

Special Offering: Outreach Fund

Song of Response

Blessing

Closing Songs

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 Dave Jeltema leads us in a time of worship and the word

Special Offering: World Renew ~ DRS