

## 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 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

**MOB<sup>2</sup> (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible)** - Men need to remember that there is no darkness so black that God's light cannot pierce it; that Satan is not so strong that God's Son cannot defeat him; that the believer is not so weak that God's Spirit cannot empower him. These are some of the reasons we are studying the letters of John. If you are alarmed over the state of the world or your personal struggles, then this study of what God has to say and how he wants to use us is for you. Join other men in studying God's Word together: Tuesday nights, 7 to 8:30 p.m., through the Choir room door. Contact Jeffrey Funk ([jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org](mailto:jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org)) to receive Bible study questions.

**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.

**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.

**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 meet today in the Hospitality Room at 11 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING PROJECT** - This year the Sunday School kids chose to give their offering to World Renew to build a water pump and well for a community in need of clean water! It takes \$350 to provide this for a community in Cambodia, Malawi, Mozambique or Guatemala, and the kids have raised \$215 so far! We hope to meet our goal of \$350 by the end of the school year, so if you would like to give towards this project, you can place a donation in the offering with the memo "Sunday School Offering". Thank you!

**THANK YOU** to everyone who served in Compton yesterday. A lot of work got done and a lot of fun was had! Thanks for making a difference in the life of the homeowner and in the City of Compton!

**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.

### WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 4/30/17 .....	\$14,000.53
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$16,606.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$538.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance .....	\$452.00

**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](http://www.bethanycrc.org) and clicking on the link on our page.

**MEN'S ADVENTURE WEEKEND** — You've saved the dates (May 18-21) and now it is time to commit. We continue sign-ups for the Men's Adventure Weekend this Sunday following worship. This is a going to be a great weekend for the Men of Bethany to get out of town and enjoy time with other men and with God. We will be camping outside of Bishop, CA in the Eastern Sierras (although some of us will be taking advantage of the motels in Bishop). We will eat, play, eat, fellowship, eat, worship, and (maybe) eat a little bit more. Adventures during the weekend will include fishing, hiking, biking, offroading, golfing, corn hole, etc. Plan to join us because this weekend will truly be a highlight of the year for you. This is also a great opportunity to invite friends, dads, sons (post HS)...whether they go to Bethany or not. The more guys, the more fun!

**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](mailto: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.

**JUST FOR LADIES** — *Chonda Pierce Movie – ENOUGH* is having an encore showing in select theaters this Tuesday, May 9 @ 7:00 p.m. Chonda opens up and shares her life on the big screen and trusts God will use her journey to help others. You will laugh and you will cry and hear Chonda's powerful message that we are enough because Jesus is enough! To order tickets and find movie locations go to [www.chondamovie.com](http://www.chondamovie.com).

## 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** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3rd Grade ~ Room 25 ▪ 4th Grade ~5th Grade ~ Room 24 ▪ 6th Grade ~ Room 22

### 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 (1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys)
- GEMS (1<sup>st</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> grade girls)



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

**Sunday, May 7 — Weekend Edition** (Middle School) and **AWAKE** (High School) will not meet this morning.

**Sunday, May 7 — Step Out** (High School) will meet will meet for Accountability Groups at 5:30 p.m. and for Large Group at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Story.

**Wednesday, May 10 — On-the-Edge** (Middle School) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for large group. See you then!

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., Begins in Room 12/13 Weekend Edition & Awake (JH/HS Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., The 2nd Story Step Out ~ Open House
<b>Monday</b>	BSF, 6:50 p.m., Friendship Center Council, 7:00 p.m., Hospitality Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	Tutoring, 3:30 p.m., Friendship Center 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, 4:30 p.m., Friendship Center <b>Family Night @ 6:30 p.m.</b> — 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) • Coffee Break (Hospitality Room) • Organic Outreach (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	

## Opportunities for Service

### ~ Serving This Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Tanis, Vander Molen  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Fellowship— Cok/Anema  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Ron Anema and Lil Hogan  
**Foyer greeters:** Don and Joycelyn Dykstra, Rick Dykstra  
**Patio greeters:** John and Kelly Tiersma  
**Ushers:** Ron Anema (cap.), Todd Huckins, Gene Van Essen, Gene Rietsma  
**Parking Lot:** Nelson Abud Jr., Nelson Abud Sr.  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Joe Wiersma  
**Nursery:** Wynnette Bouma (Greeter), Ashley Bouma, Jaci Hugen, Victoria Tenajero  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Sheryl Dielens, Mary Murray, Lindsey Slenk  
**Library:** Eileen Walraven, Meg Pheifer

### ~ Serving Next 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

## 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 7, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

- Prelude
- Call to Worship
- Opening Song
- Greetings
- Songs of Praise
- Confession and Assurance
- Song of Response
- God at Work in the World
- Choir
- Congregational Prayer
- Children's Message
- Message:  
"It's ABOUT ME"  
Genesis 37:12-36
- Offering  
Special Offering: Faith Promise
- Closing Song
- Blessing
- 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: Outreach Fund