

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).

Announcements

MOB² (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible) - The parallelisms in 1 John are striking for their simplicity: Christ vs. antichrists, light vs. darkness, truth vs. falsehood, righteousness vs. sin, love of the Father vs. love of the world, and the Spirit of God vs. the spirit of the Antichrist. While this is not a complete list, it reveals a letter that presents living in the world in an uncomplicated way—there is right and there is wrong, period. This emphasis by John, while striking, is not without love. It's quite the opposite, in fact. John recognized that love comes from God, and he encouraged the believers to love one another. John's first letter teaches that while it's important to recognize the lines between truth and error, it must always be done in a spirit of love. Come study these truths together with other men on Tuesday nights, 7-8:30 p.m., through the Choir room door. To receive Bible study questions please contact Jeffrey Funk by e-mailing him at atjeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org.

COOKBOOKS — The GEMS Ministry still has cookbooks for sale. You can get them during the week at the church office. The cost has been reduced to \$5 per book. Proceeds go to the Esther School in Zambia.

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS — We are offering a new members' class for people desiring to join Bethany or who would like to learn more about this local church body. **The class will meet TODAY at 11:00 a.m. in Room 25 (above the kitchen in the Friendship Center).** Please join us...even if you did not sign up you are still welcome.

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.

WHERE'S THE QUILT? - In 1976 a quilt was conceived in the Pricilla Circle as a church family project. Every organization and group participated and the ladies got busy stitching the blocks for the quilt. It was completed and displayed at the 1978 hostess dinner. It was decided to stay here at Bethany on display, but since we did not have a social hall at the time there was no good spot display the 97x110 beauty. Since that time the quilt has somehow disappeared and we have been desperately trying to locate it. With Bethany's 75th Anniversary coming up it would be so nice to display it at our celebration. If you have any idea where it is, please contact Lil Hogan or Gladys Kuiper. We would like every one to see and share this special project.

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

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!

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. We will meet Monday, July 17 at 7:15 pm at Gerry De Young's to discuss the book. All book lovers are welcome to join us. Call Sue Leck for info at 562-866-1812.

FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS — can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or can be brought to the church office during the week.

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 6/4/17	\$15,881.00
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$16,606.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$400.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$50.00
Benevolence	\$1180.00

BETHANY PICNIC IN THE PARK — On Sunday, July 2 we will gather at Rynerson Park at 11:30 a.m. for an All Church Picnic. Please bring your own picnic lunch, chairs to sit in, and any outdoor games that can be enjoyed at the park. This will be a great opportunity to fellowship with each other and spend time with some families that will be moving this summer.

OUR ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING was held last Sunday following the morning worship service. New Elders selected were: Ron Anema, Dave Dyer, Rob Kamstra (two-year term) and Henry Martiotti. New Deacons selected were Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Cindy Tanis and Derek Zondervan. The 2017-2018 General Fund Budget was approved with 121 yes votes and 17 no votes.

On Monday night, the following Council officers were elected. Council President Ron Anema and Council Vicar/Clerk Dave Dyer. Elder President Rob Kamstra and Elder Vicar/Clerk Stan Cole. Deacon President Chad Bomgaars, Deacon Vice President Todd Pheifer and Deacon Clerk Cindy Tanis. Members of the Administration Team will be Ron Anema, Dave Dyer, Chad Bomgaars, Todd Pheifer, Cindy Tanis and Pastor Jim Kuiper.

We are grateful for our retiring Elders Merf Tanis, Marlin Vander Molen and Deacons Matt De Young, Kathy Dyer, Ray Yeates. Thanks for your years of dedicated service to Bethany.

PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY — Photography for our new picture directory is now underway! You can still sign up for a spot to be photographed today. The future dates for photography will be July 6,7,8,9. They will also be taking pictures at the Artesia Christian Home on July 5 as well. Each family photographed will receive a free directory as well as a free 8 x 10. Sign ups 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.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Thursday, June 15 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. in the South Friendship Center. You can sign up for an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: BethanyBellflower or sign up today in the Friendship Center following morning worship.

CD'S OF OUR WORSHIP SERVICES are available through the church office. The suggested donation is \$2.00.

MEMOIRISTS — will not meet in the month of June. Watch the bulletin for details of our next meeting and save your ideas for then!

GIFT SHOP SALE — The Auxiliary for the Artesia Christian Home is having a huge Gift Shop Sale on Wednesday, June 14th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Front Parlor of the Home (11614 E. 183rd Street, Artesia, CA 90701.) This is a great place to buy gifts and beautiful hand made items. Don't miss your opportunity to shop and support projects that benefit our elderly residents.

Children's Ministry TODAY

- **Little Lambs** (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.



Hot Dogs for the Fair ~ For the past many years, we have been offering hot dogs, popcorn, juice, and cookies to all who come to our VBS Fair and we would love to continue doing so. For those of you who wish to sign-up to bring hot dogs, I am looking for the large packages of hotdogs that you can purchase at Smart and Final, Sam's Club, or Costco. These could be purchased and dropped off any time during the week of VBS. Please label them VBS Fair and place in the refrigerator.

Cookies ~ Our Cookie ladies will need lots and lots of cookies for the children that will be attending VBS. They can be homemade or store bought. When dropping off your cookies, please mark VBS on your package with your name.

Candy ~ The MAKER FUNFACTORY candy box is now in the Kitchen by the window. Feel free to drop off your candy any time between now and Fair Day, July 28th.

Donation checks may be made out to Bethany CRC ~ memo: VBS

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

June 13 — Fugitive Game Night (MS and HS) - Do you love to play outdoor games such as Capture the Flag, Cops and Robbers and Sharks and Minnows? Well, Fugitive is the game for you! Join us at church at 6:00 p.m. and be ready to run and have a fun time! Oh, and there will be ICE CREAM!!

June 15 — Young Adult Night (7-9 p.m.) This summer we will be going through a series titled "Grayscale: Is There Any Black and White in this Gray World?" We will be discussing truth and what that really means. We hope you will join us!

Join us this week or pray for...

Today	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Monday	
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	
Thursday	Blood Drive, 2-8 p.m., South Friendship Center
Friday	
Saturday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Boerigter and Cok
Coffee After Worship: Camp Fellowship— Cok/Anema
Post-Service Prayer: Terry and Sandy Binns
Foyer greeters: Alan and Judy Hogan, Greg and Alyson Hogan
Patio greeters: Pam Eaker
Ushers: Merf Tanis (cap.), Bob Dykstra, John Van Essen
Parking Lot: Mike Boer, Charlie Boerigter
Parking Lot Assistant: Jake Hoogeveen
Nursery: Mary Beth Flietstra (Greeter), Jesse Rhodes, Ann Wilson, Gracelyn Murray
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Sue Leck, Olivia Vande Vegte
Library: Eileen Walraven, Jan Whitten

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Boerigter and Cok
Coffee After Worship: Camp Fellowship— Cok/Anema
Post-Service Prayer: Mary Jo Van Duyn and Stan Cole
Foyer greeters: Lil Hogan, Jay Holwerda
Patio greeters: Erv and Louise Smidt
Ushers: Merf Tanis (cap.), Bob Dykstra, John Van Essen
Parking Lot: Chad Bomgaars, Corey D. Bouma
Parking Lot Assistant: Ron Van Meeteren
Nursery: Onnie Bomgaars (Greeter), Leann Bakker, Mary Jo Van Duyn, Derek Murray
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Anna Willoughby, Anneka Bakker, Megan Huckins
Library: Susie Ruditis, Nancy Curley

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 (*Deacon President*), Rick Dykstra, Pam Eaker, Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Todd Pheifer (*Vicar/Clerk*), Jon Slager, Cindy Tanis, Derek Zondervan

Elders: Ron Anema (*Elder President*), Charlie Boerigter, Stan Cole, Keith Cok, Dave Dyer (*Vicar/Clerk*), Rob Kamstra, Ron Kruid, Dave Ligtenberg, Henry Mariotti

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Morning Celebration Worship June 11, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

- Prelude
- Call to Worship
- Greetings
- Songs of Praise
- Confession/Assurance
- Installation of Elders and Deacons
- Children's Message
- Congregational Prayer
- Message:
"PAIN AND SUFFERING"
Genesis 39:1-20a
- Offering
Special Offering: Valley Christian Tuition Assistance
- 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 Tim Becksvoort leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

Special Offering: Faith Promise