

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

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

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 jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org.

JOB OPPORTUNITY — Our sister Elsie Ophorst has made it known to Council her intention to retire at the end of August. We celebrate her faithful service and ministry among us. We also then find ourselves in need of someone to be our Facilities Coordinator. Bethany's Personnel team is working out specific duties and pay rate, but the position is part time and requires someone to be able to open campus, lock it down at night, facilitate those who use the campus, set up and take down chairs and tables, and light custodial work (we hire out the big stuff to a company). Most importantly, as the Facility Coordinator is often the first Bethany representative people meet on campus, we are looking for someone will make people feel we are happy they are at Bethany. If you are or know of somebody who is interested in being that welcoming presence to people when they are on campus, please let Pastor Jim know.

CHILDREN AND WORSHIP/FOLLOWING JESUS: NOTE CHANGES — Please note the following changes to this program. Due to our numbers, we have decided to combine these 2 groups. This year we will be meeting in the Following Jesus room and hearing the Following Jesus stories. (The following 2 years we will meet in the Children and Worship room and hear those stories.) This will include children who are in their **Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade** years. If you have any question regarding these changes, please speak with Julie Vande Vegte or Laura Pheifer. We are excited to start worshipping together on **Sunday, August 27**. While all children (Pre-K-1st grade) are welcome to attend, we would also like to **invite parents of children new to our program** to join us for this first meeting as well.

ALL CHURCH LUNCHEON — This morning following worship, we will gather for a meal to say "goodbye" and "thank you" to Andrew and Abbey Nishimoto as they transition into the next phase of their lives. There will be plenty of food so we hope that you'll join us, even if you were unable to sign up for the luncheon.

OUR FOOD PANTRY — is in need of spaghetti sauce, chili, green beans and Jiffy corn muffin mix. Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or can be brought to the church office during the week. Thank you for your continuing support of our pantry. Those who are in need of food appreciate your help.

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will be reading *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner. We will meet on Monday, September 11 at 7:15 p.m. at Jan Whitten's home. New members are always welcome.

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 8/13/17	\$12,573.00
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$575.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$300.00
World Renew.....	\$665.00

SUNDAY SCHOOL will kick off with a Parent and Student Orientation next week, August 27th, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. in the Sunday School Room (Rm. 12/13). All parents of Pre-k thru 6th grade students and students please join to kick off a great new Sunday School year, learn about our new curriculum & new resources available to you, and enjoy some refreshments and treats!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS FOR THE BETHANY FAMILY — Beginning on August 30th, we will be serving dinner for everyone involved in our Wednesday night ministries. This is going to be a simple meal intended to simplify life for your family on Wednesday nights. We will be requesting a \$1 donation for each person eating ("buck-a-plate") to help defray the cost of the meal. Looking forward to sharing a meal with you!

CHILI COOK-OFF — **This Wednesday** (August 23rd) we kick-off our fall ministries....so let's do it with a bang! We will gather in the Bethany parking lot from 6:30-8 p.m. for a chili cook-off! This will be a fun night of sampling several different chili recipes, a watermelon eating contest, food, and inflatables. It's also a great night to invite that friend or neighbor that you're hoping will join us on Wednesday nights this year. (Note: Wednesday night youth groups will begin on August 30th.)

COFFEE DRINKERS — In order to be more conservative with the resources that God has given us, the Deacons would like to suggest that members and regular attenders who drink coffee or tea after church bring their own mug from home. Grab your Bible and mug each Sunday, and show us some of your personality!

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.

AFFORDABLE TREASURES THRIFT STORE is in need of volunteers at our store which supports Valley Christian Schools, Bethany Christian Services and Artesia Christian Home. For more information contact Diane at (562) 866-0060 or stop by the store located at 17829 Bellflower Blvd.

UPCOMING EVENTS @ VALLEY CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL

- **Boosters Pancake Breakfast and Pep Squad Car Wash** are on Monday, 9/4 from 7:00-10:00 a.m. by the football field.
- **Harvest Festival** on Friday, 9/22. There will be games, food, fun and fellowship. Join us from 2:45 until 7 p.m. Do you create hand-crafted items, own a business, or are a consultant for a direct-sales company? Rent a booth in vendors row. For info please email Amy Payton at amy.payton@sbcglobal.net.

Children's Ministry

TODAY

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PROGRAMS KICK OFF WITH OUR ANNUAL

CHILI COOK OFF

THIS WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

FROM 6:30-8:00 P.M.



Don't miss this evening which will include fun competitions, games, jumpers, and delicious chili to taste! You will be the judges this year and decide who goes home with the coveted trophy.

On the Edge, Step Out! & Y.a.

(7th & 8th Grades)

(9th-12th Grades)

(Age 18-28ish)

Service Night Kickoff — (HS) **Wednesday, August 23** from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Youth Group Kickoff — (MS) **Wednesday, August 23** We will join in the Chili Cook Off for fun competitions, games and inflatables....and eat some yummy chili too. Don't miss it!

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

Weekend Edition (MS) and AWAKE (HS) - **Sunday, September 10** Meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m. as we kickoff the new Sunday School year!

Youth Group Kick Off — (HS) **Sunday, September 10** Join us in the 2nd Story at 7:00 p.m. as we kick off another exciting year!

Join us this week or pray for...

Today	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Monday	Elders, 7:00 p.m., Hospitality Room Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Deacons Room
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	Chili Cookoff, 6:30 p.m., Parking Lot
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Dyer, Kamstra
Coffee After Worship: Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra
Post-Service Prayer: Lil Hogan and Greta De Young
Foyer greeters: Michael Nance, Wes and Verne Nance
Patio greeters: John and Fran Kampen
Ushers: Dave Ligtenberg (cap.), Joe Ruditis, Milton Vanderburg, Rick Dykstra
Parking Lot: Bob Dykstra, Duane Evink
Parking Lot Assistant: Ron Vande Vegte
Nursery: Dawn De Young (Greeter), Megan Bouma, Ardelle Kredit, Noelle Murray
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Leann Bakker, Donavan Hoekstra, Megan Huckins
Library: Eileen Walraven, Rachel Walraven

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Dyer, Kamstra
Coffee After Worship: Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra
Post-Service Prayer: Terry and Sandy Binns
Foyer greeters: Sandi Oldenburger, Samuel and Sera Onu
Patio greeters: Jake Hoogeveen
Ushers: Dave Ligtenberg (cap.), Joe Ruditis, Milton Vanderburg, Rick Dykstra
Parking Lot: Darren Flietstra, Ron Flietstra
Parking Lot Assistant: Mike Boer
Nursery: Kim Bouma (Greeter), Makenna Prins, Ginger De Vries, Carter Slenk
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Onnie Bomgaars, Rosalinda Lopez, Kayla Evenhouse
Library: CLOSED

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 ~ Choir Director (leave message) ext. 221	Elsie Ophorst ~ Facilities Coord. (leave message)..... ext. 221
Janis Westra ~ Worship Leader ext. 225	

Deacons: Karla Anema, Ed Bakker, Sandy Binns, Chad Bomgaars (Deacon President), Rick Dykstra, Pam Eaker, Gerard Martinez, Art Pena, Todd Pfeifer (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 August 20, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Opening Song
 Greetings
 Songs of Praise
 Confession/Assurance
 Song of Response
 God at Work in the World
 Children's Message
 Congregational Prayer
 Message:
"YOUR INHERITANCE"
Joshua 1:1-6
 Offering
Special Offering: Building Fund
 Blessing
 Closing Song
 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 Jim Kuiper leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

Special Offering: Benevolence