

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.

CALLING ALL LADIES! Coffee Break Women's Bible Study is coming soon! Save the date: Wednesday, September 6 at 9:30am AND 6:30pm. We will be beginning an exciting new study so come and bring your neighbors and friends. This Bible study is written for the purpose of evangelism and deepening of your faith. We welcome all ages and child care will be available. Let's share Jesus, make new friends and learn more along the way. See you there!

THE BETHANY CHOIR would like to invite you to join us in singing! Choir rehearsals will begin on Thursday, September 7, at 7:00 PM. Childcare is provided upon request - please contact Faith Rietveld for more information at frietveld@bethanycrc.org.

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 **today**. While all children (Pre-K-1st grade) are welcome to attend today, we would also like to **invite parents of children new to our program** to join us for this first meeting. Please exit with the banner and the children to join us for our worship time. Children may be picked up at 10:50 in the Following Jesus room, which is the room above the kitchen.

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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ORIENTATION TODAY: All Parents and your Pre-K thru 6th grade kids are invited to our Sunday School Orientation today from 11 -11:30 AM in the Sunday School Room (Rm 12/13 upstairs). We will be changing things up a bit this year with a new curriculum and new resources available to your family! Come learn about what your kids will be learning, meet their teachers, check out ways to engage in the bible with your kids at home, and enjoy some yummy treats! (Because we like to spoil your kids appetite before lunch! ;D) Our first actual day of Sunday School will be Sunday, September 10th, so put that on your calendar as well!

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 8/13/17	\$8,545.00
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$245.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$65.00
Building Fund.....	\$397.00

THE JUST CURIOUS BOOK CLUB will be discussing "*They Almost Always Come Back*," by Cynthia Ruchti at its meeting at 7:00 PM, on Thursday, September 21, at the Anaheim CRC. Call Stan Cole if you have questions.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENTS — Jeff Westra would like to meet with incoming 7th and 8th grade parents in the Hospitality Room TODAY after morning worship to discuss 2017-2018 Weekend Edition and the topic "Worldview Studies".

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS FOR THE BETHANY FAMILY — Beginning this Wednesday, 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!

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.

MEMOIRISTS will meet tomorrow at 4:30 in the Hospitality Room. We would love to have you join us!

THANK YOU — Dear Bethany Family, We cannot thank you enough for the outpouring of love, support, and generosity that we received in last week's service and luncheon. We so appreciate every card, gift, hug, and word of encouragement. The past 8 years of ministry have been wonderful, and we treasured the opportunity to reflect on God's goodness to us. We are excited about God's future plans for both Bethany church and our family, and we pray that God will continue to bless you as you have been a blessing to us. With great appreciation, *Andrew and Abbey Nishimoto*

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 visit us at 17829 Bellflower Blvd.

UPCOMING EVENTS HELD @ 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. Interested in renting a booth in vendors row? 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.
- **Sunday School Orientation:** All Parents and your Pre-K thru 6th grade kids are invited to our Sunday School Orientation today from 11 -11:30 AM in the Sunday School Room (Rm 12/13 upstairs). We will be changing things up a bit this year with a new curriculum and new resources available to your family! Come learn about what your kids will be learning, meet their teachers, check out ways to engage in the Bible with your kids at home, and enjoy some yummy treats!

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)



Wednesday, August 30 — On-the-Edge (MS) will officially kickoff as we meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for large group.

Sunday, September 10 — Weekend Edition (MS) and **AWAKE** (HS) will 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 Sunday School Orientation Meeting, Room 12/13 Middle School Sunday School Meeting, Hospitality Room
Monday	Memoirists, 4:30 p.m., Hospitality Room
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	Community Outreach Dinner, 4:00 p.m., Friendship Center Family Dinner, 5:45 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 3-6, Cadet Room) • On-the-Edge (Grades 7 & 8, The 2nd Story)
Thursday	
Friday	
Saturday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This 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 Hooegeveen
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

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp Shalom—Mariotti/Zondervan
Post-Service Prayer: Mary Jo Van Duyn and Stan Cole
Foyer greeters: Brad and Teresa Peterson, Todd and Laura Pheifer
Patio greeters: Gene and Rosie Van Essen
Ushers: Joe Wiersma (cap.), Erik Wiersma, Austin Wiersma, Don Hoekstra
Parking Lot: Jeff Funk, Neil Hoogenboom
Parking Lot Assistant: Todd Huckins
Nursery: TBA
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Kendall Abud
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 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 August 27, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

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

"GOD IS ETERNAL"
Psalm 90:1-2

Song

"WE ARE FRAGILE"
Psalm 90:3-12

Prayer

"GOD WILL PROVIDE"
Psalm 90:13-17

Offering

Special Offering: Benevolence

Blessing

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: Faith Promise