

## 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 children who are in Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade) will exit with the banner 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).

## Announcements

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

**CALLING ALL LADIES!** Coffee Break Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. AND 6:30 p.m. We have just begun an exciting new study written for the purpose of evangelism and deepening of your faith. We welcome all ages and child care is available. Join us as we share Jesus, make new friends and learn more along the way.

**THE BETHANY CHOIR** would like to invite you to join us in singing! Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Childcare is provided upon request - please contact Faith Rietveld for more information at [frietveld@bethanycrc.org](mailto:frietveld@bethanycrc.org).

**OUR FOOD PANTRY** — is in need of ongoing donations, which can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week. Thank you for your continuing support!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** — for kids Pre-K thru 6th grade begins this morning at 11 a.m. in the Sunday School Room (Room 12/13 upstairs). We will be changing things up a bit this year with a new curriculum so come and check it out!

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS FOR THE BETHANY FAMILY** — We have begun serving dinner for everyone involved in our Wednesday night ministries. These are simple meals 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 meet on tomorrow night, September 11, at 7:15 p.m. at Jan Whitten's home to discuss the book *The Sound of Gravel* by Ruth Wariner. We. New members are always 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.

**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.

**MOB<sup>2</sup> (Men Of Bethany, Men Of the Bible)** - First Corinthians 10:12 warns us: "Let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall." Many Christian men are obviously standing: remaining faithful to God's Word. But the Apostle John is concerned about our loving one another having some boundaries: that we exercise some discernment about those who might deceive us with their ideas. Come take a practical look at what John has to say on this subject in his second letter on Tuesday night at 7 p.m. in the Deacon's Room.

**WEEKEND TO REMEMBER** — Great marriages don't just happen. Get intentional about taking your marriage to the next level at Family Life's Weekend to Remember marriage retreat. Bethany is getting a group together to go on the weekend of Nov. 17-19 in La Jolla. We've got a group rate which is \$100 off the regular price. Go to [weekendtoremember.com](http://weekendtoremember.com) to register. Contact Pastor Lon for more information.

### WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 8/27/17 .....	\$15,278.65
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$1215.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance .....	\$180.00

**COLLEGE BOXES** — Many of our college kids have left for school and are settling in. We will soon be sending them "care packages" from their church family. If you have a child who is away at school or in the military please provide the church office with their current mailing address by e-mailing [dgrachen@bethanycrc.org](mailto:dgrachen@bethanycrc.org) or calling (562) 866-1812 ex. 221 by September 30.

**STICKY FAITH** — begins TODAY! This fall we are learning how we (as a church) and we (as families) can nurture a lasting faith in our kids... a "sticky faith". This class meets on Sunday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Hospitality Room and on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. It's not too late for you to join us!

**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.

**HOST A JAPANESE STUDENT** — Loving homes for Junior High School boys and girls from Osaka, Japan are needed from October 26 – October 31. Drop off and pick up for all excursions will be in the Bethany parking lot. There will be a small stipend to assist with expenses. To sign up for friendship, fun, education, laughter & family time, please contact Jenny Bapp at [compassusa.jennybapp@gmail.com](mailto:compassusa.jennybapp@gmail.com).

**VALLEY CHRISTIAN'S HARVEST FESTIVAL** — will be held on Friday, September 22 from 2:45 until 7 p.m. at the High School. There will be games, food, fun and fellowship. • "Do you create hand-crafted items? Do you own a business? Are you a consultant for a direct-sale company? If the answer to any of these questions is yes, please consider supporting the Valley Christian Harvest Festival by joining Vendor Row! 10'x10' booth rentals are available for just \$30, and we have tables available for rent. For more information or for an application, please email the coordinator at [amy.payton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:amy.payton@sbcglobal.net).

**WORLD RENEW** volunteers will be working for many months to help Texans who are in the most need as a result of Hurricane Harvey. Their focus is on the survivors who are under-resourced and do not have the means to recover on their own. Please pray for those affected by the hurricane and for the volunteers helping them. If you would like to make a donation to help bring hope not only now, but in the months and years to come please go to [worldrenew.net/drs](http://worldrenew.net/drs). You can also send a check with Hurricane Harvey 2017 written in the memo section to: World Renew US, 1700 28th St SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508

**FREE REFORMATION STUDY RESOURCE** - The Banner presents a free online resource with questions for discussion for personal study, small group discussion, or adult education church groups: Reformation Themes: Commemorating the 500th Anniversary. Also available, Reformed Basics. Check them out at [thebanner.org/study-series](http://thebanner.org/study-series).

## Children's Ministry

### TODAY

- **Little Lambs** (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.
- **Children In Worship/Following Jesus** (Pre-K—1st 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 4th Grade ~ Room 25 ▪ 5th to 6th Grade ~ Room 22

### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys)
- GEMS (2<sup>nd</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> 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, 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!

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

**Wednesday, Sept 13** — *On-the-Edge* (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for large group. Hope you will join us!

**Wednesday, September 27** — *Golf N' Stuff Outing* (MS) Join us for Mini Golf, Go Carts and more. Meet at church at 6:00 p.m. and plan to return around 9 p.m. Cost is \$10.00.

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., Room 12/13 Weekend Edition (JH Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Awake (HS Sunday School), 11:00 a.m., 2nd Story Sticky Faith, 11:00 a.m., Hospitality Room Step Out, 7:00 p.m., The 2nd Story
<b>Monday</b>	BSF, 6:50 p.m., Sanctuary
<b>Tuesday</b>	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, 4:00 p.m., Friendship Center Family Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Friendship Center <b>Family Night @ 6:30 p.m.</b> — Nursery • Kingdom Kids (Pre-K to 1st Grade, Room 9a) • GEMS (Girls Grades 2-6, Room 12/13) • Cadets (Boys Grades 2-6, Cadet Room) • On-the-Edge (Grades 7 & 8, The 2nd Story) • Coffee Break (Hospitality Room) • Sticky Faith (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday</b>	Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
<b>Friday</b>	

### Opportunities for Service

#### ~ Serving This Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Shalom—Mariotti/Zondervan  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Ron Anema and Lil Hogan  
**Foyer greeters:** Harry Sr. and Lois Prins, Harry Jr. and Gerriana Prins  
**Patio greeters:** Louise Bazen and Lil Hogan  
**Ushers:** Joe Wiersma (cap.), Erik Wiersma, Austin Wiersma, Don Hoekstra  
**Parking Lot:** Alan Hogan, Greg Hogan  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Ron Van Meeteren  
**Nursery:** Alyson Hogan (greeter), Pam Huckins, Gayle Vanden Berg, James Kamstra  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Susie Ruditis, Madison Slenk, Jonathan Pheifer  
**Library:** Susie Ruditis, Nancy Curley

#### ~ Serving Next Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Shalom—Mariotti/Zondervan  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Terry and Sandy Binns  
**Foyer greeters:** Gene and Donna Reitsma, Rich and Greta Rens  
**Patio greeters:** Marv and Ginger Bouma  
**Ushers:** Joe Wiersma (cap.), Erik Wiersma, Austin Wiersma, Don Hoekstra  
**Parking Lot:** Todd Huckins, Mark Hugen  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Joe Wiersma  
**Nursery:** Marybeth Flietstra (greeter), Jaci Hugen, Megan Huckins, Joshua Martinez  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Lori Rhodes, Mary Murray, Brooke Tolen  
**Library:** Eileen Walraven, Nancy Curley

### Church Staff and Council

Jim Kuiper ~ Minister of the Word ..... ext. 223	Janis Westra ~ Worship Leader ..... ext. 225
Lon Wagner ~ Minister of Discipleship ..... ext. 224	Sue Leck ~ Financial Administrator ..... ext. 229
Jim Kok ~ Pastoral Care (leave message) ..... ext. 221	Deanne Grachen ~ Office Administrator ..... ext. 221
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

**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 September 10 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude

Call to Worship

Opening Song

Greetings

Songs of Praise

Confession/Assurance

Song of Response

Time of Recognition

Elsie Ophorst

Children's Message

Congregational Prayer

Message

**"THE REWARD YOU REALLY WANT"**

Matthew 6:1-4

Offering

Special Offering: VC Tuition Assistance

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