

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).

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (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 Room 26/Following Jesus Room (which is the room above the kitchen).

Announcements

COMPTON WORK DAY — Bethany is heading to the City of Compton on Saturday, Jan. 27 to paint a house. But it's more than that...we go to Compton together 4 times a year to serve God by serving others. This is a great opportunity to be used by God to be a blessing to Compton and to a grateful homeowner. Sign-ups for Bethany's team will begin TODAY. Put this date on your calendar now and plan to be a part of this fun and rewarding day.

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

OUR FOOD PANTRY — is in need of Vienna Sausages and Mac N' Cheese cups. Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or brought to the church office during the week. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

WEDNESDAY COFFEE BREAK IS BACK! Welcome to Coffee Break Women's Bible Study 2018. We are starting a new study on Forgiveness and we would love to have you join us. This is one way to start the year with a clean slate. God forgives us from so much. We will learn that forgiveness is freedom. Hope to see you at 9:30 a.m. or 6:30 p.m. You'll be glad you did!

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY — will gather again this Tuesday, January 16, as we study *The Case for Faith* by Lee Strobel as part of Bethany's All Church Study. We will meet at 7 p.m. in the Choir Room. Please join us!

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.

ALL CHURCH STUDY — We are ready for our 2018 All Church Study which begins TODAY! Our study this year will be based on Lee Strobel's book, *The Case for Faith*. This study will run 6 weeks and will include a sermon series on Sunday mornings, small groups which will form to take the study a little deeper, and an optional (but highly recommended) book to read along with the study. Contact Pastor Lon with any questions you have about this study. We look forward to God doing great things in and through us during this study!

THE JUST CURIOUS BOOK CLUB will be discussing "Sarah Phillips" by Andrea Lee this Thursday, January 18, at the Anaheim CRC. Call Stan Cole if you have questions.

LLLL BOOK CLUB — will meet tomorrow night, January 15, at 7:15 p.m. at Jan Whitten's home to discuss the book *Winter's Solstice* by Elin Hilderbrand. New members always welcome.

NOISY COLLECTION - to support our Kabale Team (who will visit PAG Church in Uganda this summer) will be taken the last Sunday of the month.

GIVING ENVELOPES — Someone picked up the box of giving envelopes #40. If you do not plan to use envelopes you can return them to the church office. If you would like to use them, please call the office and give us your name so we can track your giving.

BETHANY CHOIR — rehearses on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Choir Room. We have just recently begun rehearsals for 2018, so this would be a great time to join the choir! We hope to see you there!

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 1/7/17	\$11,760.96
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$810.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$100.00

THE CALVIN COLLEGE JANUARY SERIES — continues weekdays through January 23. Each lecture will be shown here at Bethany through live feed from Calvin College from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. This week's topics include Conversations on Race, Hope in a Mumbai Undercity, Kevin Olusola in Concert, Hamilton: Hope and Change and Geopolitics & Cybersecurity. We are just one of 50 remote webcast sites across the continent, joining a daily audience of about 3,000 people a day. For information on the speakers and topics, pick up a brochure in the foyer or visit the January Series website at www.calvin.edu.january. Don't miss out on this chance to hear fabulous lectures and experience a piece of Calvin right here in Bellflower.

BETH MOORE EVENT — Over the years, many Bethany women have been blessed to be part of Bible studies using teaching by Beth Moore. There is a 2-day event coming to San Diego on April 27-28 that you may want to consider. It is "LIVING PROOF Live" with Beth Moore and worship with Travis Cottrell. It is happening at The Rock Church. The early bird rate is \$69 if you register by Jan. 30. Go to www.LifeWay.com/LivingProof to register or to learn more.

LIGHTSHINE 2018 — presents *Trust God!* under the Direction of Kay VanWeerhuizen on Friday, January 26 at 7 p.m., Saturday, January 27 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 28 at 6 p.m. Presentations will be held at Trinity Christian Reformed Church (18718 Grayland Ave., Artesia). No tickets required. No nursery available. Please call Long Beach CRC (562) 421-1721 for more information.

VALLEY CHRISTIAN ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSES — Valley Christian will celebrate their annual Winter Admissions Open House Day on Saturday, January 27 (High School @ 10:00 AM • Middle School @ 12:00 PM.) Tell your family and friends!

ATTN: WRITERS — Have you seen the new Banner? The monthly publication of the Christian Reformed Church and its website thebanner.org have just had a makeover. We're looking for new writers to contribute to our news section with stories of our congregations, ministries, and members. Coaching is available. Inquire about this freelance opportunity and apply now to join our correspondent team at news@thebanner.org. Our news editor will get back to you.

BEYOND JERUSALEM - True excitement about something that has changed our lives is hard to keep to ourselves. That's exactly how the first believers began spreading the gospel message. Join Groundwork as we study Acts 8 to discover how God's plan unfolds even as violence and oppression try to smother the message. Listen now at GroundworkOnline.com and subscribe to Groundwork's weekly emails for future episodes.

FAMILY FIRE - is an online community exploring Spirit-led family, marriage, parenting, in-laws and blended families. Find encouraging articles and devotions at familyfire.com. Subscribe for regular email updates and connect with our Family Fire community on Facebook.

Children's Ministry

TODAY

- **Little Lambs** (2 ½ to 4) in Room 9a at 9:30 a.m.
- **Children's Worship** (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 (2nd – 6th grade boys)
- GEMS (2nd- 6th grade girls)

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU HERE!

COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU!

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

Sunday, January 14 — *Weekend Edition* (MS) and *AWAKE* (HS) will meet in The 2nd Story at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday, January 14 — *Step Out* (HS) will meet for at 7:00 p.m. in the 2nd Story for large group. We hope to see you there!

Wednesday, January 17 — *On-the-Edge* (MS) will meet at 6:30 p.m. in The 2nd Story for large group. Hope you will join us!

January 26-28 — Our *Middle School Retreat* will be held at Camp Pondo. Cost is \$200. Go to Bethanycrcyouth.org for more information or to register.

February 9-11— Our *High School Retreat* will be held in Running Springs. Cost is \$175 with skiing or \$135.00 without. Go to Bethanycrcyouth.org for more information or to register.

All details can be found at Bethanycrcyouth.org.

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Join us this week or pray for...

Today	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 Step Out, 7 p.m., The 2nd Story
Monday	January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room BSF, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary Elders/Deacons, 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday	January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room Tutoring, 3:30 p.m., Friendship Center Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	Coffee Break, 9:30 a.m., Friendship Center January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room Community Outreach Dinner, 4:00, North Friendship Center Family Dinner, 5:45 p.m., Friendship Center Family Night @ 6:30 p.m. — 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) • The Case for Faith (Choir Room)
Thursday	January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m., Choir Room
Friday	January Series, 9:30 a.m., Hospitality Room

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Stan Cole and Ron Anema
Foyer greeters: Stan and Nancy Winters, Iris Wybenga
Patio greeters: John and Fran Kampen
Ushers: Rich Rens (cap.), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: George Veltman, Tom Veltman • **Parking Lot Assistant:** Jake Hoogeveen
Nursery: Anna Willoughby (greeter), Liz Wagner, Leann Bakker, Landon Bouma
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Breanna Kuyper, Pam Hoekstra, Brooke Tolen
Library: Eileen Walraven, Jan Whitten

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Kruid, Ligtenberg, Mariotti
Coffee After Worship: Camp David — Boerigter/ Slager
Post-Service Prayer: Lil Hogan and Greta De Young
Foyer greeters: Ray Yeates, Jim and Sharon Zoetewey
Patio greeters: Jake Hoogeveen
Ushers: Rich Rens (cap.), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: Larry Walraven, Arnie Westra • **Parking Lot Assistant:** Ron Van Meeteren
Nursery: Alyson Hogan (greeter), Gayle Vaden Berg, Pam Huckins, Philip Ulstrup
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Leann Bakker, Mary Murray, Meg Pheifer
Library: Susie Ruditis, 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 ext. 226	Angel Chun ~ Facilities Coordinator ext. 235

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 January 14, 2018 ~ 9:30 a.m.

THE CASE FOR FAITH SERIES

Prelude
Call to Worship
Opening Song
Greetings
Songs of Praise
Confession & Assurance
Song of Response
God at Work in the World
Commissioning of Lianna Tanis
Sending Song
Children's Message
Congregational Prayer
Message
"THE EYE OF FAITH"
Hebrews 11:1-16
Offering
Special Offering: Outreach Fund
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...

We all have doubts, right? Am I good enough? Do I have what it takes? But for many of us, doubt is a regular part of our faith life. Doubt is also one of the most common objections to the Christian faith for those who don't yet believe. Join us for week two of our study of The Case for Faith as Pastor Lon brings a message from Matthew 9:14-24 entitled: "I Have Doubts So I Can't Be a Christian".

Special Offering: World Renew