

## 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).

## Announcements

**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.

**MOB<sup>2</sup> (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](mailto:jeffrey.funk@hcmachaplains.org).

**FUN STUFF IS COMING FOR THE BETHANY FAMILY!** On Monday evening, August 7, we're going to the Angel game. We'll meet at Bethany at 6pm and take a bus to the game. Tickets cost \$8 each. Details about both of these fun events are on a flyer in your foyer mailbox. Contact Pastor Lon by next Sunday for details and to sign up.

**COMPTON WORK DAY SIGN-UPS** — This Saturday, July 22, we will spend half a day painting a home in the City of Compton. Be a part of this important ministry. We have begun sign-ups for our team. Come to the table in the Friendship Center today after worship to find out more or to sign up. If you have signed up to participate on our team, plan to leave from the parking lot on Saturday at 7 a.m.

**BETHANY MINISTRY FAIR** — On Sunday, July 30 following worship, we will gather in the Friendship Center for a Bethany Ministry Fair. The various ministries of Bethany Church will have tables offering opportunities to learn about their ministries and the chance to sign up and get involved. Plus, there will be food available for you to enjoy while you walk from table to table! Plan now to be a part of this!

**LLLL BOOK CLUB** — will meet this Monday, July 17 at 7:15 pm at Gerry De Young's to discuss the book *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte. All book lovers are welcome to join us. Call Sue Leck for further information at 562-866-1812 ex. 229

**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 "All the Light We Cannot See," by Anthony Doerr at Anaheim CRC on this Thursday, July 20, at 7PM. This is a very penetrating novel about World War II. Call Stan Cole if you have any questions.

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

**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. All proceeds will go to the Esther School in Zambia.

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

### WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 7/9/17 .....	\$12,844.00
(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)	
Faith Promise.....	\$635.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance .....	\$125.00
Building Fund.....	\$596.00



**VBS IS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY** and we are still in need of a couple more counselors and Craft Room leaders and helpers to complete our VBS staff! If you are available, please talk to Kendall Abud after worship to fill these needs!

**WE NEED ALL THE HELP WE CAN GET WITH DECORATING FOR VBS!** We will be decorating this Friday afternoon, July 21, from 3-7 p.m. (please note this time change). We also need help driving to pick up the large stage set on Sunday afternoon, July 23. This will include meeting in the church parking lot at noon, driving to Long Beach CRC to pick up the set, and returning to Bethany to set up the stage. We are still in need of trucks and people to help transport and set up! Please let Kendall know if you are able to help at 562-866-1812 ex. 230.

**VBS PRE-REGISTRATION** is now open ONLINE at [Bellfloweryouth.org](http://Bellfloweryouth.org). All children will need to be registered online this year for VBS. (If you do not have access to a computer, you can pre-register this morning after worship.)

**CRAFT NEED FOR VBS** — We need 200 empty cans for a VBS craft. Donations can be left in the marked box in the church kitchen or brought to the church office during the week. Thanks for your help!

**PHOTO DIRECTORY** — If you were not able to have your picture taken but would still like to be included in the directory, please e-mail your photo to [dgrachen@bethanycrc.org](mailto:dgrachen@bethanycrc.org) or drop it off in the church office by July 19. We are also looking for pictures of those serving in the military. If you have a son or daughter who is serving please get a photo to Deanne so it can be included on our military page. Thanks!

**PRaise AND PRAYER NIGHT** — We are excited to invite you all to our next Praise and Prayer night on **Sunday, July 23** from **6-7 p.m.** in the second story of the education building. This is the Sunday right before our VBS week starts and we thought it would be an incredible opportunity for us all to come together before this big week to pray for the students that will be participating and readying our hearts for a busy, but impactful week! We encourage anyone involved with VBS to attend, or if you can't help with VBS, this is a great time to pray together for it! Prayer and Praise night is open to **all ages** so we would love to see everyone there!

**FIRST STEPS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL** has an AIDE position available in September. The applicant must be 18 years of age. If you are interested, please contact Jodi Van Dragt at 562.865.4944.

**FIRST STEPS CHRISTIAN PRESCHOOL** has a Pre-K TEACHER position available in September. The applicant must be 18 years of age or older, have the required 12 or more ECE units and preferably have experience in teaching young children. If you are interested, please contact Jodi Van Dragt at 562.865.4944.

## 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 FUN FACTORY 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 28<sup>th</sup>.

*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)

**July 18 — Tuesday Game Night** (MS & HS) 6-8:30 p.m. Join us at Caleb's house (10035 Park St.) for dinner, fun games and a devotion-al. You will enjoy good company as we hang out and have fun.

**July 20 — Young Adult Night** Join us from 7-9 p.m. in the 2nd Sto-ry as we continue our series "Grayscale: Is There Any Black and White in this Gray World?" We will be discussing truth and what that really means.

**July 22— Middle School Kayaking and Ice Cream** Join us for a day in the sun kayaking in the Naples Canals and enjoying ice cream togeth-er! Cost is \$10 OR \$5 if you bring a friend. We will meet at church at noon and return around 4 p.m. This is a great event so bring your buddies. Please sign up in advance by calling Caleb @ 562-866-1812.

### Join us this week or pray for...

<b>Today</b>	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
<b>Monday</b>	Kids Science Adventure Camp, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Elders, 7:00 p.m., Hospitality Room Deacons, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
<b>Tuesday</b>	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
<b>Wednesday</b>	Kids Art Camp, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Community Outreach Dinner, <b>4:00</b> p.m., North Friendship Center
<b>Thursday</b>	Young Adult Night, 7:00 p.m., 2nd Story
<b>Friday</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	VBS Set Up

### Opportunities for Service

#### ~ Serving This Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Cok, Cole  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Stan Cole and Ron Anema  
**Foyer greeters:** Tim Kamstra, Margaret Kramer  
**Patio greeters:** Todd and Laura Pheifer  
**Ushers:** Rich Rens (*cap.*), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti  
**Parking Lot:** Stan Cole, Kent Compton  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Don Hoekstra  
**Nursery:** Breanna Kuyper (*Greeter*), Donna Reitsma, Karla Anema, Sarah Wagner  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Susie Ruditis, Mary Murray, Lindsey Slenk  
**Library:** Meg Pheifer, Jan Whitten

#### ~ Serving Next Week ~

**Pre-Service Prayer:** Cok, Cole  
**Coffee After Worship:** Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra  
**Post-Service Prayer:** Lil Hogan and Greta De Young  
**Foyer greeters:** Sherm and Ardelle Kredit, Ron and Geraldine Kruid  
**Patio greeters:** Darrin Mesman  
**Ushers:** Rich Rens (*cap.*), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti  
**Parking Lot:** Paul De Vries, Jack De Young  
**Parking Lot Assistant:** Todd Huckins  
**Nursery:** Carmen Machado (*Greeter*), Sherry Boer, Hilda Bouma, Bethany Wagner  
**2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds:** Rebekah Rhodes, Brooke Tolen, Ann Vande Vegte  
**Library:** Carolyn Kamstra, Carissa Kamstra

### 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 ( <i>leave message</i> ) ..... 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. ( <i>leave message</i> )..... ext. 221
Janis Westra ~ Worship Leader ( <i>leave message</i> ) .... 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 July 16, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude  
 Call to Worship  
 Greetings  
 Songs of Praise  
 Confession/Assurance  
 Song of Response  
 God at Work in the World  
 Lianna Tanis—Uganda Update  
 Children's Message  
 Congregational Prayer  
 Message:  
**"WORDS OF FULLNESS"**  
 Matthew 5:21-26  
 Offering  
*Special Offering: Benevolence*  
 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 Pastor Jim Kuiper leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

*Special Offering: VC Tuition Assistance*