

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 Keith Zondervan know.

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. Sign up asap...we have 50 tickets reserved for that night. Contact Pastor Lon for details and to sign up.

BETHANY MINISTRY FAIR — This morning 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...and fun activities for the kids to do while mom and dad wander from table to table. Plan now to be a part of this!

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.

THANK YOU to the Bethany family for all of your prayers, support, cards, travel donations, and encouragement as we made our move to New Mexico. We are getting settled in and unpacking a few boxes each day. The community here has welcomed us with open arms, and we are excited to see what God has in store for us here.

OUR FOOD PANTRY — is in need of pasta sauce, fruit cups, veggie chips, chili & raisins. Donations can be placed in the cart in the foyer on Sundays or can be brought to the church office during the week.

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 7/23/17	\$7,031.00
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$2300.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$635.00



VBS was AMAZING! We served and touched many lives this past week. Our Sanctuary was filled with so much excitement. We pray that what they learned, sang, and experienced will stay in their hearts forever.

Thanks to each one of you who invented with us at the Maker Fun Factory. It takes a servant's heart, time, and the willingness of many to offer this outreach to our children and to the children of the community. I would like to thank everyone who had a part in VBS: Prayer Warriors, Devotional Leader, Nursery workers, Pre-school team, , Pastor Jim- our Storyteller, Counselors, Leaders in the Parent's class both in Bible Study and Craft, Craft Coordinators, leaders and helpers, Games leaders and helpers, Hospitality Team, Praise Team, Registration Team, Fair Workers, Decorating Team, Sound and Display Team, those who donated cookies, candy, hot dogs, and other items for the Fair, our office support, janitorial support, those who gave cash donations, to our family members, and of course, our wonderful song leaders Sweet Jan, Bobbi the Builder, Izzy, Chloe and Carisssa.

Many hours go into the preparation for VBS and many of you helped with working behind the scenes, creating props, setting up and breaking down, and filling in wherever there was a need. Thank you!

We thank God for how you all came together to serve the Lord and for taking the opportunity to share God's love with those who came! You blessed the children and their families and they leave us knowing that they can follow Jesus. Thanks for being the hands and feet of Christ and for sharing your servant's heart! May God's blessings be upon you as you continue to serve Him.

Cheerfully in Christ,
Kendall Abud

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.

WANTED: BANNER NEWS WRITERS - The Banner is looking for correspondents to write and report news from local congregations. Are you a curious story teller with some writing skills and the desire to share from your church and neighboring regions? Please reply to news@thebanner.org with your name, church, and reason why you would like to be one of The Banner's freelance writers. The News Editor will respond regarding your application.

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
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. If you would like to enter your chili in the cookoff, please contact Kendall at 562-866-1812.

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

(7th & 8th Grades)

(9th-12th Grades)

(Age 18-28ish)

High School Pool Party - Friday, August 4 Food, friends and water Spikeball anyone? Join us for an afternoon in the sun as we enjoy the cool water and each other's company. Location TBD. We will meet at the location at 1 p.m. and the party will end at 4 p.m. The cost is free so bring your friends! Contact Caleb at 562-866-1812 for more details as the day approaches!

Middle School Pool Party — Saturday, August 5 Come cool off from the summer heat and join us for an afternoon as we enjoy the cool water and hang out together. Location TBD. We will meet at the location at 1 p.m. and the party will end at 4 p.m. There is no cost, so make sure to invite all your friends! Contact Caleb at 562-866-1812 for location and further info.

Young Adult Night - Thursday, August 10 Join us from 7-9 p.m. in the 2nd Story as we conclude our series "Grayscale: Is There Any Black and White in this Gray World?" We will be discussing truth and what that really means.

Join us this week or pray for...

Today	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary Ministry Fair, 11:00 a.m., Friendship Center
Monday	
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	Community Outreach Dinner, 4:00 p.m., North Friendship Center
Thursday	Young Adult Night, 7:00 p.m., 2nd Story
Friday	
Saturday	

Opportunities for Service

~ Serving This Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Cok, Cole
Coffee After Worship: Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra
Post-Service Prayer: Terry and Sandy Binns
Foyer greeters: Henry and Paulette Mariotti, Dave and Becky Meekhof
Patio greeters: Henry and Ruth Van Zee
Ushers: Rich Rens (*cap.*), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: Matt De Young, Ron Den Hartog
Parking Lot Assistant: Jake Hoogeveen
Nursery: Teresa Peterson (*Greeter*), Ginger Bouma, Greta De Young, Katherine De Groot
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Sue Leck, Nancy Winters, Meg Pheifer
Library: Nancy Curley, Susie Ruditis

~ Serving Next Week ~

Pre-Service Prayer: Cok, Cole
Coffee After Worship: Camp Barnabus—Kamstra/Dykstra
Post-Service Prayer: Greta De Young, Mary Jo Van Duyen
Foyer greeters: Darrin Mesman, Scott and Judy Murray
Patio greeters: Sheryl Dielens and Mary Murray
Ushers: Rich Rens (*cap.*), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: Richard Dickinson and Dave Dyer
Parking Lot Assistant: Ron Van Meeteren
Nursery: Mary Jane Zondervan (*Greeter*), Elizabeth De Groot, BarbZondervan, Olivia Vande Vegte
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Anna Willoughby, Earlene Van Den Berg, Claire Westra
Library: Eileen Walraven, Jan Whitten

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 30, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Opening Song
 Greetings
 Songs of Praise
 Confession/Assurance
 Songs of Response
 God at Work in the World
 Children's Message
 Congregational Prayer
 Message:
"TOOTHY RESISTANCE"
Matthew 5: 43-48
 Offering
Special Offering: Faith Promise
 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 Dave Jeltema leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

Special Offering: Outreach Fund