

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

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.

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.

FUN STUFF IS COMING FOR THE BETHANY FAMILY! We've got a couple of fun family events planned for this summer. *This Saturday morning, July 15*, we're going kayaking in Alamitos Bay! We'll spend a couple of hours kayaking together through Naples' canals and the surrounding waters. You can even extend your day and hang out at the beach afterwards. We'll meet there at 10:15am (5411 E. Ocean Blvd. Long Beach 90803...just off 2nd Street). And then, on *Monday evening, August 7*, we're going to the Angel game. We'll meet at Bethany 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 for details and to sign up.

COMPTON WORK DAY SIGN-UPS—On 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.

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

VBS PRE-REGISTRATION is now open ONLINE at Bellfloweryouth.org. All children will need to be registered online this year for VBS. (If you do not have access to a computer, we will begin pre-registration after worship service on July 9th.)

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 July 20, at 7PM. This is a very penetrating novel about World War II. Call Stan Cole if you have any questions.

CRAFT NEEDS FOR VBS — We will need 200 empty 15oz tin cans for a VBS craft. Donations can be left in the marked box in the church kitchen. Thanks for your help!

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

WEEKLY OFFERING UPDATE

General Fund Offering for 7/2/17	\$19,618.00
<i>(Budgeted weekly offering ~ \$14,473.00)</i>	
Faith Promise.....	\$1272.00
Valley Christian Tuition Assistance	\$140.00
World Renew.....	\$460.00

TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY to be photographed for the church directory. Stop by the table in the Friendship Center this morning following worship and check with the hostess to see which spots are open for later this afternoon. If you were not able to have your picture taken but would still like to be included, please e-mail your photo to dgrachen@bethanycrc.org or drop it off in the church office by July 16.

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

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.

SALEM CHRISTIAN HOMES — 9th Annual Run, Walk and Roll 1k and 5k for all ages and abilities will be held on Saturday, July 15 at 8 a.m. at Boy's Republic in Chino Hills. This years theme is Red, White and You for Individualism. Register by July 9 so you get a discounted price and a T-shirt. Further details and online registration are available at www.salemschristianhomes.org/5krunwalkroll

VALLEY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS is looking for bus drivers for the 2017-2018 school year. Our bus drivers pick students up in the morning, bring them home after school, and drive students on school sponsored events. If you love kids and are looking for part-time work, consider becoming a VCS bus driver. We will train you! Go to vcschools.org/employment to download a bus driver application.

ARE YOU GOING? – The excitement is building as CRC members from all corners of the continent prepare to converge in Detroit, Michigan this August for Inspire 2017. Don't miss out on this one-of-a-kind opportunity to worship, connect, learn and serve with others – like you- who have been inspired to serve God in their local church. Group discounts are available. Why not team up with others from your congregation and plan to attend Aug 3-5. Visit cra.org/Inspire2017 to learn more and to register.

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.

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.



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 28th.

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

July 13 — Young Adult Night Join us from 7-9 p.m. in the 2nd Story 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 14 — HS Beach Day Join us as we head down to Huntington Beach and soak up some rays and play all sorts of beach games. Plan to leave church at 12:00 p.m. and return around 5:30 p.m. Can't make the church departure? No Worries! Just text Caleb when you get close and he will let you know where to meet up.

Join us this week or pray for...

Today	Morning Celebration Worship, 9:30 a.m., Sanctuary
Monday	Kids Science Adventure Camp, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Tuesday	Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m., Deacon's Room
Wednesday	Kids Art Camp, 10 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. 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: Greta De Young and Mary Jo Van Duyn
Foyer greeters: John and Frances Kampen, Rob and Carolyn Kamstra
Patio greeters: Gene and Donna Reitsma
Ushers: Rich Rens (*cap.*), Corwin Schenk, Henry Mariotti
Parking Lot: Don Buma, Keith Cok
Parking Lot Assistant: Mike Boer
Nursery: Karen Bomgaars (*Greeter*), Judi Murray, DeAnna Van Duyn, Claire Westra
2 ½ - 4 Yr Olds: Onnie Bomgaars, Jonathan Pheifer, Emily De Young
Library: Eileen Walraven, Nancy Curley

~ Serving Next 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

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 (*Vicar/Clerk*), Jon Slager, Cindy Tanis, 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 9, 2017 ~ 9:30 a.m.

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Greetings
 Opening Song
 Confession/Assurance
 Song of Response
 Commissioning of Beekvoort's
 Song of Response
 Children's Message
 Congregational Prayer
 Message:
"JESUS TO FULFILL THE LAW"
Matthew 5:17-20
 Offering
Special Offering: Building 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...

Please join us as Pastor Jim Kuiper leads us in a time of worship and the Word.

Special Offering: Benevolence