

Welcome!

This morning we welcome the Smithville

Christian High School choir in this time of worship. Our focus today is on our call in Proverbs 22 to seek after the way of the Lord, the way of wisdom. Last week and this week has been Christian education emphasis weeks with NACE (Niagara Association for Christian Education). As Christian parents, we have the responsibility given by God to raise up our children to know the Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ and His ways in all areas of life in which we are all to live in thankfulness for our salvation and the Lord's loving ownership of this whole universe. Out of that calling the Christian Reformed Church has always encouraged and supported the formation and use of Christian schools (grade, high, and post-high) as wonderful opportunities to help parents fulfill that calling. Let us give thanks and worship Him. Pastor Colin

Visitors/Guests Notes

CONTACT CARD

We want to get to know you! Feel free to fill out the Contact/Prayer Card in the bench and drop it in the offering bag or slide it under the pastor's office door.

CHILD CARE

Child-care is available for both infants and toddlers located in the lower level of the church.

BETHANY KIDS

Children ages 3-8 leave during the service to attend Children's Church downstairs.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Why Are We Here?

VISION STATEMENT

We are a God Honouring Community Witnessing for Christ!



We're on the web!
www.bethanycrc.ca

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We Partner With

Locally

Bible League, Elisha House, Family Outreach, Friendship Club, Hannah House, Harvest Kitchen, Open Arms Mission, Pelham Cares, Pro-Life, Rose City Kids, Shalom Manor, Covenant Christian School, Smithville Christian High School.

Globally Check out www.crcna.org

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa. Email Devon at devon@handsatwork.org

Follow Devon on his blog at www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com

Happening Today

Worship Leaders 8:00am – time of praise, prayer, & preparation

Pre-service Prayer 9:15am – Council & worship leaders (in Council room)

Upcoming

Next Sunday offering: Cadets

Next Sunday - Cadet Sunday

May 11- Congregational meeting

Get Equipped for Faith Life



GEMS: 2015-2016 Theme:

Psalm 119:105 "Choose Truth"

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm for girls in grades

4-8 from Sept.-Apr. For more

information contact Diana at

Cell: 289-696-5567 or email:

dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com

CADETS: 2015-2016 Theme:

Matthew 4:19

"Hooked on Christ"

Meets every Thursday

evening from 7-9pm for

boys in grades 4-8 from

Sept.-Apr. For more information

contact: Mike 905-892-3036

Men's Bible Study

6:00am Tuesday mornings

Women's Coffee Break

9:30am Tues at Grace CRC

Heart to Heart (Women)

9:30am every Friday from now

until the fall, we will meet at

Centennial park in Fenwick

Konnect 20 (Young Adults)

One eve/month (call/text

Andria 289-687-3024)

Potluck/Bible Study Group

4:30pm on 1st Sunday of every month



Faith Instruction (Catechism) every

Tuesday at 7:00pm @ the church for

grades 9-12. (grade 11 is finished now)

MERGE (youth group) meets

Meets this Sunday from 7-9

for grades 9-12 at church.

Welcome to Bethany!

Let us rejoice in the Lord together!

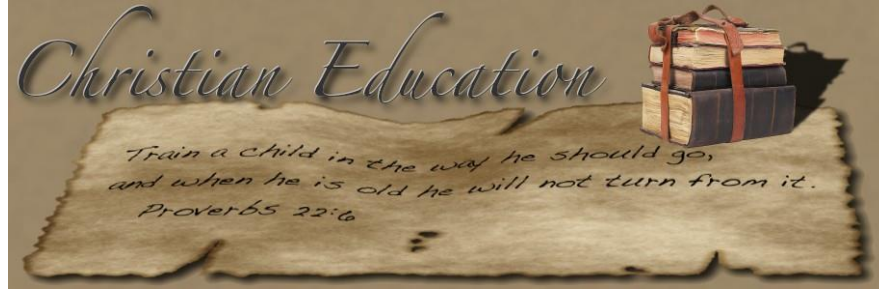
Christian Education Week



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

April 24, 2016
9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome

Call to Worship: Job 12:7-13 & Psalm 148:13-14

Opening Songs

SCH Choir – “O Sifuni Mungu” & “Be Merciful Unto Me”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

“It is Good to Sing Your Praises” PH 171

“You Are Worthy of My Praise”

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

God’s Word for Confession: Psalm 28:1-2

Song of Confession

“Have Mercy On Me”

God’s Word for Assurance: Psalm 28:6-9

God’s Call to Faithful Living – Christian Education Litany

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“This Little Light of Mine”

(Children ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday School)

Prayer & Offerings

SCH Choir – “Hold Me, Rock Me” & “Man of Sorrows with Doxology”

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Smithville Christian High School

Prayers of God’s People & for the proclamation of the Word

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Bible reading: Proverbs 22:1-6 (p. 567)

Message: “Choosing Wise Ways”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

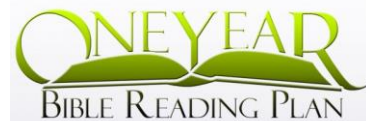
*Song of Response

“Tell Your Children” PH 588

*God’s Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“As You Go”



- April 24
- April 25
- April 26
- April 27
- April 28
- April 29
- April 30

- Ecclesiastes 4-6; Revelation 11
- Ecclesiastes 7-9; Revelation 12
- Ecclesiastes 10-12; Revelation 13
- Numbers 1-2; Revelation 14
- Numbers 3-4; Revelation 15
- Numbers 5-6; Revelation 16
- Numbers 7-8; Revelation 17

Sermon follow-up questions

1. The book of Proverbs sometimes reads like a book of rules. Is it? In other words, what is “wisdom writing” in the Bible?
2. How might these sayings be used in a home or work setting?
3. Many of these sayings were common sayings in that ancient time. Do you know of any wise sayings today that people might know even if they don’t know about the book of Proverbs?
4. How should we read the verses of Proverbs 22? Always comes true? Sometimes comes true? Would be nice if it came true but ...? How could we use such verses as an encouragement rather than a measuring stick of failures?
5. With respect to Christian schools, the Kuyperian view (from Dutch theologian and politician Abraham Kuiper) says Christian schools are to be independent of the church, yet based on Biblical principles. The Calvinist view (from writings of pastor/theologian John Calvin) says Christian schools are to be an arm of the church, a ministry of it and thus under the Church. Which do/would you prefer? Which is NACE set up as? Catholic Schools? Canadian Reformed Schools? Calvin College? Redeemer College?
6. Christian education is larger than just Christian schools and in the CRC tradition, choice of school is a parental choice not a church rule. How does this affect how we are to disciple each other and newcomers to Bethany? How should we present the opportunity for having children enrolled in a Christian school?
7. Some parents have chosen to put their children in public schools, citing the reason that “they wish to connect with their unchurched neighbors rather than keeping themselves separate from them.” How would you respond? As a church are we too isolated from our town’s schools? If so what might we do to change that?

Serving Assignments

Today [Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddlers]

3 Year olds-A	Aimie V, Cadence K
3 Year olds-B	Veronica S, Lauren D
4 Year olds	Stephanie B, Josh d
5 Year olds	Jen/Kevin D, Nathan D
6 Year olds	Sharon H, Ray W
7 & 8 Year olds	Lisa O, Joanne B
Courtney	Vicky D
Dylan	Sonya V
Nursery	Kristina B, Betty G, Nellie S, Ethan V
Toddlers	Colleen K, Kean V, Becky V
Ushers	Chris S, Mary B
Coffee Servers	Chris & Kaitlyn J, Olu K, Frank V
Greeters	Cor & Ina V, Hans & Hilda D, Ans R, Mark V, Colin d, Joanne D

Next Sunday

3 Year olds-A	Kelly D, Haley G
3 Year olds-B	Julia G, Lauren V
4 Year olds	Andrea D, Cassidy K
5 Year olds	Emily V, Jesse V
6 Year olds	Diana S, Morgan G
7 & 8 Year olds	Jen K, Andria S
Courtney	Debbie P
Dylan	Ellen d
Nursery	Julienne M, Margaret D, Natalie L, Madison L
Toddlers	Sandra S, Richard V, Braden N
Ushers	Brian P, Scott V
Coffee Servers	Richard & Lisa O, JJ & Colleen K
Greeters	John L, Vicky D, Nellie S, Gerry E

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Humphrey G, Patrick T, Joanne D, Natalie L, Brandon V, Anita V, Ayden G

Anniversaries this week

None this week

Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for the spring planting that is beginning, for safety for farm workers and for God’s providing hand to supply all that is needed both locally and globally. Remember the major draught going on in the south east parts of the African continent that is affecting millions of people. Pray the Lord move world leaders to effectively share the global provision of food with those in need at this time.
- ❖ Pray for **Ecuador** as they deal with the death and destruction caused by the recent earthquake there.
- ❖ Pray for the process of selecting replacement elder and deacons for Bethany. Pray for congregational and Council discernment from the Holy Spirit as a list of candidates is gathered.
- ❖ Dear Bethany family, we would like to take this opportunity to ask that you keep **Heidi, Troy, Lucias and Pearce** in your prayers. Pathology reports indicate that the tumour removed is at a beginning of stage 3 cancer. Radiation and chemo therapy will begin on April 25th for a period of 6 weeks to treat the remaining portion of growth which was too risky to be removed. Pray for Lucias and Pearce as they are trying to fully understand all that is occurring. Pray for Heidi’s health and the safe arrival of their baby which is planned for this upcoming week. Pray for the continued blessings of their church and the community they live in, as they have and continue to be very supportive in the absence of family. Heidi and Troy have put their full trust in the Lord as His will is made known to them. Thank you, from the Vs.
- ❖ **Epp D** continues to recuperate slowly. He has to be careful not to do too much physical activity in a day as his energy levels are still lower than they were after his heart surgery. Pray for patience and strengthening for Epp.
- ❖ Pray for healing for **Lynn D** (sister-in-law to Hans, Frank & Louis) who has cancer. Also **Stacie H** (Martha S’ niece) continues to have cancer in her brain and bones as she undergoes various treatments. Pray for pain relief and healing for her. **Tim R** (Mike’s dad) has undergone a round of chemo for this his second bout of cancer. Pray for strengthening from the treatments and for good results to come. **Wilma V** (Ray’s mother) is pretty worn out with her cancer and the treatments. Pray for wisdom and peace with decisions about what to do. May the power of the Risen Lord surround them and their families in this difficult time.

Need of support or want to talk to someone?

Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce D at 905-386-6719

or confidential counselling services Bethany supports: SHALEM network 866-347-0041 (mention if you are member/regular attendee of Bethany) or Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934.