

Welcome!

This morning we rejoice in the Holy Spirit's gracious guidance in our lives. We celebrate the sacrament of baptism given to **Nancy Martin** as she professes her faith in Christ as Savior and also as **Ed Bouwers** re-affirms his faith in Jesus Christ. In this way we welcome them both as adult members of Bethany. Ed & Nancy are engaged to be married here in Bethany in six weeks!

We also pick up where we left off in the Nicene Creed, though we are jumping ahead a little to the part that speaks about baptism, which is fitting for today. May the Lord of all mercy and love, continue to build His Church as His witness in this world to His renewing Kingdom.

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

Connecting

Church Office Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980
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colin@bethanycrc.ca
Youth Director Andrea Veldhuizen 905-975-8484 [call/text]
andrea@bethanycrc.ca
Children's Ministry Lorraine Wierenga 905-892-6961
lorraine@bethanycrc.ca
Worship/LIFE Groups (position vacant—contact Pastor Colin)

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: NACE-Covenant Christian School

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

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

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



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



Faith Instruction (Catechism) every

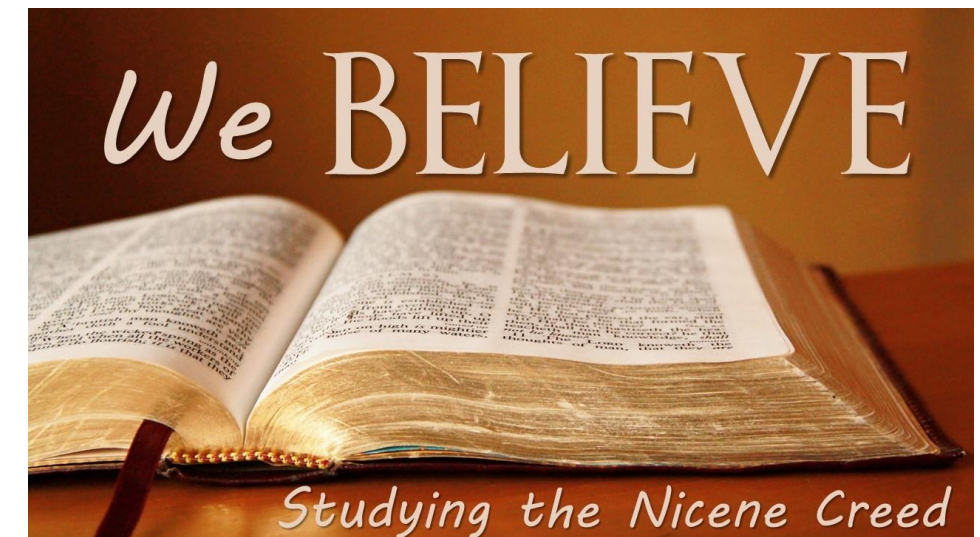
Tuesday at 7:00pm @ the church for grades 9-12. (not during Spring Break)

MERGE (youth group) meets

Meets every other Sunday from 7-9 for grades 9-12 at church.

Welcome to Bethany!

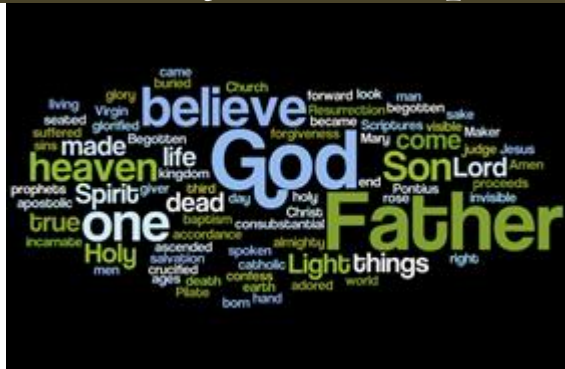
Let us rejoice in the Lord together!



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

April 3, 2016
9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome

Call to worship: Psalm 22:22-31

*Opening songs

“Come Praise & Glorify”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

“This is Our God”

“All in All”

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Baptism/Reaffirmation of Faith: Nancy Martin, Ed Bouwers

*Song of response

“How Firm a Foundation”

Bible reading: Hebrews 2:10-13

Children’s Song of thankfulness

“He Knows my Name”

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

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Pelham Cares

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

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-6 (p. 1023)

Message: “Nicene Creed-One Baptism”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God”

*God’s Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“Lift High the Name of Jesus”



- April 3
- April 4
- April 5
- April 6
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- April 8
- April 9

Proverbs 30-31; Hebrews 5
Leviticus 1-3; Hebrews 6
Leviticus 4-5; Hebrews 7
Leviticus 6-7; Hebrews 8
Leviticus 8-10; Hebrews 9
Leviticus 11-12; Hebrews 10:1-18
Leviticus 13; Hebrews 10:19-39

Sermon follow-up questions

1. Read Ephesians 4:1-6 again ... which parts of verses 2-3 do you find particularly hard for you to live out? Give an example of when you failed at this. Give an example of when you succeeded at this.
2. Verses 4-6 depict who God is as Triune. There’s only one. Reflect on the reality of church in this country. Do we reflect God’s unity in Trinity? How much unity is there in the Body? Is this OK with us or a problem to work to overcome? What gets in the way of unity in the Church? Why do we have so many denominations?
3. With whom should Bethany be working more closely in ministry? Why or why not? Do you think this is important to us here? Do you think it is important to the Lord?
4. From verse 3 ... what kinds of efforts can we give to “keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace”? What might we need to do or say to one another? Pray for each other for those situations.
5. What different approaches or uses of baptism have you seen or learned about in your life? What are some of the strengths of those approaches? What are some of the weaknesses? Include our own approach to baptism in those questions.

Serving Assignments

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

Next Sunday

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 Diana S, Morgan G
7 & 8 Year olds Jen K, Andria S
Courtney Mackenzie K
Dylan Betty T
Nursery Hilda D, Erika G, Lauran J, Kaleigh S
Toddlers Andrea V, Cassidy K, Dan VanGeest
Ushers Brian P, Scott V
Coffee Servers Ed & Jacqueline S, Ralph & Brittany T
Greeters John L, Epp D, Vicky D, Nellie S, Gerry E

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6 Year olds Clarence & Tracy V
7 & 8 Year olds Cynthia N, Mackenzie/Riley K
Courtney Grace V
Dylan Bernice S
Nursery Mary B, Debbie B, Stephanie W, Emma W
Toddlers Matthew D, Sierra K, Wendy K
Ushers Byron G, Dan S
Coffee Servers Evert & Nellie P, Anno & Grace V
Greeters Anita W, Bas & Trudy S, Kurtis B, Andria S, Andy V
Heart to Heart: Storytime: Lauren D & helper
Nursery: Ans R, Nellie P, Diane D
Toddlers: Gwenda V, Rita F

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Chris J, Pastor Colin, Louis D, Michelle L, Eli d, Betty G, Bas S, Dan V, Pete G

Anniversaries this week

Bill & Tina V, Clarence & Tracy V

Prayers requested

- ❖ Continue to pray for an opportunity to help a Syrian Family resettle in the Niagara region. Also continue to pray for **Devon VH** and the Hands at Work Team in Africa. May the Lord watch over them and use them mightily for His glory. May we also grow in heart and action on behalf of our fellow human being in times of great need.
- ❖ Pray for humility for all of us as we seek the Lord’s wisdom in growing together in faithfulness and openness to the Lord’s will for us, for each other, and for our neighbor whomever the Lord brings us near.
- ❖ Give thanks that **Maria D** was able to return home from hospital as also did young **Isaak D**. The Lord is gracious and kind.
- ❖ Pray for those who are largely confined to their places of residence. Pray for **George K, Hermien K, Luke S, Nancy M**, and others of our neighbors and family. Pray also for those for whom being in gatherings of people is very difficult and so they often remain on the outside of larger community. Pray for grace to sustain and for wisdom for us all in how to love one another as Christ has loved us.
- ❖ Pray for **Troy & Heidi A** (daughter and son-in-law of Anno & Grace V). Troy underwent brain surgery to remove a tumor. All things considered he has been doing well after surgery though they were unable to remove the whole tumor. Heidi is also in late stages of pregnancy so pray for her and the baby’s health and strength in this trying time. May their trust in the Lord fill them with peace as they wait on His healing hand.
- ❖ Pray for **Lynn D** (sister-in-law to Hans, Frank & Louis) and **Stacie H** (Martha S’ niece), and **Tim R** (Mike’s dad), and **Wilma V** (Ray’s mother) who are all struggling with cancer. Pray for a measure of healing for them. May the peace of the Risen Lord surround them and their families in this difficult time.
- ❖ Pray for comfort for all those who mourn the recent loss of loved ones. May the Risen One uphold His grieving brothers and sisters day by day.

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 attender of Bethany) or Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934.