

# Welcome!

This is the third Sunday of Advent, 2015. This morning we focus on the joy that was promised by the angels to some pretty shocked shepherds. It was joy found in the coming of the Messiah (Saviour) who is Christ Jesus the Lord. We worship God here in Bethany in the name of Jesus Christ, in other words, because Jesus came and died for our sins, God accepts us as his people and so we gather on Sunday mornings to praise and thank and bring honour to the Lord God, our Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May the joy of the Lord be the source of your strength in all that you face this week.

## 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](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)

## Connecting

**Church Office** Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980  
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**Pastor** Colin Vander Ploeg 905-931-5841 [call/text]  
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](http://www.crcna.org)  
Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa. Email Devon at [devon@handsatwork.org](mailto:devon@handsatwork.org)  
Follow Devon on his blog at [www.devonvanhoffen.wordpress.com](http://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)

**Adult Bible Study/Christmas Party** will be at Mike and Vicky DenBak's tonight at 6:00. Please bring your yummy food to share before our Bible Study and we will be discussing Session 3.

## Upcoming

**Next Week's offering:** Shalom Manor

## Get Equipped for Faith Life



### 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)

7:30pm once a month

### Potluck/Bible Study Group

4:30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month



### 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](mailto: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 Klapwyk 905-892-3036



### Faith Instruction (Catechism) every

Tuesday at 7:00pm @ the church for grades 9-12. Resumes in January.

### MERGE (youth group) from 7-9

is for grades 9-12. Christmas party this Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm at Veldhuizen's. Please bring \$5 gift.

# Welcome to Bethany!

Let us rejoice in the Lord together!



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

December 13, 2015

9:30am

## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

#### \*Opening Song

“Joy to the World”

“What Child is This?”

#### \*God’s Word of greeting

#### \*Greet one another with the peace of Christ

#### \*Songs of Praise

“Who Would Have Dreamed”

“O Little Town of Bethlehem”

### The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Lighting of Advent Candle

Prayer

**(Children ages 3-6 invited downstairs for Sunday School)**

### The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture for message is from Luke 2

Message “Joy - Tell of His Coming: The Shepherds and Angels”

Prayer of blessing & Prayers of God’s People

### The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

#### \*Song of Response

“Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Deacons

#### \*God’s Word of blessing

#### \*Closing Song

“Joy Has Dawned”



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	December 17	Joshua 19-21; Luke 18:1-23
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	December 18	Joshua 22-24; Luke 18:24-43
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## Sermon follow-up ...

1. How did you first hear the gospel? Who told you, and how did you respond?
2. God does not need messengers to communicate His gospel. Why do you think He charged the shepherds with sharing the Good News of Jesus’ birth? Why do you think He charges us with sharing the Good News of salvation?
3. Did sharing the news of Jesus’ birth feel like a burden or a joy to the shepherds? Why? How do you feel about sharing the gospel? What might help you consistently view it as a joyful calling?
4. What fears keep you from sharing the news that Jesus has come to save sinners? Look up Colossians 1:3-6. How might the assurance in this passage increase your boldness?

*In prayer, praise God for loving the weak, despised and lowly. Thank Him for the person or means He used to share the gospel with you and ask Him for the boldness and faith to do the same.*

## Serving Assignments

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

**Sunday School during Advent Season**

**Worship Leader:** Cynthia Nauta, Kathleen VanHoffen

**Teachers/helpers:** Cynthia Nauta, Mackenzie Kremer, Tim VanHoffen, Kathleen VanHoffen, Sandra Stam, Lisa Ormel, Ehtan Wubs, Gabi VanSoelen

**Courtney** Anita Wierenga

**Dylan** Betty Twomey

**Nursery-Babies** Julienne Marr, Vicky DenBak, Haley Glasbergen, Kaitlyn Langendoen

**Toddlers** Joanne Dam, Kristina Braun, Kean Veldhuizen

**Ushers** Byron Garner, Dan Scholman

**Coffee Servers** Karl & Wilma Vahrmeyer, Mike & Jessica Dreyer

**Greeters** Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Andy VanDriel

**Next Sunday**

**Sunday School during Advent Season**

**Worship Leader:** Kathy VanHoffen

**Teachers/helpers:** John Langendoen, Michelle Langendoen, Bill Thies, Annie Vahrmeyer, Colleen Keizer, Jessica Ormel, Cadence Kiers

**Courtney** Riley Kremer

**Dylan** Jacqueline Slappendel

**Nursery** Babies Erika Garner, Debbie Boverhof, Colleen Slappendel, Chloe Lapenna

**Toddlers** Ann Kiers, Ryan Veldhuizen, Braden Nauta

**Ushers** Mike DenBak, Kevin DeBoer

**Coffee Servers** Tim & Kathy Van Hoffen, Matt & Kelly Dam

**Greeters** Jerry Kiers, Ken & Nell Overbeeke, Harry & Sharon Hielema, Andrea Veldhuizen, Annie Vahrmeyer

**If you are interested in serving please contact the office**

## Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Debbie Boverhof, Devin Boverhof, Cody Bastian, Mike Dreyer, Ann Hook, Holly Robson, Kelly Dam, Avery Wubs

### Anniversaries this week

John & Debbie VanMaaren (44<sup>th</sup>), George & Betty Gritter (45<sup>th</sup>)

### Prayers requested

- ❖ *If for any reason you are in need of support or want to talk to someone, contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Caregiver Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719 or SHALEM network 866-347-0041 (confidential, financially supported counselling for Bethany members)*
- ❖ Pray for college and university students who are completing exams. Pray for healthy bodies and minds as they strive to give a good accounting of what they have learned. Also pray for safe travels for students returning home from distant schools.
- ❖ **Arnold Dykstra** was in and out of hospital again this past week as he continues to struggle health-wise. Pray for strengthening for him and for peace of heart and mind for Ellen and the girls in this challenging time.
- ❖ Pray for those dealing with cancer: **Dalton Jacques** (Shelby Kremer’s brother) pray for God’s gracious presence to surround this family in this very difficult journey and that Dalton may receive all the peace and assurance of God’s love that he needs in this time.
- ❖ Pray for strength and good test results (will see the doctor this week) for **Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen’s brother).
- ❖ Pray for strength and comfort each day for **Wilma VanHuizen** (Ray’s mother) and her family.
- ❖ **Tim Robson** (Mike’s father) was able to undergo his needed surgery. He is recovering at home. Give thanks to the Lord for hearing prayers for Mike and pray for ongoing recovery.
- ❖ Pray for **Harm Lottering** (Bill Thies’ bro-in-law) who is dying of cancer. Harm is ready to enter the glorious presence of his heavenly Father. Pray for wife Jane and their son and family as they walk this difficult journey. Harm is 81 years old and lives in The Netherlands.
- ❖ **Dear brothers and sisters in Christ:** thank you all for your walk with us as we wrestled with our grandson's cancer journey. Though these last weeks were difficult, we experienced the prayers of God's people, and the Lord's arms upholding us. God has taken Nick to His heavenly home, to praise His name forever. We are so thankful for the love expressed, many cards, words and hugs received; truly we are a communion of the saints. May we always care for each other in love. **Gerry and Tena Evers**