

## Welcome to Bethany

The Year of our Lord, 2017 draws to a close today.

We gather in worship this morning acknowledging our ongoing dependence on the Lord of all time and place.

May the God our Heavenly Father and God the Son, Jesus Christ, and God the Holy Spirit be glorified as we worship Him.

### 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 Bethany Kids/Jr. Cadets/Jr. GEMS program downstairs. Please sign in your child each Sunday if they are going to attend.

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

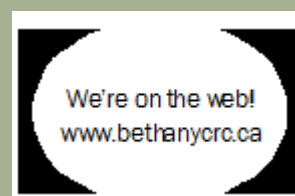
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

### Why Are We Here?

Bethany ministry vision:

**Everyone Growing in Jesus!**

**deep connecting—lifelong equipping—compassionate serving**



## Ministries Bethany supports

**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.

**Regionally:** Brock University Chaplaincy (St. Catharines), Shalom Manor Chaplaincy (Grimsby), The Bridge church plant (Niagara Falls)

**Globally** Check out CRC ministry around the world at [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)

**Devon & Lerato Van Hoffen** in Africa. Email [devon@handsatwork.org](mailto:devon@handsatwork.org)

## Happening Today

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

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

## Upcoming

**Next Sunday's offering: Rose City Kids**

**Attention Vouchers users:** "Please be aware that unused 2017 vouchers cannot be used in 2018 so if you still have some, please make sure they are used by the end of this year."

**Next Sunday's Children's Song: He's Got the Whole World**

**Jan 1:** N Y's Day combined at Grace CRC 10AM (660 S Pelham Rd, Welland)

**Jan & Feb:** please note worship services start at 10AM (2 month trial)

## Get Equipped for Faith Life



**GEMS:** Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for girls in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Cynthia: 905-892-2217 or email: [bnauta@cogeco.ca](mailto:bnauta@cogeco.ca)

**Theme Verse for 2017/2018** – "Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did (1 John 2:6)"



**Cadets:** Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for boys in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Mike, email: [mikecdreyer@hotmail.com](mailto:mikecdreyer@hotmail.com) or cell: 289-687-3105

**Theme Verse for 2017 / 2018** – "For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I myself will search for my sheep and look after them." Ezekiel 34:11

**MERGE (youth group)** – for grades 9-12. Questions? Call Andrea 905-975-8484



**Men's Bible Study** – Resumes on January 9<sup>th</sup>

Tuesdays at 6:00am (coffee provided!)

**Women's Coffee Break** – Tuesdays at Grace CRC at 9:30am

**Heart to Heart (women)** – Fridays at 9:30am

**Women's Bible Study** – Meets at Bethany in the Fireside Room every Tuesday night 7 o'clock. Our next Bible Study will be January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018



### NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

Meets once a month with the area CRC's taking turns hosting. We are studying the book by Francis Chan

"Crazy Love". Questions? Contact Mary Bokma 905-892-0529.

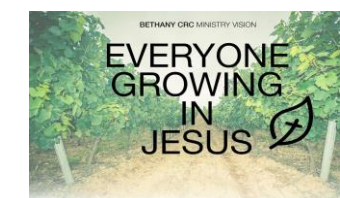
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## Happy New Year



### Bethany Christian Reformed Church

**December 31, 2017**  
**9:30am**



**Deep connecting**  
**Lifelong equipping**  
**Compassionate serving**

## Connecting

**Administrator** Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980  
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## Today in Worship

### JEREMIAH

#### The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & Announcements

Opening prayer

\*Opening Song

“Come Praise and Glorify”

“Angels We Have Heard on High” – PH347

\*God’s Word of greeting

\*Songs of Praise

“Glory to God” – PH214

#### The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession

God’s Word of Assurance – Isaiah 46:3-13 (p.633)

Song of Response

“In Christ Alone”

God’s Call to Faithful Living – Isaiah 12:1-6 (p.602)

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Go Tell it on the Mountain” – PH356

**(Bethany Kids ages 3-5 are dismissed)**

Prayer for offering

Offerings: 1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Deacons

#### The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Prayer of God’s people & for the proclamation of the Word

Bible reading – Jeremiah 32:1-15 (p.686)

Message title “Seeing beyond the news”

#### The Lord Moves Us to Celebrate & Serve

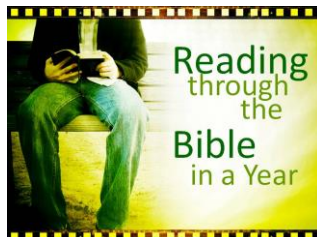
\*Song of Response

“Never Once”

\*God’s Word of Blessing

\*Closing song

“Great is Thy Faithfulness” – PH556



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## Sermon Notes

### Serving Assignments

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

**3-4 Year olds** Andy V, Deb P, Jessica O, Jody V

**5 Year olds** Ray W, Anne-Marie W, Austin O, Connor D

**Dylan** Andy V

**Autism Support Person** Jen K (Anita W)

**Nursery** Sharon H, Heidi T, Gabi V

**Toddlers** Steve V, Halee B, Evan V

**Ushers** Dustin V, Scott V

**Coffee Servers** Don & Theresa T, Bert & Cynthia N

**Greeters** Pete & Karen V, Rudy & Deb B, James V, Emily V

**Sunday School Sign In:** Clarence & Tracy V

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

**Adventurers** Vicky D, Austin O

**Travelers** Jody V, Nathan D

**Discoverers** Becky V, Jessica O

**Explorers** Tim & Kathleen V, helper

**Seekers** Trevor V, Julia G

**Jr. Cadets** Richard V, Mike K

**Dylan** Coby B

**Jr. GEMS** Sonya V, Teryl D

**Autism Support Person** Anita W (Karen B)

**Nursery** Lynn J, Mackenzie K, Tracy V, Lauren V

**Toddlers** Matt D, Liz J, Kaleigh S

**Ushers** Brian P, Scott V

**Coffee Servers** Karen B, Brian & Debbie P

**Greeters** Jerry & Jen K, Epp D, Vicky D

**Sunday School Sign In:** Bill & Tina V

## Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Sierra K (31<sup>st</sup>), Michael R (31<sup>st</sup>), Kaleigh S (31<sup>st</sup>), Christine VG (31<sup>st</sup>), Nancy B (1<sup>st</sup>), Bill V (1<sup>st</sup>), Frank V (1<sup>st</sup>), Epp D (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jody V (3<sup>rd</sup>), Vicky D (4<sup>th</sup>), Clark W (5<sup>th</sup>), Sophia W (5<sup>th</sup>), Hunter L (6<sup>th</sup>)

### Anniversaries this week

None this week

**Wedding Bells:** Lord willing, **Emily V & Joshua V** will be united in marriage in the Lord this coming Friday January 5<sup>th</sup> at 2pm here in Bethany church. May the Lord bless the preparations for their celebration.

### Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for **Devon & Lerato VH** in Africa. Lerato’s visa application to come to Canada has been denied. Continue to keep them in prayers for next steps as well as the whole the family here in Canada who are eagerly awaiting their return.
- ❖ **Anita V’s father, Jan R** (Abbotsford, BC) was able to return home from hospital. Praise the Lord
- ❖ **Anita W** was able to complete her cancer treatments. Pray for strengthening as she recovers from them and for some good news of healing in due time.
- ❖ This past week **Nell O** suffered a couple of heart attacks. She was admitted to hospital and is under treatment. There appears to be no permanent damage to her heart but she has been diagnosed with a heart condition that gave rise to these attacks. Give thanks for the Lord watching over her and pray for healing for her as well as peace and ongoing trust in the Lord’s upholding hand for Nell & Ken, Karissa, Brad, Michelle and their families.

- **Need of support or want to talk to someone?**
- **Contact Pastor Colin 905-931-5841 or Joyce De Roo at 905-386-6719.**
- **Confidential counselling services Bethany supports:**
- **SHALEM network 866-347-0041 & Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934.** (mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany)

## Prayer Requests

Come let us pray, together.....

