

Welcome!

This is our second Sunday of Advent, a church season of anticipating the celebration of the first coming of Christ our Saviour as we await His second coming. We are focusing on the names given to Jesus in the Scriptures. This morning we are reminded that the Jesus born in Bethlehem is in fact Almighty God come to us to save us from our sins.

The Lord bless you this Sunday,
Pastor Colin



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.

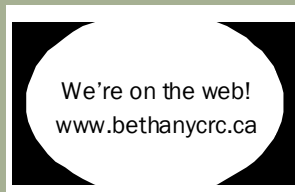
LARGE PRINT BULLETINS & HEARING ASSIST DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE USHERS.

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!



Connecting

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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.

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

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: Deacons

Next Sunday: baptism of Cody John infant son of Ian & Tracy

Dec.5th – Elders meeting at 7:30pm

Dec 7th—7PM **"Service of Hope for the Bereaved"** held at Glad Tidings Church of God (1 Pancake Ln, Fonthill) put on by the Pelham Clergy Fellowship, Pastor Colin is preaching. If you or someone you know has suffered through the loss of a loved one or friend this past year or more, this service is an opportunity for all of us to acknowledge the sorrow of loss that can be especially difficult during the Christmas season as together we seek God's comfort in the midst of remembering. Any and all are welcome to attend.

Get Equipped for Faith Life



GEMS: 2016-2017 Theme: 1 Thess.3:12 "Love Overflows"

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9pm for girls in grades 4-8 from September to April. For more information, contact Diana cell: 289-696-5567 or email: dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com



Cadets: 2016-2017 Theme: Hebrews 12:1-2 "Get In The Game"

Meets every Thursday evening from 7-9 for boys in grades 4-8 from September to April. For more information, contact Mike D, email: mikedreyer@hotmail.com or cell: 289-687-3105



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) - call Andria (289-687-3024)

Faith Instruction – Tuesdays 7:00pm for grades 9-12

MERGE (youth group) – for grades 9-12. Meets every other Sunday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at Bethany

Bethany Ladies Bible Study – December 7th we will celebrate Christmas together at Mary Bokma's home at 7:00pm. Bring your favourite appetizer!

Please note, the weekly newsletter "Bethany Bugle" is being emailed weekly. If you are not receiving it via email, please contact the office with a correct email. If you prefer a hard copy, a few extra copies are available in the fellowship hall.

Welcome to Bethany!

2nd Sunday of Advent

MIGHTY GOD

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Bethany Christian Reformed Church
December 4, 2016 9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome

Opening prayer

*Opening Song

“Wonderful Counselor”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

“Your Name is Matchless”

“Shine Into Our Night”

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Advent Reading & Candle Lighting

*Song of Response

“Our God”

God’s Call to Faithful Living: 1Peter 4:7-11

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“My God is So Big”

(Bethany Kids ages 3-8 invited downstairs for Sunday school in fireside room)

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Friendship

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

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Bible reading – Isaiah 9:1-7 (p. 599)

Message - “And he will be called ... Almighty God!”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“O Come, O Come Immanuel” – PH328:1,3,6,7

*God’s Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“Joy Has Dawned”

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 7	Esther 3-5; Luke 12:32-59
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 8	Esther 6-8; Luke 13:1-22
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Sermon Notes

Serving Assignments

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

3-6 Year olds In Fireside room – Sierra K, Kathy V, Tim V, Trevor V, Cassidy K, Gabi V, Jessica O, Austin O

7&8 Year Olds in church

Autism Support Person: Vicky D (Karen B)

Dylan Kelly R

Nursery Deb B, Kelly D, Nellie S, Emma W

Toddlers Laura J, Chris J, Ethan W

Ushers Brian P, Scott V

Coffee Servers John & Rosie E, Byron & Erika G

Greeters Epp D, Vicky D, Nellie S

Next Sunday

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7&8 Year Olds in church

Autism Support Person: Karen B (Mieke N)

Dylan Bernice S

Nursery Steph B, Joanne D, Anne-Marie W, Madison L

Toddlers Rosie E, Mike K, Cadence K, Austin O

Ushers Byron G, Dan S

Coffee Servers Karl & Wilma V, Mike & Jessica D

Greeters Anita W, Bas & Trudy S, Kurtis B, Andria S, Andy V

Heart to Heart - Friday

Nursery: Betty G, Marlene M

Toddler#1: Margaret D, Diane D

Toddler#2: Colleen S, Wendy V

Rover: Rachel S

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Tracy V, Anita W, Darren W, Colin B, Pieter B, Bailey V

Anniversaries this week

Tim & Marlene M, Harry & Sharon H

New Baby! Dan & Christine V were blessed with the birth of their fourth child, a boy. Easton Neil was born Sunday Nov. 27, weighing 9lbs, 4oz at birth. Mother and son are doing great and Tyson, Jordan, and Tori are thrilled to have a new brother. The Lord be praised.

Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for the Spirit’s guidance for the Vision Team as they now begin working with the ideas and themes drawn together at the Visioning weekend just over a week ago. Pray that the Lord’s plans for Bethany may shine through all that was and will be discussed.
- ❖ Pray for all those who are suffering through the flu this time of year. Pray especially for the very young, the elderly and anyone who has weakened health already. May the Lord grant His gracious care and healing.
- ❖ Keep **John T** in your prayers. He is able to be on dialysis at home and is doing OK at this time. If you would like to visit, please just call ahead to determine a good time to come.
- ❖ **Nancy M** remains in Port Colborne hospital, 2West Room 41. Pray for patience and healing for her. You can phone her at 905-834-4501 ext 39302.
- ❖ **Cynthia N** continues to be a little better each day after her hip surgery. May the Lord grant her a healing pathway forward.
- ❖ Keep **Ans R** in your prayers as they await a CAT scan and those results. Through all this Ed & Ans continue to trust in our Lord and Saviour.
- ❖ Pray for **Bertha B** as she has begun chemo treatments. Pray that side effects will be minimal and that the treatment will result in restored health. Pray for courage and peace for her and Brian and the family as they entrust themselves to the Lord’s care in this difficult journey.
- ❖ **Catherine S** (Grace V’s sister-in-law) received the disheartening news that her cancer has grown and that there is not many treatment options available. Pray for comfort and God’s gracious presence for her and husband Simon and their adult children Nick and Liz.
- ❖ **Becky W** (John & Joanne Z’s granddaughter) had discouraging news. She had to go back to the hospital for more treatments. Pray for healing mercies for Becky and the Lord’s grace to surround them all.

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** (mention if you are member/regular attender of Bethany) & **Elisha House Ministries 905-735-9934**.