

# Welcome!

When we say the word "church", we easily picture a building of a distinct style that identifies it as a place of worship. In the next number of weeks we will be exploring the Bible's book of Acts. What does our Lord intend the church to be and do? When we invite each other to be part of the church here in Bethany, we don't mean to be part of the furniture or building ☺, but to be living members connected to Jesus and so also to each other. Let's explore together. Pastor Colin.



## Visitors/Guests Notes

### COMMUNICATION CARD

We want to get to know you! Feel free to fill out the Visitor/Prayer Card in the bench and drop it in the offering bag.

### 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

### General Information

Office Administrator	905-892-8980	info@bethanycrc.ca
Pastor Colin Vander Ploeg	905-892-7745	colin@bethanycrc.ca
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Worship & LiFE Group Ministry		nicole@bethanycrc.ca
Youth Ministry		janelle_roorda@hotmail.com

## We Partner With

### Locally

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

### Globally

Check out [www.crcna.org](http://www.crcna.org)

Tom & Deb deRuiter who are serving in Mali, West Africa

Email: [adiallo\\_78@hotmail.com](mailto:adiallo_78@hotmail.com) – CRC World Missions

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa.

Email: [devon@handsatwork.org](mailto:devon@handsatwork.org)

Check out 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)  
**Worship Service** 9:30am  
**Reflections Bible Study** 7:30pm at Bill & Ann VanLochems (743 Canboro Rd Fenwick 905-892-8581). Lesson#7 of 1<sup>st</sup> Peter. Newcomers always welcome!

## Upcoming

**Next Sunday** *Baptism of Colton Wegelin, infant son of Kyle & Stephanie*  
**Next Week's Offerings:** Deacons Benevolent Fund  
 January 21<sup>st</sup> **Council** meeting 7:30pm at church.  
 January 25<sup>th</sup> **Konnect 20** (young adults) 7:30pm at Rudy & Debbie Boverhof (4203 Elcho Rd. Wellandport, 905-386-6802)  
 Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Mar 29<sup>th</sup>: **Christianity Explored!** An informal 7-week course for people who'd like to investigate Christianity, or just brush up on the basics. Looking at Mark's gospel, it explores who Jesus is, why He came, and what it means to follow Him. No prior Bible knowledge assumed. Course is free. Please contact Pastor Colin to sign up.

## Get Equipped for Faith Life

### Students (Grades 4-12)

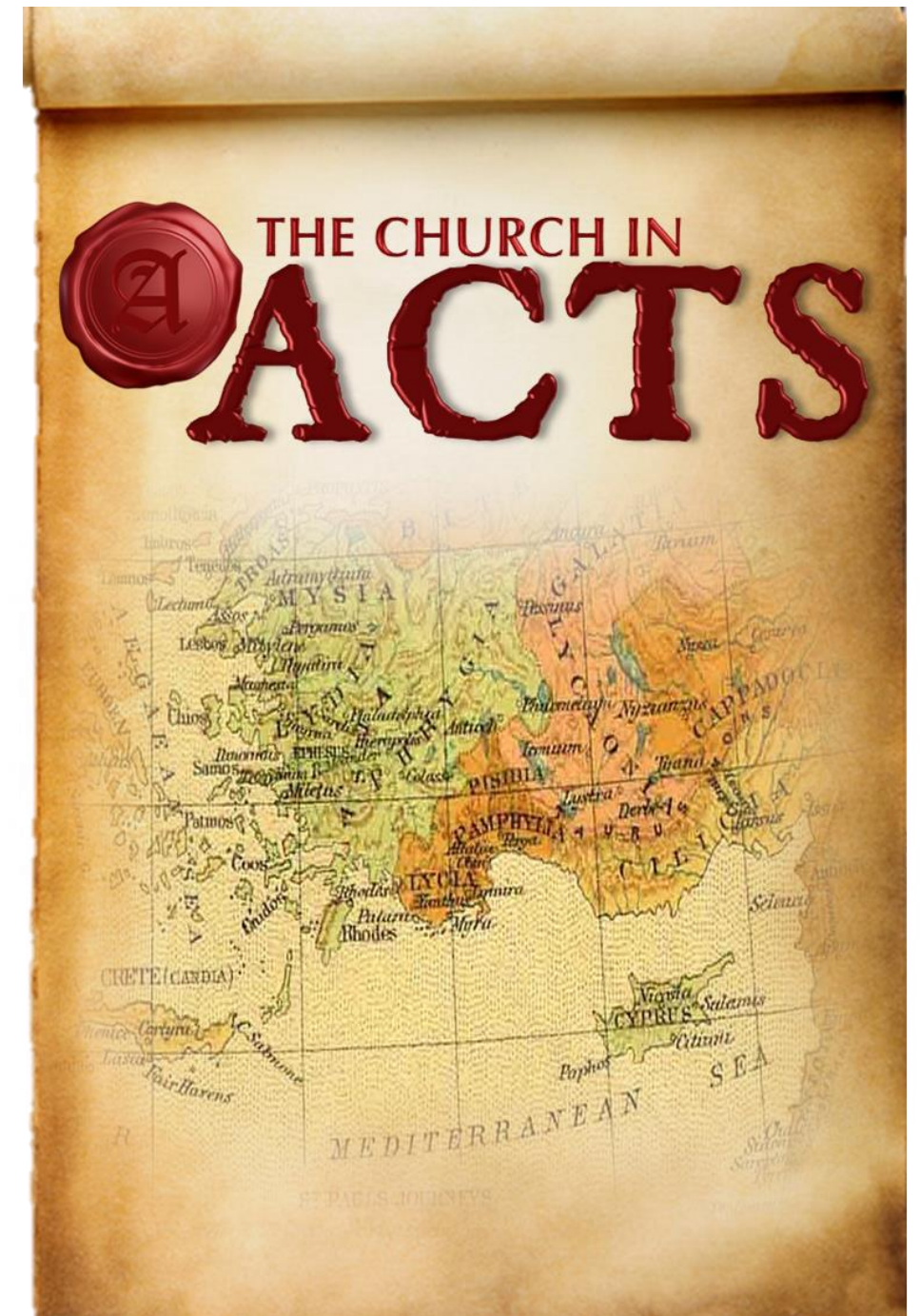
GEMS-girls grade 4-8	Mondays	7:00-9:00pm
Faith Instruction		
-grade 9-12	Tuesdays	7:00-8:00pm
Cadets-boys grade 4-8	Thursdays	7:00-9:00pm
MERGE	Sundays	7:00pm every other Sunday evening

### LiFE Groups (adults)

Men's Bible Study	Mondays	6:00am
Coffee Break (women)	Tuesdays	9:30am in Welland at Grace CRC
Men's Bible Study	Tuesdays	8:00pm
Heart to Heart (women)	Fridays	9:30am



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> January 18	Genesis 43-45; Romans 15:1-13
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> January 20	Genesis 49-50; Romans 16
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> January 21	Isaiah 1-2; Mark 1:1-22
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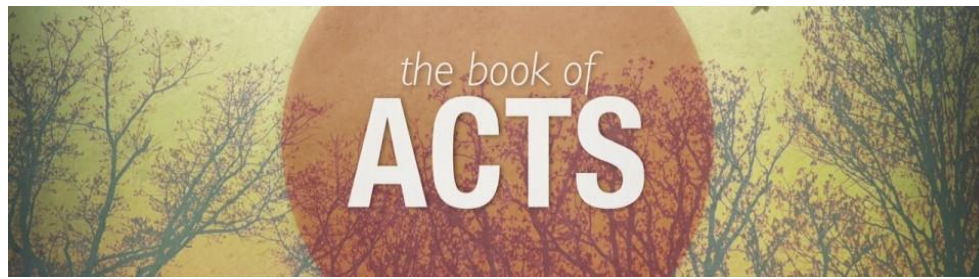


## Bethany Christian Reformed Church

January 18, 2015  
9:30am



## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

- \*Opening Songs & God's Word of greeting  
"O Give the Lord Wholehearted Praise"  
"Great are You Lord"  
"O How Good it is"

### The Lord Shows Us His Grace

#### Lord's Supper

- "All I Have is Christ"  
"See What a Morning"

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

#### Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA
2. Deacons' care ministry

#### Prayers of God's People

### The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

- Acts 2:42-47 (p. 951 in bench bibles)  
"Formula for Success or Faithfulness?"

### We Respond with Joy & Commitment

#### Commissioning of Devon VanHoffen

- \*God's Word of blessing & closing songs  
"In Christ Alone"

## Sermon Notes

Formula for Success or Faithfulness?

## Serving Assignments

Please arrive by 9:15am for Nursery & Toddlers

### Today

- Little Lambs** Stephanie Beldman, Andrea DeVries, Teryl Dam  
**3 year olds** Michelle Langendoen, Cadence Kiers  
**4 year olds** Christine VanGeest, Cassidy Kiers  
**5 year olds** Rachel Scholman, Morgan Glasbergen  
**Nursery-Babies** Karen Bylsma, Julienne Marr, Kate Vahrmeyer, Haley Glasbergen  
**Toddlers** Joanne Dam, Diana Slappendel, Jesse VanHoorn  
**Ushers** Mike DenBak, Chris Jorritsma  
**Greeters** Jerry & Jen Kiers, Ken & Nell Overbeeke, Harry & Sharon Hielema, Pete & Karen Veldhuizen  
**Coffee Servers** Bill & Tina Vahrmeyer, Nate & Tanya Lane  
**Email deRuiters** JJ & Colleen Keizer

### Next Sunday

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**Nursery-Babies** Ans Roorda, Anita Vander Ploeg, Vicky DenBak, Jody VanHoorn  
**Toddlers** Pete Glasbergen, Lynn Janssen, Braden Marr  
**Ushers** Chris Smit, Mary Bokma  
**Greeters** Cor & Ina VanSoelen, Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, Joanne Dam

**Coffee Servers** Richard & Becky VanLochem, Richard & Lisa Ormel  
**Email deRuiters** Alfred & Ann Kiers

**Heart to Heart (this Friday)** **Nursery:** Karen Langendoen, Ann Hook, Tina Vahrmeyer, Caroline Janssens  
**Toddlers:** Sharon Hielema, Rita Forestell  
**Rover:** Grace Vander Veen

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

## Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Emily Vander Veen, Allison VanLochem, Karl Vahrmeyer, Lloyd Wierenga, Arianna Veldhuizen, Julienne Marr, Arnold Dykstra

### Anniversaries this week

None this week

### Prayers requested

- ❖ Pray for the Lord's hand in the process of Alexander Nunez (husband to Elise nee Wierenga) to being able to move here from Honduras as soon as possible.
- ❖ Pray for Mikayla Vahrmeyer who is scheduled to have surgery to repair her right eye strabismus on January 20th. Please pray for comfort for Mikayla and that she would have minimal pain after the surgery as well as heal quickly. Also pray for guidance for the surgeons and for strength for Karl & Annie. We know that God is the master healer.
- ❖ Keep Dwight & Carrie TeBrake & family in your prayers. Their daughter Leah was born 12 weeks premature by emergency C-section and Carrie also endured many hours of surgery. Pray for healing and strength for both mom & baby and as Dwight is at home caring for their 3 young boys.
- ❖ Keep Harrison Exelby in your prayers as well. He is a grade 9 student at Smithville Christian High School who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma cancer - a tumour around his heart. He is currently being treated very aggressively with chemo and is responding quite well.
- ❖ Pray for Dylan Van Driel. The results from his test in November indicated no seizure activity which is good. Also surgery has been postponed as doctor's work with non-surgical therapy for now. Pray for a blessing on these treatments. Also pray for the Lord to guide the accessibility home renovations that are needed at the Van Driel's that all that is needed will be provided and fall into place.
- ❖ Give thanks to the Lord with John 1235
- ❖ and Debbie VanMaaren that John's Melanoma cancer surgery went very well and there was no evidence of any further spread beyond what was removed.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those dealing with ongoing infirmity due to age, illness or injury: Nancy Manns, Luke Smit, Hermien Korten, and others.
- ❖ Keep Melanie Tempelman in your prayers as she deals with anxiety disorder that often prohibits her from doing many things she would love to do. Pray for patience and wisdom for her and physicians as they explore medications. May the Lord grant effective help for all of us who deal with ongoing mental and emotional conditions.
- ❖ Pray for those who are dealing with cancer-Kevin Vanderlee (Denise Glasbergen's brother), Wilma VanHuizen (Ray VanHuizen's mother), Dalton (Shelby Kremer's brother).
- ❖ We give thanks that Nicholas, grandson of the Evers, is doing well through his radiation treatments. Pray for strength to complete the treatments this month and for complete healing through them.

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."  
Romans 12:12