

Welcome to Bethany

Are you glad for a time of rest this morning? Perhaps you were quite busy getting the family ready to come to worship. Perhaps there were work related things that demanded your attention this morning already. In the context of the fast pace of life today, we listen to the Lord in His Word concerning Sabbath rest. It is not a rule to be obeyed but a gift to be received that is intended to move itself right into the very fabric of our lives, work and rest, for His glory.

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.

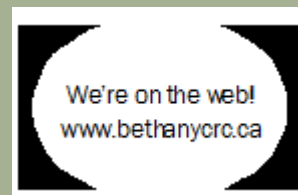
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Why Are We Here?

Bethany ministry vision:

Everyone Growing in Jesus!

deep connecting—lifelong equipping—compassionate serving



How to contact Bethany Church

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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

Devon & Lerato Van Hoffen in Africa. Email devon@handsatwork.org

Happening Today

Worship Leaders 8:30am – time of praise, prayer, & preparation

Pre-service Prayer 9:45am – Council & worship leaders (in Multi-use room)

Upcoming

Next Sunday's offering: Redeemer University College

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "By Faith"

Feb 4th: Baptisms of Fredrick James, newborn of Bryan & Veronica and of Jed James Peter, newborn of Brandon & Kristy (Kristy will also be officially joining Bethany through her re-affirmation of faith).

Feb 11th: Teen Challenge service 10:30 AM start time & potluck afterwards (please sign up on sheets on glass sanctuary doors)

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

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 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 – Tuesdays 6:00am (coffee provided!)

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

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

Women's Bible Study – **REMINDER:** The Bethany

Ladies Bible Study meets at Bethany in the Fireside Room this coming Tuesday night 7 o'clock. We are studying 1&2 Peter and Jude. One of our discussion points will be: "Describe one of the more difficult relationships of your past. Then describe one of your most valuable relationships and what made it valuable. Are we inviting God into these relationships? Come and join us on this journey! BRING YOUR OWN coffee tea or water.



NIAGARA YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP

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

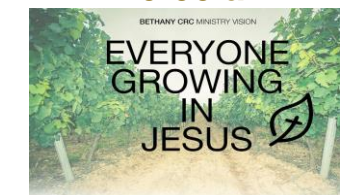
"Crazy Love". Questions? Contact Mary Bokma 905-892-0529.

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Bethany Christian Reformed Church

January 28, 2018
10:00 am



Deep connecting
Lifelong equipping
Compassionate serving

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship: Psalm 148:1-6, 13

*Opening Song

“Praise the Lord, Sing Hallelujah” – PH188

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

“How Great Is Our God”

“O Praise the Name”

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession

God’s Word of Assurance: Matthew 11:25-30

Song of Response

“Great Are You, Lord”

Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“I’ve Got the Joy, Joy, Joy”

(Bethany Kids ages 3-6 & Jr. GEMS/Cadets ages 7-8 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 – Genesis 2:1-3

Message title “Set Aside to Celebrate (Gift of Sabbath)”

The Lord Moves Us to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“We Sing the Mighty Power of God” – LUYH10

*God’s Word of Blessing

*Closing song

“As You Go”

Sermon Discussion Questions

1. What has been your practices and views of “Sabbath” or “Sunday observance” as many have called it? What were some older views and practices of the past? What do you think of these?
2. Share together how your particular practices facilitate rest? What kind of rest are you usually looking for?
3. The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 103 represents the only direct reference to Sabbath in our confessions. The first part of the answer reminds us of the call to weekly worship. Does worship give you rest from your work? How so?
4. The second part of Q&A 103 says, “that every day of my life I rest from my evil ways, let the Lord work in me through His Spirit, and so begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.” Is this still about Sabbath rest? How so?
5. When God rested on the 7th day, what was He doing? In other words, what is the transition here, from what to what activity of God?
6. Ancient Near Eastern cultures, including ancient Israel, would have immediately heard Genesis 2:2-3 as a temple enthronement of God. Read Ephesians 2:19-22. What is the connection between this temple imagery and the Genesis 2 passage? In other words, what is the connection between our personal salvation in Christ and the creation as a whole? Think again of the start and end of the Bible.
7. What practices or attitudes would be helpful for you personally to more deeply experience the Sabbath rest of the Lord in your life?

Bethany Congregation Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Ryan VL (28th), Tina B (29th), Joanne B (30th), Kelly R (30th), Wilma A (31st), Nancy M (2nd), Levi E (3rd), Jesse VH (3rd)

Anniversaries this week

None this week

NEW BABIES!! On January 20th, **Joy Annette K** was born to **Mike & Laura**, their second child. Joy weighed 6lbs 10oz (3.01kg) at birth and mother and daughter are doing fine.

On January 26th, **Lennon Rayne J** was born to Kaitlyn & Chris, their third child. Lennon weighed 7lbs 10 oz (3.46kg) at birth and mother and daughter are doing fine.

Prayers requested

- ❖ **Nell & Ken O:** “We give thanks to the Lord for His mercies in sparing Nell’s life through her heart attack as well as His loving care shown through all of you through cards, calls, prayers, and supports in so many loving ways. Nell’s progress is steady even if at a slow pace, but she is getting stronger each day. We praise the Lord for you all here in Bethany.”
- ❖ Give thanks that **Klass B** (brother to Dick & Hilbert) was able to undergo heart surgery this past week. Surgery went very well. Praise the Lord for His kindness to us. May He grant Klass steady progress in healing.

Serving Assignments

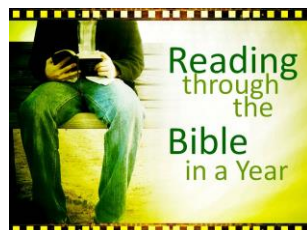
Today [Please arrive by 9:45am for Nursery & Toddlers]

Adventurers	Vicky D, Austin O
Travelers	Jody V, Nathan D
Discoverers	Becky VL, Jody VH
Explorers	Ray & Nicole VH, helper
Seekers	Cynthia N, Andria B
Jr. Cadets	Ryan VL, Dan VG
Dylan	Kevin W
Jr. GEMS	Annie Vr, Erika G
Autism Support Person	Cassidy K (Morgan G)
Nursery	Mary B, Hilda D, Marijke VD, Madison L
Toddlers	Dave D, Stephanie W, Jayden V
Ushers	Chris S, Mary B
Coffee Servers	Richard & Becky VL, Byron & Erika G
Greeters	Cor VS, Hans & Hilda D, Ans R, Joanne D
Sunday School Sign In:	Rudy & Debbie B

Next Sunday [Please arrive by 9:45am for Nursery & Toddlers]

Adventurers	Jenni/Anita W, Lauren VH
Travelers	Kelly D, Austin O
Discoverers	Colleen K, Evan VH
Explorers	Clarence & Tracy VS, Cadence K
Seekers	Trevor VH, Julia G
Jr. Cadets	Lloyd W, Ryan VL
Dylan	Kevin T
Jr. GEMS	Jenny D, Annie V
Autism Support Person	Morgan G (Aimie VL)
Nursery	Stephanie B, Riley K, Sandra S, Emily B
Toddlers	Rob B, Alex W, Shawn M
Ushers	Brian P, Scott VD
Coffee Servers	Ben & Joanne B, Zach & Steph B
Greeters	Jerry & Jen K, Epp D, Vicky D
Sunday School Sign In:	Bill & Tina V
Heat to Heart: Nursery:	Hennie V, Colleen S
Toddler 1:	Tena E, Dee S
Toddler 2:	Cynthia N, Tina V
Rover:	Alex W, Nellie S

- **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)



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