

Welcome!

May the Lord bless you this new year 2016 A.D. A.D. stands for “Anno Domini” which is Medieval Latin for “in the year of the Lord.” This designation was devised in 525 A.D. and counts the birth of Christ as the dividing point in all of history. Today you might also see the designation B.C.E and C.E. meaning “Before the Common Era” and “Common Era.” This is a way of making the designation religiously neutral since it is used throughout the world today. Yet isn’t it amazing that the separating point in history between BCE and CE remains the birth of the Savior of the world? This morning, Lord willing, we begin a series guided by one of our creeds, the Nicene Creed, which, among other things, speaks about who Jesus is. Both ancient and current, this historic statement of faith is one of many gifts with which the Lord of all years has blessed the Church. May we worship in gladness for His great faithfulness. Pastor Colin.

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



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

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

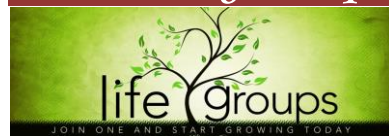
Pre-service Prayer 9:15am – Council & worship leaders (in Council room)

Upcoming

Next Week’s offering: Covenant Christian School (NACE)

Next Sunday (13th): Baptism of Malachi Munroe Damm, infant son of Peter & Netty.

Get Equipped for Faith Life



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

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**

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 1st Sunday of every month



Faith Instruction (Catechism) every

Tuesday at 7:00pm @ the church for

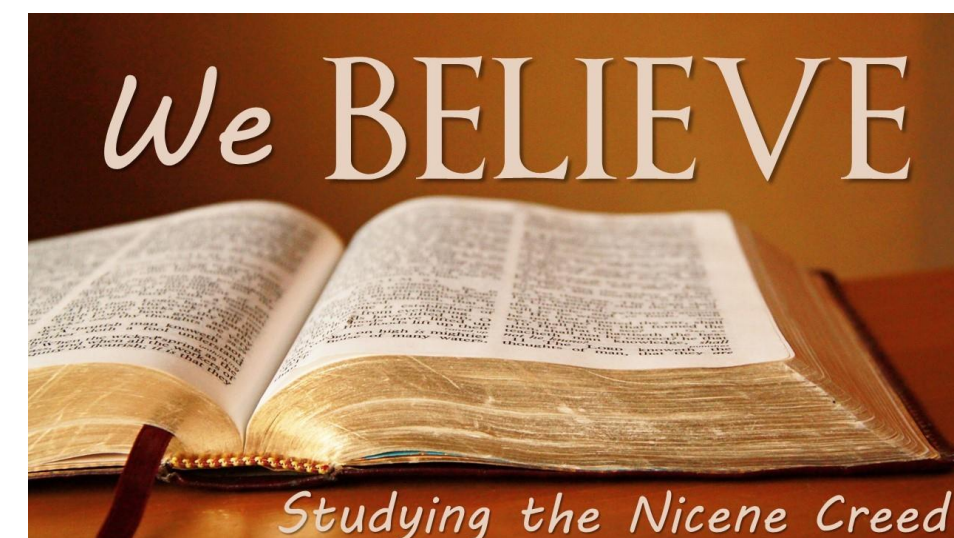
grades 9-12. **Resumes in January.**

MERGE (youth group) from 7-9

is for grades 9-12.

Welcome to Bethany!

Let us rejoice in the Lord together!



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

January 3, 2016
9:30am

Connecting

Church Office Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980

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colin@bethanycrc.ca

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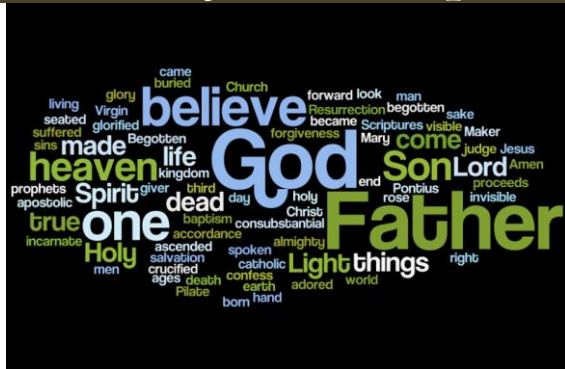
andrea@bethanycrc.ca

Children’s Ministry Lorraine Wierenga 905-892-6961

lorraine@bethanycrc.ca

Worship/LIFE Groups (position vacant—contact Pastor Colin)

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

*Responsive Call to Worship (based on Acts 4:11-12)

*Opening Song

“Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Songs of Praise

“The Lord Is”

“Across the Lands”

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Reflection Video of 2015

Song of Response

“O Come, All Ye Faithful”

*Words of our Faith: Recite the Nicene Creed

*Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“I Believe in Jesus”

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

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Rose City Kids

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

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-10 (p.1066)

Message: “Nicene Creed: Introduction”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“How Great Thou Art”

*God’s Word of blessing

*Closing Song

“Salvation Belongs to Our God”



- January 3
- January 4
- January 5
- January 6
- January 7
- January 8
- January 9

Genesis 7-9; Romans 3
 Genesis 10-12; Romans 4
 Genesis 13-15; Romans 5
 Genesis 16-17; Romans 6
 Genesis 18-19; Romans 7
 Genesis 20-22; Romans 8:1-21
 Genesis 23-24; Romans 8:22-39

Sermon follow-up ...

1. Do you ever use the creeds of the church, in your past or present?
2. In the history of the CRC, some have said that our creeds and confessions were often held up as almost equal to the Bible itself. What has been your experience concerning this?
3. Is it important still today to know church creeds? If so, in what ways can we use them? If not, why not?
4. What is the most basic creedal statement you can make? [Hint: answer Jesus’s question in Matthew 16:13+]. Could a Christian ever avoid using creedal statements (i.e. “I believe” statements)?
5. For further study, read up on what the Jehovah’s Witnesses believe about who Jesus is ... and then re-read the Nicene Creed. This is a similar heresy to the one the Creed was written to respond to in ancient times.
6. Should we talk about “heresies” today? Why or why not?

Serving Assignments

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

3 Year olds-A	Tanya Lane, Cadence Kiers
3 Year olds-B	Vicky DenBak, Tawnya VanHoorn
4 Year olds	Sierra Kiers, Cassidy Kiers
5 Year olds	Becky VanLochem, Emma Wubs
6 Year olds	Diana Slappendel, Morgan Glasbergen
7 & Year olds	Jen Kiers, Andria Slappendel
Courtney	Rita Forestell
Dylan	Sonya VanDriel
Nursery	Glenda Bouwers, Liz Johnston, Natalie Langendoen, Evan VanHuizen
Toddlers	Zach Beldman, Veronica Slappendel, Jesse VanHoorn
Ushers	Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel
Coffee Servers	Gerry & Cynthia Vermeer, John & Joanne Zwier
Greeters	John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Vicky DenBak, Nellie Scholman, Gerry Evers

Next Sunday

3 Year olds-A	Tanya Lane, Cadence Kiers
3 Year olds-B	Vicky DenBak, Tawnya VanHoorn
4 Year olds	Sierra Kiers, Cassidy Kiers
5 Year olds	Becky VanLochem, Emma Wubs
6 Year olds	Tim VanHoffen, Kathleen VanHoffen
7 & Year olds	Cynthia Nauta, Mackenzie/Riley Kremer
Courtney	Caroline Janssens
Dylan	Chris Smit
Nursery	Julia Glasbergen, Jody VanderStelt, Jessica Dyer, Jody VanHoorn
Toddlers	Ethan VanHuizen, Rob Bouwers, Rosie Enzlin
Ushers	Byron Garner, Dan Scholman
Coffee Servers	Chris Smit, Dorothy VanAmelsvoort, Brian & Debbie Prins
Greeters	Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Andy VanDriel

Heart to Heart: Storytime: Lauren Dam, Veronica Slappendel

Nursery: Sylvia Damm, Tina Vahrmeyer, Sharon Hielema

Toddlers: Gwenda VandenBogert, Nellie Scholman

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Jody VanderStelt, Vicky DenBak, Hunter Lane

Anniversaries this week

None this week

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 a blessing on the re-start of school for all ages, for students, staff and teachers. Pray for safe travel for those studying at a distance from home as they return.
- ❖ Pray for patience for **Hermien Korten** and **Pastor Colin’s mother Helen** who remain in hospital undergoing physio for mobility issues. May the Lord grant them strength.
- ❖ Pray for healing for Ryan & Andrea Veldhuizen’s daughter Cheyenne who was admitted to hospital recently with abdominal pain. Pray the doctors can find effective treatment. Pray for patience and relief from pain for Cheyenne, and peace for her parents.
- ❖ Give thanks the illness outbreak in **Shalom Manor & Gardens** has ended.
- ❖ Continue to pray for **Arnold Dykstra**. At the time of this writing he is in Juravinski Cancer Centre in Hamilton. Pray for Arnold, Ellen, Brittany & Arnell and the rest of their family for peace and patience and for a measure of healing for Arnold. Pray for the strength found in the Spirit’s gifted faith they have, and for a deep sense of God’s love surrounding them all. He is able to have visitors, however, if you come and he is asleep, please let him sleep and wait until he awakes again.
- ❖ Pray for **Dalton Jacques** (Shelby Kremer’s brother). He continues to deal with his progressing cancer. 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 comfort each day for **Wilma VanHuizen** (Ray’s mother) and her family.
- ❖ Pray for **Harm Lottering** (Bill Thies’ bro-in-law) who is dying of cancer. Pray also for Bill Van Geest’s brother-in-law who suffered a major stroke and whose health is declining. Both are ready to meet their Lord and for that we give thanks. Pray for comfort and peace for them and their families.