

# Welcome!

This morning we are privileged to bear witness to the Lord's covenant promises in the baptism of three cousins! These little ones do not yet know of the Lord who now welcomes them into His Body, the Church, but they now grow up under the standing offer of grace through faith in Christ Jesus into which they will be discipled by their parents and their faith community. Praise the Lord who takes the initiative in our salvation!



## 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](http://www.bethanycrc.ca)

## Connecting

**Church Office** Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980  
info@bethanycrc.ca  
**Pastor** Colin Vander Ploeg 905-931-5841 [call/text]  
colin@bethanycrc.ca  
**Youth Director** Andrea Veldhuizen 905-975-8484 [call/text]  
andrea@bethanycrc.ca  
**Children's Ministry** Lorraine Wierenga 905-892-6961  
lorraine@bethanycrc.ca  
**Worship/LIFE Groups** (position vacant—contact Pastor Colin)

## 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](http://www.crcna.org)

Devon Van Hoffen serving in Africa. Email Devon at [devon@handsatwork.org](mailto:devon@handsatwork.org)

Follow Devon on 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)

**Adult Bible Study** at Lloyd and Anita Wierenga's at 7:00. Study Session 2 and read Introduction and Chapter One from The Prodigal God. (see pg. 17 from discussion guide)

**Konnect 20** meets at Boverhof's tonight at 7:30pm-4203 Elcho Road, Wellandport

## Upcoming

**Next Week's offering:** World Hunger/Peter Fish

**Tuesday** Men's Bible Study will continue at 8:00pm at church. Volume 2 from the series Authentic Manhood. Contact Ed Roorda 905-892-1362

**Sunday Nov. 8:** **NOTE: 10 AM start** to enable us to attend the Remembrance Day ceremony in Fenwick's Centennial Park (999 Church St.)

## Get Equipped for Faith Life



### 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-tonight & 29<sup>th</sup>

### Potluck/Bible Study Group

4:30pm on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month

### Bethany Women's Bible Study

The next meeting will be held at Cynthia Vermeer's at 7:30pm.



**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](mailto: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



### Faith Instruction (Catechism) every

Tuesday at 7:00pm @ the church for grades 9-12

### MERGE (youth group) from 7-9

is for grades 9-12. Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> is

SERVICE night at church for Zambia Team

helping with pies.

# Welcome to Bethany!

We're glad you joined us!



## Bethany Christian Reformed Church

November 1, 2015

9:30am



## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

- \*Opening Song  
"Great is Thy Faithfulness"
- \*God's Word of greeting
- \*Greet one another with the peace of Christ
- \*Songs of Praise  
"All is Well"  
"How Great Thou Art"

### The Lord Shows Us His Grace

- Baptism of Deacan Dryer, Tori VanGeest, Trent Wierenga
- Song of Thankfulness  
"Great Are You Lord"
- Gathered Family Prayer
- Children's Song of Thankfulness  
"I've Got the Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy"

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

- Prayer & Offerings
  1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA
  2. Shalom Manor
- Prayers of God's People

### The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

- Scripture: Isaiah 41:1-20 (p627)
- Message "The Redeemer's Initiative"
- Prayer of blessing

### The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

- \*Songs of Response  
"Christ Be All Around Me"
- \*God's Word of blessing
- \*Closing Song  
"10,000 Reasons"



<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 1	2 Samuel 19-20; 2 John
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 3	2 Samuel 23-24; Colossians 1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 4	Nahum 1-3; Colossians 2
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 5	Habakkuk 1-3; Colossians 3
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 6	Zephaniah 1-3; Colossians 4
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> November 7	Ezra 1-2; 2 Timothy 1

## Sermon Discussion Starters

- What is the connection between baptism God's message to Israel here?
- How is power, control, strength, demonstrated in our world today? Where do we see it portrayed? Who are the heroes in our culture today?
- Verse 2-3 is talking about Cyrus the Great of Persia. Is the Lord still in control of the events of the world today? What makes this difficult to believe at times? Think both about your own life and the global scene today ...
- The Lord declares through Isaiah that even in disaster, people continued to seek after their gods for help. If "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" <sup>Matt. 6:21</sup> where does our trust often go to in our day to day lives? Use specific examples from your own life.
- What would it look like to turn from our "gods" and fully rely on the Lord?
- What would it take or what would have to happen in us or among us for that shift in trust to grow?

## Serving Assignments

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

- 3 year olds A** Anita/Jenni Wierenga, Cadence Kiers
- 3 year olds B** Wendy Vahrmeyer, Kean Veldhuizen
- 4 year olds** Kelly Dam, Ethan Wubs
- 5 year olds** Colleen Keizer, Gabi VanSoelen
- 6 year olds** Diana Slappendel, Morgan Glasbergen
- 7&8 year old** Jen Kiers, Andria Slappendel
- Courtney** Grace Vander Veen
- Dylan** Kelly Slappendel
- Nursery-Babies** Caroline Janssens, Andrea Veldhuizen, Glenda Bouwers, Jessica Ormel
- Toddlers** Steve VanLochem, Wendy Kremer, Tyler Glasbergen
- Ushers** Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel
- Coffee Servers** George & Joyce DeRoo, Pete & Denise Glasbergen
- Greeters** Maria DeJonge, John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Vicky DenBak, Nellie Scholman, Gerry Evers

**Next Sunday**

- 3 year olds A** Anita/Jenni Wierenga, Cadence Kiers
- 3 year olds B** Wendy Vahrmeyer, Kean Veldhuizen
- 4 year olds** Kelly Dam, Ethan Wubs
- 5 year olds** Colleen Keizer, Gabi VanSoelen
- 6 year olds** Tim VanHoffen, Kathy VanHoffen
- 7&8 year old** Cynthia Nauta, Mackenzie/Riley Kremer
- Courtney** Karissa Vantwel
- Dylan** Sonya VanDriel
- Nursery-Babies** Laura Janssen, Coby Bosgraaf, Elaine VanHoorn, Cassidy Kiers
- Toddlers** Lynn Janssen, Chris Jorritsma, Madison Lapenna
- Ushers** Byron Garner, Dan Scholman
- Coffee Servers** Pete & Lorraine Wierenga, Dan & Rachel Scholman
- Greeters** Anita Wierenga, Bas & Trudy Slappendel, Kurtis Bouwers, Andria Slappendel, Andy VanDriel

**Friday-Heart to Heart: Storytime:** Lauren Dam, Marijke VanDriel

**Nursery:** Hennie Vellenga, Tina Vahrmeyer, Caroline Janssens

**Toddlers:** Rita Forestell, Ans Roorda

**If you are interested in serving please contact the office**

## Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Stephanie Beldman, Cor VanSoelen, Kurtis Bouwers, Mike Forestell, Laura Klapwyk, Caleb Veldhuizen, Joseph Vander Ploeg

### 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 **Dalton Jacques** (Shelby Kremer's teen brother) as he continues to deal with difficult cancer. Pray that his trust may rest in the Lord and that the Lord may grant him a measure of healing
- ❖ Pray for those dealing with cancer: **Nick Kiers, George Holtoff, Tim Robson & Kevin Vanderlee.** Pray for continued healing and help for all.
- ❖ This past week, the Lord in His sovereign wisdom, called home to Himself, **Jessie Bruining**, through complications after surgery. Though this happened suddenly and she will be dearly missed, we take comfort in that Jesse was redeemed by the Lord and is safe in His glorious presence. Visitation took place yesterday. **The funeral service is scheduled for tomorrow, Monday Nov. 2 at 11:00 AM at Ebenezer CRC, Jarvis, ON (139B Talbot St. E).** May the Lord comfort the whole Bruining family, husband Ben, his 5 children and their families and also from Bethany, siblings Leo (Margaret) & Epp (Diana) DeVries & Ann (Bill) Van Lochem and their families.

