

Welcome!



This is the first Sunday of Advent, 2015. Our focus is Hope. When reading through the Bible, it can seem that God's people had to wait a long, long time before their hope for a Messiah was realized. It was a long time. However, the hope given by God began already in the beginning. Right after the fall into sin of the first heads of humanity, Adam & Eve, our first parents, God announced a word of hope, and in driving them from Eden, also spared their lives, an act of mercy that brings hope. And so the journey began toward the coming of the God of Hope in the person of Jesus Christ. Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

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

Connecting

Church Office Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980
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Youth Director Andrea Veldhuizen 905-975-8484 [call/text]
andrea@bethanycrc.ca

Children's Ministry Lorraine Wierenga 905-892-6961
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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
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: Friendship

Dec. 2nd Service of Hope for the Bereaved, combined service of the churches of Pelham, 7pm at Pelham Community Church (461 Canboro Rd.)

Dec. 13th Adult Bible Study/Christmas Party will be at Mike and Vicky DenBak's at 6:00. Please bring your favorite finger foods and we will be discussing Session 3.

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

Potluck/Bible Study Group

4:30pm on 1st Sunday of every month

Bethany Women's Bible Study

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



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. We are meeting tonight at church.



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

Welcome to Bethany!

Let us rejoice in the Lord together!



1st Sunday of Advent

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

November 29, 2015

9:30am

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

- *Opening Song
"Cornerstone"
"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"
- *God's Word of greeting
- *Greet one another with the peace of Christ
- *Songs of Praise
"O Come O Come Emmanuel" –vs1,2,3,5
"Prepare Him Room"

The Lord Shows Us His Grace

Lighting of Advent Candle
Prayer

(Children ages 3-6 invited downstairs for Sunday School)

The Lord Speaks to Us through His Word

Scripture: Isaiah 9:1-7 (p.599)
Message "Hope-The Promise of a Saviour"
Prayer of blessing & Prayers of God's People

The Lord Sends Us Out to Celebrate & Serve

- *Song of Response
"Hope Has Come"
- Prayer & Offerings
1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA
2. Hands at Work –Devon VanHoffen
- *God's Word of blessing
- *Closing Song
"Jesus, Hope of the Nations"



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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 1	2 Chronicles 25-27; Luke 9:37-62
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 2	2 Chronicles 28-29; Luke 10:1-24
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 3	2 Chronicles 30-31; Luke 10:25-42
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 4	2 Chronicles 32-33; Luke 11:1-28
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> December 5	2 Chronicles 34-36; Luke 11:29-54

1235 Sermon follow-up ...

1. Consider Israel's long wait for the Savior to come. How do you think God's people fought against doubt, discouragement and the temptation to believe God forgot them?
2. Are you good at waiting? Why or why not? What makes some promises easier to wait on than others?
3. God often gives us seasons of waiting to sift and strengthen our faith. If you are in a season of waiting, what might the Lord be teaching you?
4. How strong is your confidence that God keeps His promises? Explain. Then read 2 Corinthians 1:19-20. How does this passage affect your understanding of God's faithfulness?
5. What is one hope you have for yourself, your family or your community as you begin the Advent season? How will you make that a reality?

Pray for yourself and those around you, asking God to open your eyes and heart to what He has for you this Advent season.

Serving Assignments

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

Sunday School during Advent Season

Worship Leader: Karen Bylsma, Sierra Kiers

Teachers/helpers: Ray VanHuizen, Wendy Kremer, Andy VanDriel, Deb Prins, Sandra Stam, Karen Bylsma, Kean Veldhuizen, Cadence Kiers

Courtney Jen Kiers

Dylan Kelly Slappendel

Nursery-Babies Aimie VanLochem, Deb Geerlinks, Lauren VanHuizen, Arnell Dykstra

Toddlers Mary Bokma, Lauren Dam, Kaleigh Scholman

Ushers Dustin Vantwel, Scott VanDriel

Coffee Servers John & Heidi TeBrake, Kevin & Betty Twomey

Greeters Pete & Karen Veldhuizen, Deb & Rudy Boverhof, James Vander Veen, Emily Vander Veen

Next Sunday

Sunday School during Advent Season

Worship Leader: Jen Kiers

Teachers/helpers: Jen Kiers, Andria Slappendel, Morgan Glasbergen, Anita Wierenga, Jessica Ormel, Cadence Kiers

Courtney Anne-Marie Wubs

Dylan Bernice Slappendel

Nursery-Babies Liz Nauta, Madison Lapenna, Brenda Boverhof, Brittany Dykstra

Toddlers Michelle Forestell, Ethan Wubs, Laura Klapwyk

Ushers Brian Prins, Scott VanDriel

Coffee Servers Patrick & Shelby Kremer, John & Rosie Enzlin

Greeters Maria DeJonge, John Langendoen, Epp DeVries, Vicky DenBak, Nellie Scholman, Gerry Evers

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

Nursery: Ans Roorda, Caroline Janssens, Sylvia Damm

Toddlers: Rita Forestell, Diane Dam

If you are interested in serving please contact the office

Bethany Family Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Matt Johnston, Matthew Tempelman, Lauren VanHuizen, Brian Kremer, Miranda Langendoen, Jeremy de Roos, Colton Wegelin, Ethan Wubs, John TeBrake, Tracy VanSoelen, Anita Wierenga

Anniversaries this week

Luke & Martha Sikkens (30th), JJ & Colleen Keizer (8th)

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 the Lord's blessing on our congregational commitment to the next year of ministry. Give thanks also for a good turnout for the Pelham Refugee Response Syria initiative. An Organizing Committee was formed and next steps are being planned. Pray for a good community response as this goes forward.
- ❖ Pray for those dealing with cancer: **Dalton Jacques** (Shelby Kremer's brother) 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 good test results for **Kevin Vanderlee** (Denise Glasbergen's brother).
- ❖ Pray for strength and comfort each day for **Wilma VanHuizen** (Ray's mother) and her family.
- ❖ **Tim Robson** (Mike's father) continues to await further surgery. Pray that the date may be available soon and that Tim may be healthy enough to undergo that treatment.
- ❖ Pray for **Harm Lottering** (Bill Thies' bro-in-law) who is dying of cancer. Harm is ready to enter the glorious presence of his heavenly Father. Pray for wife Jane and their son and family as they walk this difficult journey. Harm is 81 years old and lives in The Netherlands.
- ❖ Pray for those who are unable to attend worship because of age or infirmity. Pray for **Luke Smit, Hermien Korten, Nancy Manns, Melanie Tempelman** and others in our families and communities. May the experience the fullness of God's love also in the trials of weakened health.
- ❖ Pray for comfort and hope for those who mourn. Pray for the Kiers family in the recent death of their son & brother Nick. He was also the grandson of Gerry & Tena Evers. May the Lord surround them all with His peace.