

# Welcome to Bethany!

“Everyone Growing in Jesus  
Deep Connecting

Lifelong Equipping

Compassionate Serving”

This morning we focus on the Compassionate Serving part of our ministry vision. Praise the Lord for the many ways many serve and seek the Spirit’s leading in serving.

## 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.**

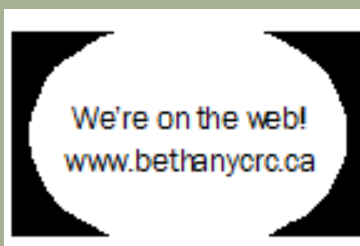
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

## Why Are We Here?

Bethany ministry vision:

**Everyone Growing in Jesus!**

Deep connecting—lifelong equipping—compassionate serving



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

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

## Happening Today

**Worship Leaders** 8:00am – time of praise, prayer, & preparation

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

**Jr. Cadets & Jr. GEMS** (age 7-8) begins this morning when they are dismissed from the service.

## Upcoming

**Next Sunday's offering: Deacons**

**Thanksgiving Day offering: World Renew**

**Next Sunday's Children's Song: "The Butterfly Song"**

**Oct 4<sup>th</sup> – Nov 8<sup>th</sup>** Authentic Manhood course (Wednesday evenings here)

**Oct 9<sup>th</sup>** – Thanksgiving Day service at 10:30am

**Nov 5<sup>th</sup>** – Remembrance Day service at 10:30am

**Nov 12<sup>th</sup>** – Teen Challenge service at 10:30am

## Get Equipped for Faith Life



**GEMS:** Meets Thursday evenings from 7-8:30pm for girls in grades 4-8. For more information, contact Diana cell: 289-696-5567 or email: [dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com](mailto:dj.diana.slappendel@gmail.com)

**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. Starts October 5. For more information, contact Mike, email: [mikecdreyer@hotmail.com](mailto: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



**Men's Bible Study** – Tuesdays at 6:00am

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

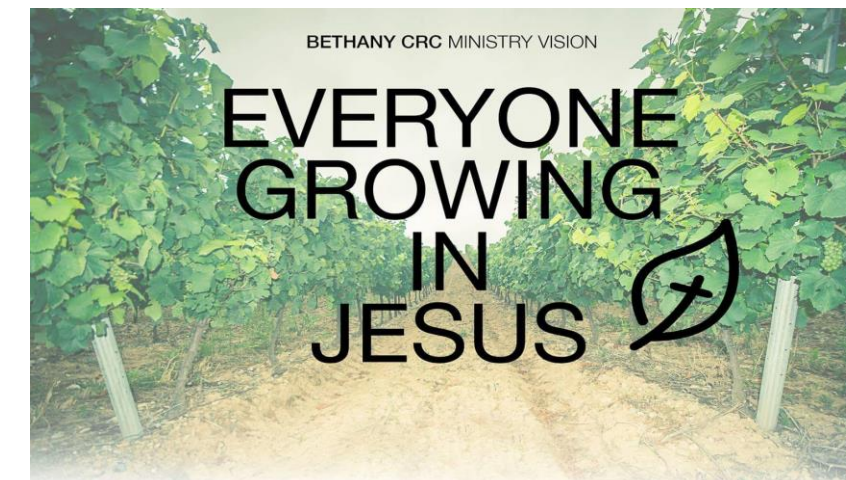
**Heart to Heart (women)** – Fridays at 9:30am

**Women's Bible Study** – We will begin meeting at Cynthia V's home on November 2, 2017 at 7 o'clock We are going to study 1&2 Peter and Jude (Life Guide Bible Studies). If you have been thinking about enriching your life through bible study come and join us on Thursday nights and as a added bonus make some new friendships or refresh some old relationships! All ladies are welcome!

**Faith Instruction (high school)** – t.b.a.

**MERGE (youth group)** – for grades 9-12. Resumes in the Fall. Questions? Call Andrea at 905-975-8484

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## Connecting

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**Bethany Christian Reformed Church**

**October 1, 2017**

**9:30am**

## Today in Worship



### The Lord Gathers Us

Opening prayer

\*Opening songs

“Not Be Shaken”

\*God’s Word of greeting

\*Song of praise

“O Great God”

“Take My Life and Let it Be” – PH288

### The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession

God’s Word of Assurance: 1Peter 1:3-9 (p. 1065)

Song of Response

“My Life is an Offering”

Gifts survey ...

\*Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“His Banner Over Me”

**(Bethany Kids ages 3-6 & Jr. Cadets/GEMS ages 7-8 are dismissed)**

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA
2. Back to God Ministries

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

### The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Sharing about serving ...

Bible reading – Acts 2:42-47 & 4:32-37 (p. 951)

Message title - “Everyone Growing in Jesus: Compassionate Serving”

Prayer of blessing on the message

### The Lord Sends Us to Celebrate & Serve

\*Song of Response

“Hear the Call of the Kingdom”

\*God’s Word of Blessing

\*Closing song

“In Our Lives, Lord, Be Glorified” – LUYH 861

## Sermon follow-up questions

1. Read Acts 2:42-47 & 4:32-37 ... This was the start of the New Testament people of God. Which parts of the chapter 2 section were used by the Lord to "add to their numbers daily those who were being saved"?
2. Which of the pieces of what the church was doing are easier for us to accept and imitate, which pieces are more difficult? Why?
3. Looking at both passages now, what was it that determined what was collected and what was given out?
4. Why does Luke record the words of verse 33 in between the words of vs 32 & 35. You could read that paragraph without verse 33 and it still makes perfect sense. Why verse 33? What's the connection between the testimony of the apostles to the resurrection and there rest of that paragraph?
5. The church and Christians in general are basically squeamish when it comes to talking about "our money." Why is that? How do you feel about discussing your income, your property and possessions?
6. Compassionate serving costs us something. What does it cost us? Be specific, even using an example of serving you have been involved with.

## Serving Assignments

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

**Adventurers** Tanya L, Austin O  
**Travelers** Ann K, Avery W  
**Discoverers** Brenda B, Haley G  
**Explorers** Tim & Kathleen VH  
**Seekers** Julia G, Trevor VH  
**Dylan** Room#6 – Betty T  
**Jr. Cadets** Cadet Building – Chris J, Kevin W  
**Jr. GEMS** Council Room – Rachel S, Teryl D  
**Autism Support Person – Council Room** – Annie V (Aimie VL)  
**Nursery** Marg D, Sharon H, Naomi S, Jody VH  
**Toddlers** Matt D, Riley K, Nathan D  
**Ushers** Brian P, Scott VD  
**Coffee Servers** Pete & Karen V, Brian & Wendy K  
**Greeters** Jerry & Jen K, Epp D, Vicky D  
**Sunday School Sign In:** Bill & Tina V

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

**Adventurers** Tanya L, Austin O  
**Travelers** Ann K, Avery W  
**Discoverers** Brenda B, Jessica O  
**Explorers** Christine VG, Kristina B  
**Seekers** Jerry & Jen K  
**Dylan** Room#6 – Kevin T  
**Jr. Cadets** Cadet Building – Chris J, Lloyd W  
**Jr. GEMS** Council Room – Sonya VD, Teryl D  
**Autism Support Person – Council Room** – Aimie VL (Jen K)  
**Nursery** Halee B, Rita F, Colleen S, Emily B  
**Toddlers** Glenda & Kurtis B, Hielke J, Ayden G  
**Ushers** Byron G, Louie D  
**Coffee Servers** Marco & Kelly R, Matt & Liz J  
**Greeters** Anita W, Kurtis B, Andria B, Andy S  
**Sunday School Sign In:** Frank D

**Thanksgiving Day: Nursery:** Tracy G, Steve VL, Haley G

**Toddlers:** Sandra S, James S, Kean V

**Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery:** Sylvia D, Tena E, Diana D

**Toddler 1:** Ans R, Kathleen K

**Toddler 2:** Wendy V, Tina V

## Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

### Birthdays this week

Ed B (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ann K (2<sup>nd</sup>), Alexandra W (2<sup>nd</sup>), Jeff D (3<sup>rd</sup>), Nate A (4<sup>th</sup>), Tracy G (5<sup>th</sup>), Matt M (6<sup>th</sup>)

### Anniversaries this week

John & Rosie E (1<sup>st</sup>), Don & Theresa T (1<sup>st</sup>), Tyler & Michelle F (3<sup>rd</sup>), Brandon & Kristy VS (3<sup>rd</sup>), Cor & Ina VS (3<sup>rd</sup>), Mike & Laura K (4<sup>th</sup>)

### Prayers requested

- ❖ **Lloyd & Anita W** became grandparents again this past Monday. A baby girl, Joelle Emerly born to Clinton & Justine and a new sister for Elijah. Thanks be to God!
  - ❖ Our first Pelham **sponsored family from Syria** arrived this past week, a father, mother and 4 young children. They are settling into their home in Welland and the sponsorship team is walking alongside them in all the things they have to attend to now. Pray for a blessing on all the new things they have to learn, including English, and for a healing time from the trauma of the past years they have endured.
  - ❖ Pray for the communities devastated by recent hurricanes and the earthquakes in Mexico. We have a lot of workers in our area from Mexico so this is close to their hearts as well.
  - ❖ Pray for the CRC **Office of Social Justice** as they partner with the **Office of Race Relations** under the direction of Rev. Reggie Smith. This is a new merger of the two ministries so pray for a smooth and fruitful transition.
  - ❖ **Mary B** recently underwent foot surgery and due to some complications she is largely immobilized at home. Pray for healing for her and patience for her and Frank during this time.
  - ❖ Continue to pray for those who are dealing with cancer:
    - **Ann VL** is scheduled for surgery in early November.
    - **Anita W** is encouraged by good follow up results with her surgeon and continues her second half of her chemo therapy.
    - **Harry H's son Gregg** continues his treatments.
    - **Steve VH's mother Ann** was hospitalized with other health complications along with her cancer. Pray for the Lord's gracious presence with her and the family day by day and for insight for doctors to determine next steps.
- Pray for healing, strength, peace and a measure of healing for each of these as they walk these difficult pathways.
- ❖ Remember those who mourn, that they may receive the Lord’s comfort.

### • **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)

**BIBLE**

Reading Plan

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> October 1	Ezekiel 27-29; John 14
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