

Welcome to Bethany!

This morning we mark All Nations Heritage Sunday in which reflect on the fact that the Church, the gathering of believers in Christ, is God's strategic vehicle for embodying, proclaiming, and promoting God's reconciliation of all things, including ethnic reconciliation. Tomorrow morning we also gather for worship at 10:30 AM for Thanksgiving Day.

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.

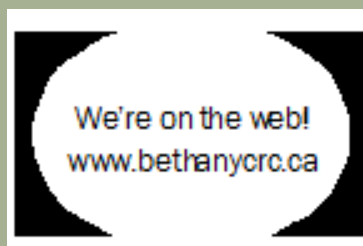
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

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
Devon & Lerato Van Hoffen in Africa. Email 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)

Upcoming

Thanksgiving Day: World Renew

Next Sunday's offering: Rose City Kids

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "He Knows My Name"

Tomorrow: Thanksgiving Day service 10:30 AM (bring food bank goods)

Nov 5th – Remembrance Day service at 10:30am

(Nov 12th – Note: Teen Challenge group had to reschedule to February)

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

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. Resumes in the Fall. Questions? Call Andrea at 905-975-8484



Authentic Manhood "A Man & His Fatherhood" – Wednesday Evenings till November 8th at Bethany 7:30pm refreshments, 8pm video & discussion.

Men's Bible Study – Tuesdays at 6:00am (coffee provided!)

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

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

Women's Bible Study – starts November 2, at 7pm at Cynthia V's. 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 and as an added bonus make some new friendships or refresh some old relationships! All ladies are welcome!

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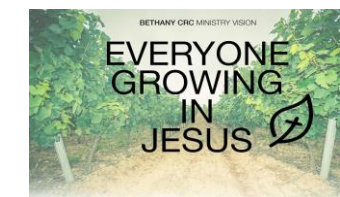
All Nations Heritage Sunday



Bethany Christian Reformed Church

October 8, 2017

9:30am



**Deep connecting
Lifelong equipping
Compassionate serving**

Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Call to worship: Psalm 89:1-4

*Opening songs

“Come Praise and Glorify”

“This is Our God”

*God’s Word of greeting

*Song of praise

“Hope of the Nations”

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Time of Confession: Philippians 2:1-2 and responsive prayer

God’s Word of Assurance: Ephesians 2:14-22 (p. 1022)

Song of Response

“The Church’s One Foundation” – PH502

Litany – All Nations Heritage (responsive)

God’s Call to Faithful Living

*Children’s Song of Thankfulness

“Hallelu/Praise Ye the Lord”

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

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Deacons

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

The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Bible reading – Isaiah 19, focus vs 19-25 (p. 607)

Message title “From Enemies to Friends”

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us to Celebrate & Serve

*Song of Response

“Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love” – PH601

*God’s Word of Blessing

*Closing song

“As You Go”

Sermon follow-up questions

1. Isaiah 19 is all about God’s judgement on an enemy of God’s people. Who are being referred to as “our enemies” in the news these days? Who do you consider to be an enemy? Who are the enemies of God’s people today?
2. The Church is the vessel that carries the gospel of peace, of grace from the Lord Jesus Christ. How does that fit with the judgement of God that is so often found in the Scriptures?
3. Where do we find the pinnacle of God’s judgement being poured out? What does this mean for the final judgment when the Lord returns?
4. If God showed a measure of grace to Israel’s enemies (Egypt & Assyria, the dominant world powers in Israel’s day), what do you think His desire is for today’s enemies of God’s people, the Church?
5. Reading verse 25 again. What is striking about this verse? What is uncomfortable for us when we think of today’s nations (think North Korea, Pakistan Iran, even ISIS) how are we to view the different nations of today?
6. How are we supposed to pray for our enemies according to Jesus? See Matthew 5:43-48. How was Israel supposed to deal with Egypt and Assyria (think: was it any different than for us today)?

Serving Assignments

Today [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, Pete W, Ethan W
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

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

Adventurers Tanya L, Austin O
Travelers Ann K, Avery W
Discoverers Brenda B, Haley G
Explorers Lisa O, Joanne B, Ethan W
Seekers Sierra K, Karen V, Kylar G
Dylan Room#6 – Jacqueline S
Jr. Cadets Cadet Building – Mike D, Lloyd W
Jr. GEMS Council Room – Sonya VD, Annie V
Autism Support Person – Council Room – Jen K (Cassidy K)
Nursery Hilda D, Lynn J, Julianne M, Gabi VS
Toddlers Mike D, Liz J, Noah P
Ushers Dustin V, Kevin D
Coffee Servers Bas & Trudy S, Devin B, Ryan VL
Greeters Ken & Nell O, Harry & Sharon H, Andrea V, Annie V
Sunday School Sign In: Pete & Denise G

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

Toddlers: Sandra S, James S, Kean V

Heart to Heart: Friday – Nursery: Coby B, Kathleen K

Toddler 1: Rita F, Caroline J

Toddler 2: Marlene M, Colleen S, Hielke J

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Hans D (9th), John V (9th), Pete W (9th), John L (10th), Tawnya VH (10th), Debbie V (10th), Mary B (11th), Hennie V (11th), Dick B (13th), Mary B (13th), Martha S (13th), Betty V (13th), Nicole VH (14th),

Anniversaries this week

Cor & Tina B (8th), Mike & Rita F (8th), Matt & Julianne M (8th), Ray & Anne-Marie W (8th), Alfred & Ann K (10th), Brian & Wendy K (11th), Karl & Wilma V (11th), Hielke & Caroline J (13th), Steve & Aimie VL (13th)

Prayers requested

- ❖ **Dear Congregation:** We thank you so much for your concern, for your phone calls, for your cards, your visits and your prayers. Above all we thank God for his healing mercies. **Cor & Tina B**
- ❖ Our first Pelham **sponsored family from Syria** arrived this past week, a father, mother and 4 young children. Pray for a blessing on their transition work. Also pray for provision for the needs of the second family we are sponsoring and that they may be able to travel here also soon.
- ❖ There has been so much suffering in the news lately. Pray for the Kingdom of God to shine in the midst of sorrow, anger, and injustice. Pray for comfort for the families of **victims of the Las Vegas shooting**, for strength and wisdom for the leaders in that community and for the churches there to bring a clear message of peace and reconciliation through Jesus our Lord.
- ❖ Pray for the **CRC Candidacy Committee** as they shepherd the process of persons seeking ordination in the CRC. Pray for discernment of calling for the students and for the committee as they are also working on clearer and more robust guidelines for the process.
- ❖ **Mary Bouwers** continues her recovery from foot surgery at home. May the Lord grant her healing.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those who are dealing with cancer:
 - **Ann VL** is scheduled for surgery in early November.
 - **Anita W** who continues her chemo therapy.
 - **Harry H's son Gregg** continues his treatments.
 Pray for healing, strength, peace and a measure of healing for each of these as they walk these difficult pathways.
- ❖ This past Wednesday, the Lord called home to himself, **Mrs. Ann V H, Steve's mother**, after a journey with cancer. The memorial service was held this past Friday. May the Lord comfort the Van Hoorn family with the assurance of His victory over death for all His children.

- **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 8	Ezekiel 45-46; John 19:23-42
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