

Welcome! Kick-off Sunday is here!

Central to this church ministry year is our newly minted ministry vision:

“Everyone Growing in Jesus”

Deep connecting—Lifelong learning—Compassionate serving

Stay for food after the service. The Lord be praised for all the gifts He has given each of us to serve Him.

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 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.

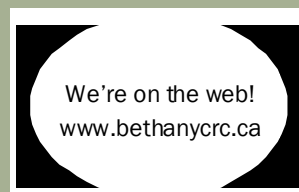
All are welcome to join afterwards for refreshments in the fellowship hall.

Why Are We Here?

Bethany ministry vision:

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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 Van Hoffen serving 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)

Jr. Cadets & Jr. GEMS (age 6-7) begins this morning when they are dismissed from the service.

Church picnic after the service! Everyone is welcome.

Upcoming

Next Sunday's offering: Shalom Manor

Next Sunday's Children's Song: "By Faith"

Sept 11th Council Meeting at 7:30pm

Sept 17th Baptism of Zara Aniek (daughter of Matt & Kelly)

Sept 24th Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Oct 4th – Nov 8th Authentic Manhood course (Wednesday evenings here)

Get Equipped for Faith Life



GEMS: Meets Thursday evenings from 7-9pm for girls in grades 4-8

Resumes in October 5. 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 7-9 for boys in grades 4-8. Resumes in October 5. For more information, contact

Mike, email: mikedreyer@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



Women's Coffee Break – resumes in the Fall

Heart to Heart (women) – resumes September 15.

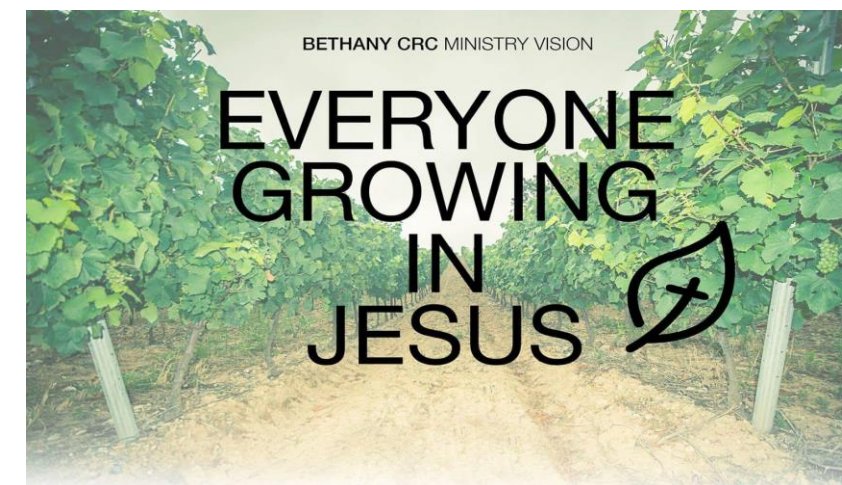
Women's Bible Study – resumes in the Fall

Faith Instruction (high school) – resumes in the Fall

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

- **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)

Welcome to Bethany!



deep CONNECTING
lifelong EQUIPPING
compassionate SERVING

Bethany Christian Reformed Church

September 10, 2017

9:30am

Connecting

Administrator Denise Glasbergen 905-892-8980
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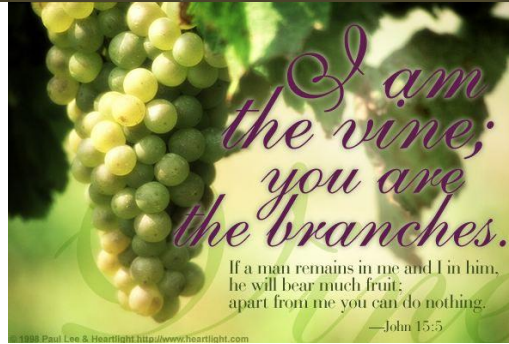
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Today in Worship



The Lord Gathers Us

Call to worship: Revelation 15:3-4

*Opening songs "You're Worthy of My Praise"

*God's Word of greeting

*Song of praise

"How Great is Our God"

"Oh How Good it Is"

The Lord Shows Us His Marvelous Grace

Prayer of Confession

Assurance & God's call to faithful living (responsively)

Song of Response

"Cornerstone"

Responsive Reading

Song of Response

"Christian Hearts in Love United" – PH513

Dedicating ourselves to the Lord's work ...

Children's Song of Thankfulness "His Banner Over Me is Love"

(Bethany Kids ages 3-5 & Jr. Cadets/GEMS ages 6-7 are dismissed)

Prayer & Offerings

1. Ministries here at Bethany & the CRCNA

2. Smithville Christian High School

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

The Lord Leads Us by His Word & Spirit

Bible readings – John 15:1-8 (p. 942)

Message title - "Everyone Growing in Jesus: Vine & Branches"

Prayer of blessing on the message

The Lord Sends Us to Celebrate & Serve

*God's Word of Blessing

*Closing song

"As You Go"

Sermon follow-up questions

- Read John 15:1-17. In verse 3, Jesus says to his disciples (including us) "You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you." That "word" we can also call "the gospel." What is the good news that Jesus speaks to us all? Do you feel "already clean" before God? Is being clean [sinless, pure, holy] before God dependent on if you feel that way or not? What does it depend on?
- There is some pretty stark language in this passage that contrasts bearing fruit and not bearing fruit. Does bearing fruit for the glory of God intimidate you? What makes us worry about how we are doing with this?
- What does the Father do when we bear fruit? What does this actually look like in your life? Can you share examples?
- What does "remaining in Jesus" look like (see vs 9+)? How do we usually describe "obedience" and "love"? Connected? Opposites? Name one thing, action, word, deed, that you can do today that shows the relationship between obedience and love?
- What is (vs16) "fruit that will last"? What might that be in your life? In your work? In your home? In the church? In the community?
- Discuss the promise of Jesus that "the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name." What does this mean? What do you wish to ask from the Father that he do in you and through you?

Serving Assignments

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

Adventurers Kaitlyn J, Haley G/Jessica OI
Travelers Tawnya VH, Austin O
Discoverers Colleen K, Evan VH
Explorers Christine V, Pete W, Cadence K
Seekers Jerry & Jen K
Dylan Room#6 - Karissa V
Jr. Cadets Cadet Building – Dan V, Mike B
Jr. GEMS Council Room – Jenny D, Veronica D
Autism Support Person – Council Room - Vicky D (Karen B)
Nursery Holly R, Tanya B, Emma W, Marijke V
Toddlers Sierra K, Brian K, Ethan W
Ushers Bryon G, Louie D
Coffee Servers Ed & Ans R, Bill & Ann V
Greeters Kurtis B, Andria B, Andy V
Sunday School Sign In: Frank D

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Jr. GEMS Council Room – Rosie Enzlin, Jenny D
Autism Support Person – Council Room - Karen B (Deb P)
Nursery Brenda B, Heidi T, Tracy VS, Lauren VH
Toddlers Deb P, Ray VH, Evan VH
Ushers Dustin V, Kevin D
Coffee Servers Brandon & Andria B, Pete & Karen V
Greeters Ken & Nell O, Harry & Sharon H, Andrea V, Annie V
Sunday School Sign In: Pete & Denise G

Bethany Church Updates & Prayers

Birthdays this week

Deacon K (10th), Wilma V (11th), Ray VH (11th), Jessica O (13th), Melanie T (13th), Deacan D (14th), Henk F (15th), Cassidy K (15th), Nathan L (15th), Bob A (16th), Martin V (16th), Jordan VG (16th), Pete V (16th)

Anniversaries this week

Kevin & Betty T (10th), Andy & Marijke VD (13th), Frank & Mary B (16th), Dustin & Karissa V (16th)

Prayers requested

- ❖ Our first **Syrian refugee family** should be arriving in a couple of weeks. Pray for them as they prepare for travel and for the second family as they continue the process of sponsorship. Pray also for the team working so diligently to make preparations. May they receive all they need from the churches and the broader community of Pelham in this good work.
- ❖ Pray for the CRC's **Friendship Ministries** (sharing God's love with people with intellectual disabilities). Pray for a blessing on the newly developed curriculum called Together as they work to break down the "us" and "them" and be "together" as fellow believers of differing abilities. Pray for friends who struggle with their physical and mental health as well as those who care for them. Pray for Executive Director Tom VanWingerden as he seeks further financial support for the programs.
www.friendship.org
- ❖ Pray for the communities impacted by **hurricane Harvey** in the Texas and Louisiana areas and **hurricane Irma** in the Caribbean and Florida areas. Pray also for those affected by the recent earthquake in Mexico. May we all respond with compassion and give from the resources the Lord has entrusted to us.
- ❖ **Olivia B** (infant daughter of Dan & Kristina who has a rare genetic disorder that affects her eating) has spent this past week in McMaster Hospital dealing with some food intake issues. Pray for strengthening and improved eating for her and peace and patience for her parents.
- ❖ **Tina B** was taken to hospital with breathing problems. She is undergoing tests. Pray for insight for doctors and peace and patience for Tina & Cor and family during this time.
- ❖ **Hermien K** has been doing well recently for which she is grateful to the Lord and for the prayers of God's people.
- ❖ Continue to pray for those who are dealing with cancer: **Ann VL** is scheduled for surgery in early November. Pray for peace and courage in the face of this recurrence of cancer for Ann.
- ❖ **Anita W** continues her treatments. Pray for daily grace and peace.
- ❖ **Harry H's son Gregg** is half way through his cancer treatments. Pray for strength day by day and the Lord's healing hand in his body.
- ❖ **Steve VH's mother Ann** is dealing with cancer. Pray for healing, strength and peace for her and the family.
- ❖ **Wendy V's mother** has been diagnosed with extensive cancer. Pray for the Lord's comfort for her and family and His assuring presence as they wait on the Lord's will for her.
- ❖ Remember those who mourn, that they may find comfort and grace to help them day by day in their time of need.

BIBLE
Reading Plan

☑ September 10 Judges 9-10; John 4:1-30
 ☑ September 11 Judges 11-12; John 4:31-54
 ☑ September 12 Judges 13-15; John 5:1-24
 ☑ September 13 Judges 16-18; John 5:25-47
 ☑ September 14 Judges 19-21; John 6:1-21
 ☑ September 15 Lamentations 1-2; John 6:22-44
 ☑ September 16 Lamentations 3-5; John 6:45-71