



### Greetings,

If you are a guest with us today, thank you for joining us! We are honored that you chose Bethel for your worship experience. Feel free to join in and know you are part of the family today.

If you attend regularly, thank you for your continued involvement and support of the ministry here at Bethel. We pray that our impact will continue in your life and that you will take an even greater step of involvement as we grow deeper in Jesus together.

If you are a member of Bethel, you know how much you are loved. I praise God for each one who takes their spiritual life seriously and continues to serve Him and dedicates their life to growing more like Christ daily.

To all, thank you for joining us in worship today. We pray that your experience will draw you closer to Jesus this morning. His plan for you is greater than anything you could ever create for yourself.

Expect and anticipate His desire to speak to you in a real and personal way as you worship Him this morning.

*God is Good...*  
**Pastor Todd**

### How to become a follower of Christ:

**Admit:** Admit that you aren't perfect. The Bible says that "all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God". Confess those failings to God.

**Believe:** Believe that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay the full penalty for your sin and on the third day Jesus rose from the grave victorious over sin and death.

**Commit:** Commit to Him by confessing your sin and yielding your life to Him.

### REFLECT AND RESPOND PRAYER INVITATION

At the end of the service, prayer team members will be available to pray with you. It may be in response to God's movement in your life during the worship service, an area of need or concern, a desire for direction, or a desire to move into a new arena of ministry. The pastor will direct you to the space, and people, who will join with you in your journey. Prayer team members will also be available in the Prayer Room following the service.

## Bethel Happenings

### Cheer on the Co-Pilots!.....6:25pm, Monday

*Andrea Martin (760) 739-1360*

Bethel's coed softball team plays at Kit Carson Park.

### IGNITE Jr. & Sr. High.....6-8pm, Wednesdays

*Mike Martin & Pastor Todd*

Meet in the youth room for Bible study and games.

### FUEL.....6-8pm, Wednesdays

*Patty Uhland (760) 745-4995*

All 1st through 5th graders experience a mid-week fill up of God's Word and enjoy fellowship, along with mission projects. Meet in the Kid's Room, B24.

### Adult Bible Study.....10am, Thursdays

*Mike Martin 760 739-1360*

Mike is leading a study on the crucifixion and resurrection. After Easter he will lead a study on Galatians.

### AWANA.....6-8pm, Thursdays

*Dennis Evans (760) 622-1091*

AWANA holds firm to the biblical conviction that faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. For children 3 years through High School.

### Men's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays

*Bruce Hitchcock (714) 420-1092*

Men of all ages are welcome to this study group in the Fellowship Center.

### Women's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays

*Debbie Baldwin (760) 215-8471*

The group is covering The Seven Jewels of Faith, by N. Mamokaran. It is a 7 week devotional study on Moral Excellence, Knowing God, Self Control, Steadfastness, Godliness, Affection and Love.

### New Members Class.....12:30pm, Sunday, May 21

*Debbie Peters Debbie@bethelconnect.org or (760) 855-8472*

This is a great opportunity to learn more about Bethel during a lunch and for those wishing to become members, there will be a class immediately following, led by Pastor Todd. Please RSVP to Debbie.

### Friday Night Life Group Bowl.....6-8pm, begins May 26

*Danny Baldwin (928) 208-7128*

Join them for fellowship at the AMF Eagle Bowl in San Marcos every Friday from 6-8pm, May 26th - Sept 1st. Get a summer pass for \$35.95 adults and \$29.95 kids 15 and under. After bowling they will meet for a meal together, locations to be determined weekly.

### Laura Balfour Memorial

Viewing will be held from 10am - 1pm on Friday, May 12, at Allen Brothers Mortuary, 435 N. Twin Oaks Valley Road, San Marcos, CA, 92069;

Burial service will be held that afternoon from 2pm - 3pm at Oak Hill Memorial Park, 2640 Glen Ridge Road, Escondido, CA 92027.

Memorial service will be at Bethel Baptist Church on Saturday, May 27, at 1pm. Reception will follow.

**If you would like to help with providing meals for Rob and Noelle go to [mealtrain.com](http://mealtrain.com) and sign up for a meal date.**

## Ministry Highlight

### New Life Group "Sisters-in-Christ" began TODAY!

*Penny Lawlor (619) 403-4939*

This group is for women of all ages, focusing on praising and honoring our Lord through Bible study, seeking the Holy Spirit's guidance and supporting one another in their individual life journeys. Join them in Room 10.

## Ministry Opportunities

### Children's Ministry.....Sundays/Wednesdays

*Corinne King (760) 533-3562 or Patty Uhland (760) 745-4995*

Help with our nursery, preschool or elementary aged children on Wednesdays from 6 to 8pm or on Sunday mornings, for either the 9am or 10:30 am time on a rotating schedule.

### Music Ministry

*Kari Behrendt—kari@bethelconnect.org*

Join our music ministry team in worship choir, orchestra, or worship band. Rehearse every Wednesday in preparation for our Sunday morning service.

### Bethel Intercessory Prayer Ministry (all in Prayer Room)

Sunday – 8:20 -8:50am – Prayer for God's power and presence in Worship service;

Wednesday – 5:30 – 6:20pm – Praise and Prayer for missions and Bethel family requests;

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month – 9-10am – Moms in Prayer (Prayer for schools, students, teachers and administrators);

*Submit prayer requests by sending an email to [prayer@bethelconnect.org](mailto:prayer@bethelconnect.org).*

### Coffee Cart Team.....Sundays

*Kristin Britt (760) 233-9835*

Set up, prepare coffee, snacks and clean up.

### Hands and Feet.....3rd & 4th Saturdays

*Mike Martin (760) 739-1360*

Prepare sack lunch meals for the homeless in the Fellowship Center. Those who desire, may help with distribution following.

### Pause to Pray for Godly Womanhood

There has been significant attention given to the complexities of what it means to be a godly woman. In an article titled *The Art of Womanhood*, Author Bonnie McKernan opines that it comes down to the pressing question of, "How will I be an excellent woman and reflect God's beauty today?" She argues that this is the question that lies beneath all the labels, arguments and definitions. Your unique strengths, your beauty, your value, and the essence of who you are come from your Creator, whose image you reflect. Thus, to be a godly woman today is to magnify the beauty of Christ and delight yourselves in the joy of God as you reflect him in your own unique ways. It's letting go of what your fists are tightly clenched onto when you're fighting with your husband. It's identifying the places your mind wanders when you're angry or anxious. It's seeking God's kingdom at the expense of your own. It's treating your body as a temple, but not an idol. It's being saddened by your sin, but joyful in God's forgiveness of it. It might be letting others lead when you feel the most equipped, or leading when you feel most unable, because God's power is perfected in weakness. It might be serving others when you most want to be served. It might be resting when serving draws people to you rather than Christ. It's doing your work with excellence. It's showing your womanhood and its beauty and its answers to be the *fruit* of God's Spirit within you. It is *living* so beautifully and excellently that the symphony of your life draws others to the infinite beauty of your designer, drowning out the provocative siren song of the world, the fleeting and shallow beauty of which leads only to disappointment and brokenness. (adapted from: <http://www.desiringgod.org/>).

**Pray for the World:** Pray for believers in Iraq to courageously stand firm in their faith in the face of ongoing persecution and terror.