



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

Moms in Prayer International.....Today
Martha Sager msager@cox.net or Gail Brunner dbrunner@dslextreme.com

Any woman who has a desire to pray for children and schools is invited to attend an informational meeting from 9 to 10am in the Prayer Room. Learn how you can make a difference in the lives of the next generation!

Church Office Closed.....Monday
The office will be closed in observance of the Labor Day Holiday. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, September 5.

Adult Bible Study.....10am, Thursdays
Dennis Merkes will be teaching from Ephesians beginning Sept. 7th, in the Fellowship Center.

Men's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays
Bruce Hitchcock (714) 420-1092
Come to the Fellowship Center September 7 as we begin a study of The 31 Attributes of God.

Women's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays
Debbie Baldwin (760) 215-8471
The women will be reading the book, "Having a Mary Heart in A Martha World", *finding intimacy with God in the busyness of life.*

Wednesday Night Youth & Children take a break..Sept. 6&13
IGNITE Middle School and FUEL will begin their ministries for the Fall on September 23 at 6pm.

AWANA begins.....6-8pm, Thursday, September 7
Stacie Bigbee awana@bethelconnect.org or (619) 203-2422
For children 3 years through High School.

Bethel Connection.....6pm, September 12
The body of BETHEL comes together in the Fellowship Center to pray for God's leading and direction for the coming year.

IGNITE High School begins.....September 17
High School students will meet on Sundays from 6-8pm for games, fellowship and time in the Word.

Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.....6pm, October 6
Debbie Peters debbie@bethelconnect.org
Let's go to the Hop! The Bethel Hop will be held in the Fellowship Center.

AWC Champion Breakfast 500 Hero's....8am, September 16
Rick Vetter 4vetters@cox.net

The Alternative Women's Center invites you to their Champion Fundraising breakfast on September 16th at 8am at Emmanuel Faith. They will have Alan Shlemon as a guest speaker and a program to encourage each man.

Financial Peace University

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will assist you in taking control of your money, get out of debt, and create a plan for your future. If you're interested in learning more about the class, message Rick Vetter, at 4vetters@cox.net. We're offering this great class at Bethel, in the Fellowship Center September 11. This nine week course is open to the public. Sign up and order your materials online at daveramsey.com/fpuclass.

Ministry Opportunities

AWANA.....6-8pm, Thursdays, September-May
Stacie Bigbee awana@bethelconnect.org or (619) 203-2422
Small group leaders are needed for ages 3 years through high school.

Good News Club at Miller School....date and time to be determined
Martha Sager msager@cox.net or Patty Uhland (760) 745-4995
This is a ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship. Children are taught from the Bible, sing songs, play games, enjoy crafts. Help is needed to re-open this vital ministry again.

Bethel Intercessory Prayer Ministry (all in the 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;
1st 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.

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.

Pause to Pray and Memorize Scripture

We are being encouraged by Pastor Todd to begin praying about identifying a Bible verse for the year of 2018, and to also focus on scripture memorization next year. Below are ten reasons for memorizing scripture:

Jesus memorized Scripture: *He knew the Word and quoted it frequently.*

We are called to memorize Scripture: *Colossians 3:16 tells us to "let the Word of Christ dwell in us richly." The command to know Scripture is not burdensome, but life-giving.*

Memorizing Scripture renews our mind and transforms our life: *Scripture at the forefront of our minds will result in spiritual transformation (Romans 12:1-2).*

Memorizing Scripture helps us fight against temptation: *Hiding God's Word in our hearts and minds provides power to help us fight against and overcome temptation (Psalm 119:11).*

Memorizing scripture helps us live in obedience: *Memorizing Scripture and meditating on it is a preventative method for avoiding temptation because God's Word is fresh in our mind.*

Memorizing scripture will bring blessings: *Psalm 1 describes a man who delights in the Word of God as blessed.*

Memorizing scripture helps us to encourage other believers: *In 1 Thessalonians 4:18, Paul exhorts us to be ready to encourage other believers with the truth.*

Memorizing Scripture gives us a better understanding of God and his will: *The deeper we know God, the better we know his will for us.*

Memorizing Scripture allows us to share with unbelievers: *We are urged in 1 Peter 3:15 to always be ready to give a defense for our hope in Christ.*

Memorizing Scripture makes us wise: *The Bible is a book of tremendous wisdom that can impact every area of our life. (adapted from: <http://unlockingthebible.org/>).*

Pause to Pray for families who have lost loved ones in Hurricane Harvey. Pray for thousands who have been displaced. Thank the Lord for the first responders and relief agency personnel who have rushed to assist in the aid and recovery processes.