



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!

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
ALL volunteers are welcome. If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, please let Debbie know asap!

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

Coffee Cart Team.....Sundays
Melissa Fryburger (760) 270-0421

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.

A Call to Serve Our Neighbor!September 25
Bethel has the opportunity to demonstrate our appreciation and support of the administration, staff and teachers at Miller School on Monday September 25. Please bring baked goods (purchased or home baked) fruit, nuts, cheese or yogurt) to Bethel's kitchen on Sunday morning September 24. They will be delivered the following morning to Miller School as a token of our gratitude for the vital role they're playing in raising up the next generation. Please contact Gail Brunner (760) 580-0754 or Martha Sager (760) 917-2111.

Pause to Pray and Meditate on God's Word

Biblical meditation seems to have fallen out of favor in Christian circles with the re-emergence of eastern religious practices and the New Age movement more deeply embedded into our culture. These forms of meditation are in no way similar to Biblical Meditation as, simply stated, they focus on self-reliance and individualism by emptying one's mind, whereas biblical meditation focuses on filling one's mind with scripture and thoughts of our Triune God, and living therefrom. This is what Pastor/Author Robert Morgan says about biblical meditation in his recently released book, Reclaiming the Lost Art of Biblical Meditation: "*(Biblical meditation) leads us to spiritual growth, emotional strength, deepening intimacy with the Lord, and soul-satisfying peace*" Pause to meditate on these excerpts from the Psalms:

Psalm 1:2 - *but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.*

Psalm 19:14 - *Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.*

Psalm 119:15-16 - *I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways. I shall delight in Your statutes; I shall not forget Your word.*

Psalm 119:148 - *My eyes are awake before the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promise.*

Psalm 119:97-99 - *Oh how I love your law! It is my meditation all the day. Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies for it is ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your testimonies are my meditation.*

Psalm 77:11-12 - *I will ponder all your work, and meditate on your mighty deeds.*