



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

**Children's Ministry.....9 am & 10:30am, Sundays**  
Corinne King (760) 533-3562 or Patty Uhland (760) 745-4995  
Nursery, preschool and grades 1st- 5th.

**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.

**IGNITE Jr. High .....6-8pm, Wednesdays**  
Tommy Peterson at [tommy@bethelconnect.org](mailto:tommy@bethelconnect.org)  
Meets for games, fellowship & Bible Study.

**IGNITE High School .....6-8pm, Sundays**  
Tommy Peterson at [tommy@bethelconnect.org](mailto:tommy@bethelconnect.org)  
Meets for games, fellowship & Bible Study.

**Adult Bible Study.....10-11am, Thursdays**  
Dennis Merkes is teaching from Ephesians, in the Fellowship Center.

**Men's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays**  
Bruce Hitchcock (714) 420-1092  
Bruce is teaching a study on The 31 Attributes of God.

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

**AWANA .....6-8pm Thursdays**  
Stacie Bigbee [awana@bethelconnect.org](mailto:awana@bethelconnect.org) or (619) 203-2422  
For children 3 years through High School.

**Financial Peace University.....6:30-8pm, Mondays**  
Rick Vetter, at [4vetters@cox.net](mailto:4vetters@cox.net).  
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. We're offering this class at Bethel, in the Fellowship Center from September 11th to November 6th. Contact Rick with any questions.

**Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.....6pm, October 6**  
Debbie Peters [debbie@bethelconnect.org](mailto:debbie@bethelconnect.org)  
ALL volunteers are welcome. If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, please let Debbie know asap!

## Continued Aid for Hurricane Harvey

Thank you to all who donated all of the much needed items to take to the Angels! We now have another opportunity to help ~

You can give directly though First Baptist Church in Houston via their LOVEFIRST Harvey Relief ministry.

**Online:** Go to <https://pushpay.com/pay/hfbclovefirst/>  
**On Mobile:** Text LOVEFIRST to 77977 for a secure link  
**BY MAIL:** Send checks to:  
Houston's First Baptist Church  
Attn: LOVEFIRST Disaster Relief  
7401 Katy Freeway  
Houston, TX 77024

## 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](mailto: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;  
**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).*

**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 with Company

Prayer is one of the deepest joys of the Christian life. And the joys and benefits of prayer aren't limited to our personal prayer lives. God means for us not only to pray in our closets, and "without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17), but to also pray with company. Here are just a few of the graces we receive when we pray together:

- There is added power when we unite with brothers and sisters in Christ to join our hearts and make our collective requests to our Father.
- By praying with others, not only do we add to our joy in God, but also to theirs.
- Praying together gets others involved and so brings more glory to God when he answers.
- There will be greater fruitfulness in our work when we join with others in prayer.
- Praying together is one of the single most significant things we can do to cultivate unity in the church.
- We learn and grow in our prayers as we join our hearts with others in prayer.
- There are some answers to prayer we simply would not get without involving others in our praying.
- One of the best ways to get to know fellow believers is to pray together. We hear others' hearts in prayer like nowhere else.

Since the primary point of prayer is not getting things from God, but getting God himself, the greatest benefit of praying together is that we know Him better.