



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.

IGNITE High School6-8pm, Sundays
Tommy Peterson at tommy@bethelconnect.org
Meets for games, fellowship & Bible Study.

Bethel Co-Pilot Softball game.....6:25pm, Monday
Andrea Martin (760) 739-1360
Cheer on our co-ed softball team at Kit Carson Park.

Financial Peace University.....6:30-8pm, Mondays
Rick Vetter, at 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.

BETHEL'S Trunk or Treat.....6-8pm, this Tuesday
Patty Uhland patty@bethelconnect.org or 760 745-4995
Invite your family, friends and be sure to help!

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. High6-8pm, Wednesdays
Tommy Peterson at tommy@bethelconnect.org
Meets for games, fellowship & Bible Study. **There will be no meeting this week, November 1.**

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.*

AWANA6-8pm, Thursdays
Stacie Bigbee awana@bethelconnect.org or (619) 203-2422
For children 3 years through High School.

Operation Christmas Child Packing Party.12pm, November 4
Kim Kissling (410) 980-6036
The Bethel Women's Ministry is hosting the party in the Fellowship Center. Please pick up a flyer from the foyer shelves for approved Operation Christmas Child gift ideas. There will be two boxes in the foyer, one for gift donations, and a smaller one for monetary donations to offset the shipping costs of \$9 per box.

Ministry Opportunities

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

Good News Club at Miller School.....2pm, Mondays
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.

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.

Pause to Thank God for the Reformation

Today is Reformation Sunday and Tuesday is the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses (Truth Propositions) to the door of the Wittenberg Chapel in Germany. This act set in motion a spiritual earthquake that literally changed the world and the course of Christianity and the Church. At the heart of Luther's concern was the Church's departure from the Gospel and the recovery thereof. The Church of the Middle Ages was shrouded in darkness and in need of correction, a reformation, a revival. The religion of the day was a polluted mixture of legalistic piety, gross hypocrisy, sexual immorality, biblical illiteracy and material greed characterized by the buying of indulgences. God used Luther and many other bold women and men, some of whom gave their lives for the cause, to light the flame of Reformation! And it is within our hearts that the flame of the Reformation burns on. The righteous shall live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4). That is the Gospel. Now it is our turn in our generation to nurture and guard this flame, to feed and proclaim it, to lift it high and pass it on to the generations to come, for Jesus' sake.

Today, we must stand for the Gospel and these Reformation truths:

Sola Scripture (Scripture alone): God's word is the final authority for the Christian. (2 Tim. 3:14-17).

Sola Fide (through faith alone): Only by placing our trust in Christ can we be made right with God. (Eph. 2:9).

Sola Gratia (by grace alone): We are saved by God's grace alone. Our works of righteousness have no effect. (Eph. 2:8).

Solus Christus (in Christ alone): Our right standing with God depends solely on the merit of Christ's death on the cross. (1 Tim. 2:5-6).

Soli Deo Gloria (to the glory to God alone): Whatever we do we should "do all for the glory of God. (1 Cor. 10:31). - *(adapted from material provided by the Family Research Council)*