



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 School .....6-8pm, Sundays**  
Tommy Peterson at tommy@bethelconnect.org  
Meets for games, fellowship & Bible Study.

**Bethel Co-Pilot Softball game.....8:55pm, Monday**  
Andrea Martin (760) 739-1360  
Cheer on our co-ed softball team at Kit Carson Park.

**Bethel Connection.....6pm, Tuesday**  
All ministries leaders or a representative are required to attend to present their budgets for 2018.

**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  
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*. This is their final study for 2017.

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

**The Christmas Offering.....10:30am & 6pm, December 17**  
Invite your friends and family to our annual Christmas musical.

## 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;  
**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).

**Awana.....6-8pm Thursdays**  
Stacie Bigbee awana@bethelconnect.org or (619) 203-2422  
Contact Stacie and see where you can be a part of this ministry to guide and instruct our children and youth in God's Word.

### Pause to Pray for Sutherland Springs Baptist Church

Last Sunday was the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church. Thousands of churches around the world gathered in prayer to remember those whose lives were cut short at the hands of those who don't believe as they do. And the same day the reality that you can lose your life just for showing up at church came to Sutherland Baptist Church in Texas, where at least 26 men, women and children were mercilessly killed during their worship service. Approximately 20 more were injured, severally critically. As we mourn with those who mourn and offer up our hearts in prayer to the only One who can heal, here are a few ways to pray for our brothers and sisters in Texas:

- Ask God to show us how to pray in the face of such great evil.
- Pray for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be magnified in this tragedy.
- Pray for families who lost children and siblings, parents and friends, and especially for the Holcomb family who lost 8 members.
- Thank God for the people who will be drawn to seek God's face because of this tragedy.
- Ask the Lord to pour out His blessings, compassion and grace upon Sutherland Springs Church.
- Pray that they will cling to Christ even more closely in this time of mourning.
- Pray also for the faith community to rally behind this church in every possible way.
- Ask God to rebuild First Baptist stronger and with a light that shines even brighter in their community and in the world.
- Ask God to bring healing, help and hope to the church and this little town.
- Pray for peace and protection for the family of the killer.
- Pray for all churches to prepare for spillovers of domestic violence into the church.
- Pray that we will keep security as a matter of prayer in our own church.
- Thank God for this vivid reminder of our own mortality and vulnerability,

## Save the Date!

Ladies, mark you calendar for December 9th. The Women's Ministry will have a Christmas dinner at 6pm in the Fellowship Center. Be sure to invite a friend!