



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...*

### 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.

**Graveside service for Noelle Balfour.....9am, Monday**  
Rob Balfour 760 522-8779  
The service will be held at Oakhill Cemetary and a brunch will be held at 10am at J&M's Restaurant on Valley Pkwy. Please let Rob know if you plan to attend the brunch.

**Bethel Connection.....6-8pm, Tuesday**  
This meeting will be held in the Fellowship Center. All members are asked to be present as the proposed budget for 2018 will be presented.  
A vote to affirm the budget will be held on Sunday, December 31 at the 10:30am worship.

**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 Potluck Brunch.....10:30am, Thursday**  
The Thursday Bible study group will be meeting for a potluck brunch, prayer and carols.

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

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

**Women's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays**  
Debbie Baldwin (760) 215-8471  
The women are taking a break for the holidays and will resume in 2018.

**Holiday Church Office Hours**  
The church office will be closed for Christmas at 12pm on December 20th and will re-open at 9am on December 26th.



As you shop on Amazon for gifts for your loved ones, remember that you can support Bethel Baptist Church by using AmazonSmile. When you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to Bethel! To shop at AmazonSmile simply go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) from the web browser on your computer or mobile device. Use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

To assign Bethel as your charitable organization: On your first visit to AmazonSmile ([smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from purchases before you begin shopping. At the Search bar, Simply type in, Bethel Southern Baptist Church, Escondido, CA - then select us.

## Ministry Opportunities

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

**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](mailto:awana@bethelconnect.org) or (619) 203-2422  
Contact Stacie and see where you can be a part of this ministry to

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Your gift enables limitless missionary teams to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God. International Mission Board missionaries are fully funded through generous support to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, which enables them to remain focused on their ministry and not regular fundraising to remain in their ministry field.

### Pause to Pray for Global Missionaries

Bearing in mind this is the month for the annual Lottie Moon Christmas offering for missions, Acts 13 and 14 are the first recordings in scripture of missionaries being sent out by a local church. International Mission Board President, David Platt, writes this about the commissioning of Paul and Barnabas to take the gospel to the nations: "The synergy between the call of the Spirit and the prayerful response of the church resulted in a supernatural spread of the gospel that continues to this day." Citing Acts 13-14, Platt listed ways to support and encourage missionaries through our prayers. Here are a few:

- Pray that they will be confident in God's word (Acts 13:4-5)
- Pray that they will be filled with God's Spirit (Acts 13:6-9)
- Pray for their victory in spiritual warfare (Acts 13:10-12)
- Pray for their success in gospel witness and for favor with unbelievers (Acts 13:12-15)
- Pray for peace with other believers (Acts 13:13)
- Pray that the gospel will be made clear through them (Acts 13:16-47)
- Pray that God will open hearts around them (Acts 13:48)
- Pray for their joy in the midst of suffering (Acts 14:1-2)
- Pray for their kindness in the midst of slander (Acts 14:1-2)
- Pray for supernatural power to accompany them (Acts 14:3)
- Pray for patience, perseverance and Christ-like humility to characterize them (Acts 14:4-20)
- Pray that God would use them to make disciples and multiply churches (Acts 14:21-28)

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