



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

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.

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. The group will take a break and resume on January 10.

IGNITE Jr. High6-8pm, Wednesdays

Tommy Peterson at tommy@bethelconnect.org
Meets for games, fellowship & Bible Study. They will be taking a break and will resume in January of 2018.

Adult Bible Study.....10-11am, Thursdays

The Thursday Bible study group will resume meeting in January.

Men's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays

Bruce Hitchcock (714) 420-1092
Bruce is teaching a study on The 31 Attributes of God.

AWANA6-8pm, Thursdays

Stacie Bigbee awana@bethelconnect.org or (619) 203-2422
For children 3 years through High School. Meetings will resume in January.

Women's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays

Debbie Baldwin (760) 215-8471
The women will resume on January 4 for a 7 week study, "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Workbooks are available at Lifeway.com.

Holiday Church Office Hours

The church office is closed for Christmas 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, 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 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), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations from purchases before you begin shopping. At the Search bar, Simply type in, Bethel

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;

1st Sunday of every month – 9-10am – Moms in Prayer (Prayer for schools, students, teachers and administrators);

1st Sunday of every month—5-6:30pm – Praise and Prayer for missions and Bethel family requests

Submit prayer requests by sending an email to 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

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

100% of gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fund IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places. In the year reported (2015):

- 1.9 MILLION *heard the gospel*
- 175,290 *new believers*
- 15,058 *trained pastors*
- 6,138 *new churches*

Pause to Pray for the Second Coming of Christ

The Second Coming of Christ is the crowning point of Jesus' life and ministry. Jesus' return to earth will be quite different than the His first advent which we are celebrating now! Consider these comparisons:

- He came the first time as an infant. (Luke 2:1-7); *He will return as the everlasting King. (Matthew 24:30b).*
- His first coming was witnessed by a few poor shepherds. (Luke 2:8-11); *At His second coming, every eye will see Him and know who He is. (Matt. 24:30a).*
- At His first coming He was judged and condemned to die. (Matt. 27:22-23, 26); *He will return as the Judge to execute justice and judgment. (Jude 14-15).*
- The first time He came as a Man of Sorrows. (Luke 19:41); *When He returns it will be as Almighty God. (Isa. 9:6).*
- When He came the first time, only a few paid Him homage. (John 12:1-8); *When He returns, every knee will bow and every tongue confess that He is Lord. (Phil. 2:10-11).*
- The first time, He came to earth to die. (John 12:27); *The second time, He will come to earth to reign. (Luke 1:30-33).*
- The first time He came, He wore a crown of thorns. (John 19:5); *When He returns, He will be crowned with many crowns, the King upon His throne. (Rev. 19:12b).*
- He came the first time as our suffering Savior. (1 Peter 3:18); *He will return as our sovereign Lord. (1 Tim. 6:15-16)*

Let the great hope of His return motivate you to live holy lives, and to zealously serve Christ and proclaim Him to others until He