



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.....7:40pm, Monday
Andrea Martin (760) 739-1360
Cheer on our co-ed softball team at Kit Carson Park.

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.

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.

AWANA6-8pm, 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.

Graveside service for Noelle Balfour.....9am, December 11
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.

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

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.

The office will close for New Years at 12pm on December 27th and will re-open at 9am on January 2nd.

Bethel Connection

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 12 at 6pm 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.

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.

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 Meditate on Why Jesus Came to the Earth

As we move into the Christmas season, meditate on the below scriptures as to why Jesus came to the earth. Pause to praise and thank God for His incarnate Son:

- "For this I was born and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth" ([John 18:37](#)).
- "The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8; [Hebrews 2:14-15](#)).
- "I came not to call the righteous, but sinners" ([Mark 2:17](#)).
- "The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost" ([Luke 19:10](#)).
- "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" ([Mark 10:45](#)).
- "God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons" ([Galatians 4:5](#)).
- "For God so loved the world that whoever believes on him shall not perish but have everlasting life ([John 3:16](#)).
- "I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly" ([John 10:10](#)).
- "He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed" ([Luke 4:18](#)). (<https://www.desiringgod.org>).

NOTE: The annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering enables Southern Baptists to send missionaries to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached people. This year's national goal is \$160 million. Give if you can. If you can't, pray.