



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
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 January 4.

Women's Bible Study.....6-8pm, Thursdays
Debbie Baldwin (760) 215-8471
The women will begin a study Thursday, 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 office will close for New Years and will re-open at 9am on January 2nd.

Feed and Bleed.....Saturday, January 6
Rick Vetter 760 703-4314
Join the group for breakfast at Pegah's restaurant in Escondido at 7am and then at 9am the group will go to the San Diego Blood Bank on El Norte Pkwy to donate blood.

Prayer Night.....5-6:30pm, Sunday, January 7
Maynard and Martha Sager prayer@bethelconnect.org
This is a time set aside on the first Sunday of each month to replace our weekly Wednesday night meetings. Come for praise and prayer for missions and Bethel family requests.

Women's Potluck Brunch...10am-2pm, Saturday, January 13
Debbie Baldwin blessedlhc@yahoo.com or 760 215-8471
All women are invited to bring a dish to share to the home of Chris Vetter, 1582 N. Broadway, Escondido, 92026.

Women's Basket Ministry.....10am, Monday, January 15
Marilyn Laughland 760 220-3462 or milough55@yahoo.com
Join this group that ministers to the women of Bethel by sending cards, flowers, meals, etc in time of need. Meet in the church office.

All Church Potluck.....Sunday, January 21
Bring a dish to share according to the list below to celebrate Bethel's 68th Anniversary in the fellowship center.
A-J: Main Dish K-R: Side Dish S-Z: Dessert
The church will provide beverages and paper goods.

New Members Class.....Sunday, January 21
Debbie Peters debbie@bethelconnect.org or 760 745-4995
Following the potluck, those who desire to become a member at Bethel are asked to stay for the class. Please let Debbie know if you plan to attend.

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. This replaces the Wednesday evening prayer time.
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

Thank you for your generous gifts to our Missionaries. Today will be the final day of collection.

Pause to Pray for Sunday Evening Prayer Meetings

Effective Sunday, January 7, from 5-6pm, the first monthly church-wide prayer meeting will be held in the Prayer Room (Room 3). Thereafter these meetings will be held on the first Sunday of each month. Our fight against spiritual forces requires spiritual weapons. There is no greater weapon than the prayers of not just one, but dozens of people. We'll pray for our neighborhood, our missionaries, our nation and the nations. We'll also pray for Bethel and for each other. When we gather corporately people are united around God's purposes. It brings encouragement, repentance, edification, joy, and the feeling of love among believers. It also shows the body of Christ submitting to the will of God in one accord. This will be an opportunity to experience a deeper connection with God and a closer connection with God's people. Below are just a few reasons why you will want to be a regular participant in these prayer meetings:

Privilege - When we pray we have the privilege of communing with the God of the universe, the originator and sustainer of all life.

Community - Community prayer is modeled and prescribed in scripture. There is great refreshment in the gathering of believers, in-dwelt and led by the Holy Spirit.

Training – Just as Jesus taught the disciples to pray. We, as believers, are instructed as we pray with others.

Serving - Believers gather together to serve their brothers and sisters, their city, nation and saints around the world by lifting up petitions to God on their behalf.

Reminder - There is little else you can do that will remind you of your neediness and the neediness of others than prayer. (adapted: <https://strengthenedbygrace.wordpress.com>)