



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 Youth Ministry9am, Sundays

Tommy Peterson at tommy@bethelconnect.org

Fellowship & Bible Study.

IGNITE Parent Meeting.....Noon, TODAY

Following worship today, Pastor Tommy will offer a parent meeting to inform and discuss Ignite youth plans for 2018 in the youth room. This will include information about **summer camp, monthly outreach, and the new format for weekly meetings.**

BETHEL Connection.....6pm, Tuesday

The first meeting for this year will be held in the Fellowship Center. All are welcome.

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 Youth Ministry.....6-8pm, Wednesdays

Tommy Peterson at tommy@bethelconnect.org

All Junior High and High School students meet for games, fellowship & Bible Study.

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

The study group meets in the fellowship center. Pastor Bob Rooks is leading a short series on "The Last Days."

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 doing a 7 week study, "Discerning the Voice of God" by Priscilla Shirer. Workbooks are available at Lifeway.com.

Women's Basket Ministry.....10am, Monday, January 15

Marilyn Laughland 760 220-3462 or m laugh55@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.

D.I.R.T. Men's Weekend Adventure.....February 9-11

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Ocotillo Wells camping for boys and men of all ages.

Love & Respect study begins.....6:30pm, Monday, Feb. 19

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—5-6pm – 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 guide and instruct our children and youth in God's Word.

Pause to Pray for a Deeper Knowledge of God

In his book, *A Call to Spiritual Reformation: Priorities from Paul and His Prayers*, theologian D. A. Carson writes: "The one thing we most urgently need in Western Christendom is a deeper knowledge of God. We need to know God better. We think rather little of what He is like, what He expects of us, what He seeks in us. We are not captured by His holiness and His love; His thoughts and words capture too little of our imagination, too little of our discourse, too few of our priorities."

How we view God determines both how and what we pray. When we are willing to come to Him with open hands, willing to give up control because we believe (truly) that He knows better than we what is best for us, we pray differently. It is a matter of learning to trust and rest in God's character, divine wisdom and sovereignty. As we enter into a new year, ask the Father to give you a hunger and thirst to know Him more deeply and more intimately through His Word and prayer, as well as through extra-biblical resources such as those recommended below:

Knowing God, by J. I. Packer

- *Trusting God*, by Jerry Bridges
- *The Holiness of God*, by R. C. Sproul
- *Desiring God*, by John Piper
- *The Knowledge of the Holy*, by A. W. Tozer
- *Loving God*, by Charles Colson
- *Counterfeit Gods*, by Tim Keller

When the illusion of control disappears we become men and women