



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 Youth Ministry9am, Sundays
Tommy Peterson at tommy@bethelconnect.org
Fellowship & Bible Study.

Prayer Night.....5-6:30pm, TONIGHT
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.

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 will resume meeting January 11 in the fellowship center. Pastor Bob Rooks will lead 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 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 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.

Bacon Fest Men's Breakfast.....7am, Saturday, January 20
Bruce Hitchcock bruce@bethelconnect.org
All men are invited for a time of fellowship and good food in the fellowship center.

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
hume.org/2018-dirt
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—5-6:30pm – 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

Pause to Pray for a Prayer Shield in 2018

All those who are in Christ have a call on their life, in fact, a high and supernatural one. For this reason they need a Prayer Shield. Prayer Shields are trustworthy intercessors who are willing to hear your heartfelt needs, offer mercy without judgment and stand with you in daily prayer in your times of joy and fruitfulness, as well as during seasons of despair and discouragement. The powerful impact this may have on your life is immeasurable. Just imagine, if you are 40 years old now and live only to the Biblical "three score and ten years" (age 70), your Prayer Shield would pray for you over 10,000 times. If you have a three member Prayer Shield team you would be the recipient of over 30,000 prayers. This should take your breath away, fill you with joy and gratitude, and cause you to begin to ask the Lord to guide you to those who are willing to serve in that capacity. Here are just a few suggested guidelines you may ponder in considering those you want to ask to make up your Prayer Shield:

- Pray and seek God's guidance for the persons whom you believe He has placed on your heart.
- They should be trustworthy, spiritually mature and committed people of prayer.
- They should be growing in God's Word and active in their local church.
- They should be willing to regularly pray for you, your family and your ministry.
- They MUST understand and agree to the confidential nature of the relationship.
- Regular contact by email, text or phone is good; face to face contact is even better.
- You must be diligent to notify them of your specific needs. *This is vital!*
- Notify them of answers to prayers. This will encourage them. Men should choose men; women should choose women to be on their team.