

SERVING TODAY

Nursery: for infants - 3 years old
Penny Allsup, Mike Schuling
Greeters: Kae Coffin, Susan Cowles
Sunday School: Emily Hodson, Darin Reed
Worship Team: Audrey Haverdink, Susan Cowles,
Ryan Smith, Doug Reed, Connie Landhuis
Power Point: Gabe Smith
Sound: Matt Wells

THIS WEEK AT BETHANY

Wednesday: 5:45 pm Supper - \$1.50 per person
6:15 pm GEMS & Cadets, Classes

NEXT SUNDAY

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship

SERVING NEXT SUNDAY

Nursery: Bryan & Gail De Jong
Greeters: Tony & Shelley Dorman
Sunday School: Emily Hodson, Darin Reed
Worship Team: Audrey Haverdink, Connie Landhuis,
Darin Reed, Kathy Rozenboom,
Steve Landhuis
Power Point: Anna Van Der Weide
Sound: Ryan Smith



BETHANY REFORMED CHURCH

January 13, 2019
10:30 a.m.

Glorifying God with Our Words

Holy is the Lord

Prayer

Rise Up and Praise Him

Glory

Children ages preschool through 6th grade
may be dismissed to Sunday School

Prayers of the People

Glorifying God with Our Tithes

Glorifying God with Our Attention

Scripture – John 1:9-18, 15:18-27 p.1646

Message – *What if Christ had not come?*

Prayer in Response to God's Word

Celebrating Our God

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty #2 vs.1,3,4

Benediction

Continuing to Worship as We Go

Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow #7

VISITORS...

Welcome! We are glad you are here with us today and hope you will return. We pray that you are blessed by our time of worship together. Please fill out one of the friendship cards found in the pew racks and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

WELCOME...

to Pastor Duane Laman who will be leading our worship service this morning.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER...

Paul Gebel, our missionary with Campus Crusade for Christ, ruptured the tendon connecting the quadriceps to the knee cap a week ago Saturday and was scheduled to undergo this past Friday. Please pray that he will overcome his discouragement from being laid up again and will be walking well enough to join Noelle and other team members as they head back to Central Asia in March.

THANK YOU...

to Darin Reed for his love of children and his service on the Bethany Preschool Board. Darin regretfully resigned due to his work hours. He will be missed by the rest of the board members!

DIRECTORY CHANGES...

If you have any changes for the 2019 Directory, please write them down and place them in Betty Swank's mailbox.

PULPIT SUPPLY...

January 20: Pastor Carl Boersma

January 27: Pastor Craig Wagner

SPECIAL OFFERINGS...

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our special offerings during this holiday season.

- Thanksgiving offering for Alicia Whitmore's mission work through FIM - \$1330
- *At The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* we collected \$400 for the kids in the Saydel School District that need assistance
- Christmas Eve offering for the Bethany Preschool - \$1910

Again, THANK YOU to everyone who has given so freely this holiday season – and all year long.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS...

- We will be having our first **Fellowship** Meeting in the next few weeks. If you would be interested in helping bring new and fresh ideas to how we can connect as a congregation and ways we can bring our community in to learn about Bethany, please contact Melissa Smith or Thomas Van Woerkom. We are very excited about how we can reach others and become closer with one another!
- Anyone interested in serving on the **Mission Committee** is asked to contact Scott Van Der Weide.
- Anyone interested in serving on the **Preschool** Board or teaching next school year is asked to contact Julie Soma.

Sermon Notes: “What if Christ had not come?”

John 1:9-18; 15:18-27

History discloses numerous great instances where mighty personalities impacted, and perhaps even changed, the course of history. Today we consider the question: “**What if Christ had not come?**” The main thought today is to show the difference Christ makes. The world would be dramatically different in 1000 ways without Christ.

Christ came as “the true light that gives light to everyone.” And “From the fullness of His grace we have all received one blessing after another.”

1st: when Christ came 3/5 of the world was in slavery. The end of slavery was sparked by the Christian conscience which brought a new and high value to all human beings. All of us owe our personal freedom far more than we know, to Jesus Christ.

2nd: call to mind the condition of children when Christ came. Children, especially girl children, were badly mistreated, but Christ accepted children as important people in His kingdom and ever since Christians recognize children’s importance as the most sacred trust from God.

3rd: think of the condition of women when Jesus came. When Christ came women were often treated as cattle, as beasts of burden, like the oxen that pulled the plows or wagons. The supreme champion of womanhood is Christ, and when women are lifted all civilization is lifted.

4th: Jesus’ teachings brought unheard of compassion for the sick and needy and poor. Jesus taught of a good Samaritan who took a beaten man and treated his wounds and brought him for long term care. Hospitals have been established because Jesus taught us to care for the sick and needy.

5th: Because of Christ, educational institutions have sprung up. Parents most wanted their children to learn to read so they could read the Bible. Colleges and Seminaries were established so ministers could be trained.

6th: Great art and literature and music have all flourished in large part because of artists. Michael Angelo, Leonardo DaVinci, Handel, Bach, and Beethoven, and score of others, sought to develop their artistic and cultural talents to use in the Church to glorify Christ.

7th: The most incredible blessing is that Christ gives us the only adequate atonement for sin. Now, tormented consciences can be eased as we can look at the worst thing we’ve ever done and have assurance Christ paid the penalty we deserved.

SUMMARY: Nobody in the world ever has, or ever will, do more for you than Jesus. Let us always thank Him and live for Him who has done everything for us.