

# Best Gift Ever!

Wondering how to bless your pastors this Christmas? Here is an idea! Come to church at 7:30 AM this Wednesday [12/22/21] and join with some pastors and believers from the broader "Church of Bellflower" in praying for both BBC and its leadership. Beginning in March of this year, the weekly Church of Bellflower prayer group began praying "onsite" for the leadership and ministries of many of the churches, parachurch organizations, and Christian-owned businesses in Bellflower.

The prayer team is currently composed of about a dozen believers from 8 different churches. Our normal format is to begin with a couple of worship songs [led by Johnny and Shauna Guillen], then we pray for and over the pastors and ministries, sometimes we walk and pray in the neighborhood around the church, and then conclude [before 8:30] with a song back at the church.

So far this year we have prayed for the ministries, leadership, people, and neighborhoods of Faith Community Baptist, Bellflower Church of God, Bethel Grace Baptist, Encounter Christian, Hosanna Christian Fellowship, Journey Church, Holy Redeemer, Living Way, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Kingdom Causes, Bethany CRC, First Missionary Baptist, First CRC, Activate Church, Eastside Bellflower, Bethel Baptist, Olive Crest, the Family Guidance Center, The Journey @ Mayfair, Shalom for Asia, Iglesia La Esperanza, and Neighborhood Christian Fellowship. Additionally we have traveled to pray for Bellflower's governmental leaders, schools, hospitals, businesses, law enforcement, and first responders.

The group is led and coordinated by pastor Moshe [from By the Book Ministry] and pastor Tom. Since there are only two Wednesdays left in 2021, it is now their turn to be blessed! So this week the prayer group [and hopefully you!] will meet here in the fellowship hall at BBC. Next week, we'll be meet at By the Book [16111 Clark Ave, Bellflower, CA 90706].

## WELCOME TO BBC!



### Worship Service

Opening Song	I Heard the Bells
	Mary Did you Know?
	O Come, O Come Emmanuel
	He shall reign forevermore
	Away in a Manger
Preschool song	Baby Jesus we Love you
	Child of Bethlehem
Elementary song	While Shepherds Watch their Flock by Night
	Angels We Have Heard on High
Devotional	<b><i>A Family Christmas Celebration</i></b>
Offering/Closing Song	We Three kings

We are here to proclaim Christ to the world until He comes, through our worship and our relationships.

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We Proclaim Christ through generous worship and grace-filled relationships

# *A Family Christmas Celebration*



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## Pastor Alfredo Vega



# Mark Your Calendar

	Date/Time	Event	Location
Today	9:00 AM	Worship	Sanctuary
	4:15 PM	AWANA	All over the place!
M	7:00 PM	Women's Bible Study	@Connie Cashmans

Attendance		Last Week	Last Year
	Morning Worship	182	313
	Sunday School	127	0

## Adult Bible Fellowships

Class:	Tethered in Faith	Couples	Family Focus	Lost & Found	Truth Trekkers
Room #:	wetzel	200	Office	201	110
Topic:	Answering Tough Questions	Joel	What If Jesus Was Serious About Prayer?	Daniel	The Minor Prophets
Teacher:	Steve Cohen	Bob Clarke	Al Siebert	Paul Woodward	Jerry Bollinger

	General Fund	Mission Salaries	Mission Projects
<b>Opening Balance 1/1/21</b>	<b>\$37,898</b>	<b>\$5,398</b>	<b>\$5,179</b>
<b>Budgeted Income</b>	\$319,897	\$66,598	\$7,612
<b>Actual Income</b>	\$338,665	\$69,743	\$14,573
<b>Budgeted Expense</b>	\$319,897	\$66,598	\$7,612
<b>Actual Expense</b>	\$344,918	\$66,998	\$12,184
<b>Closing Balance 11/30/21</b>	<b>\$31,644</b>	<b>\$8,143</b>	<b>\$7,568</b>

## Potluck Meal Today!



After the "Family Christmas Celebration" this morning, please join us for a potluck in the patio and fellowship hall. Even if you didn't bring a dish to share, you are more than welcome as there is always more than enough food! Following the potluck,

kids of all ages will enjoy attacking the Christmas Piñatas in the patio [in the spirit of Christian love of course].

## Christmas Gifts



If you signed up to buy a Christmas gift for a child from the border ministry in Mexico, the last day to bring it is next Sunday. Maria Martinez will be delivering the gifts on December 27th.

## The Best Way to Start a New Year

On January 2 our schedule will be very much like today as we begin the new year with a bilingual communion service at 10 AM. In the Charis Fellowship tradition, we will emphasize Christ's work in the past [salvation], the present [sanctification] and the future [glorification]. We'll celebrate our future hope with a potluck-style love meal in the patio and fellowship hall. You can offer to help set up, clean up, serve, or bring a dish by contacting Elizabeth in the church office [562-925-6561], or by email [bcmail@bellflowerbrethren.org] or via text [(562) 484-8203].

## 2021 Gospel Challenge

Have you had a "gospel-tinged conversation" with someone this year? The Christmas season often provides opportunities to talk about our amazing Lord Jesus! Please add your name to the "Gospel Challenge" participants by accessing [bellflowerbrethren.org](http://bellflowerbrethren.org) on your smart device, then click on the menu tab and scroll down to the "Gospel Challenge" under the "Media" heading. Just enter your name and the number of conversations you have had so far this year. If you have additional conversations, re-enter your name and the number of chats you've had with folks since the last time you entered an online report. It's super easy but a great way to remember to share with others the ultimate reason for this season!

## Christmas Eve



Our annual Christmas Eve service will begin at 5 PM just one week from this Friday! The program will be brief to accommodate the attention spans of our little ones [no child care provided]. But we will find time for congregational caroling, an illustrated kids' story, our traditional "birthday gift to Jesus" offering, and opportunities to share with each other verbal gifts of gratitude and praise! O come, let us adore HIM!

## Office Closed



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



The Church Office Will be closed Thursday & Friday 12/23-24 and 12/30-12/31