



# Blessed to Bless

*Welcome !*

**February 1, 2026**

## **SONGS & PRAYER**

### **GOD'S WORD**

Matthew 7:7-12

**Sermon on the Mount: Counterculture**

“Ask, Seek, Knock:  
Children of the Father”

### **PARTING**

Song  
God's Blessing

### *Prayer Pointer*

*"Few things in life are more precious  
than time spent alone  
in prayer with God,  
and yet so easy to neglect."*

Sinclair Ferguson, The Christian Life

### *Outline*

Matthew 7:7-12

**Sermon on the Mount:  
Counter Culture**

“Ask, Seek, Knock:  
Children of the Father”

1. Prosperity Gospel?
2. Good Father, Good Gifts
3. Golden Rule

## *Announcements*

**Have you been heard?** Our congregation has a once-in-five-year opportunity to participate in the 2025 CRC denominational survey. This survey helps denominational leadership understand the concerns and needs of local congregations like ours. It is crucial that as many people from our congregation as possible participate. Please visit [crcna.org/survey/4339](https://crcna.org/survey/4339) to answer the survey questions **by March 31**.

**The Auxiliary of the Artesia Christian Home** will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 3, at 1:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at Artesia I CRC on Alburdis. We welcome new members to join us.

**Friendship Fellowship** will meet Monday, February 9, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Rosewood Family Restaurant, 10769 South Street, Cerritos. Come enjoy some great fun and fellowship with our church family. Anyone 55 and older invited. Questions? Call Larry Vander Schaaf at 562-900-1770. Please note: each person is responsible for purchasing their own meal.

**The second offering on February 15, will be for Valley Christian Schools.** Established in 1935 by local Christian Reformed Churches, Valley Christian Schools (VCS) provide a Christian education for children and youth from preschool through grade 12. In the light of the Lordship of Jesus Christ and the authority of God's word, VCS is committed to educate each unique student in cooperation with the Christian community so that he or she is equipped and inspired to make a difference for Jesus Christ in the world. VCS depends, in part, upon the continuing support of the local Christian Reformed Churches, like Long Beach CRC, to provide tuition assistance to its students.

# **You are invited!** **Come join** *Kidshine 2026*

A Musical/Drama under the  
Direction of Kay VanWeerthuizen

**Rehearsals begin February 22, 2026**  
**4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**



For 1st - 8th grade

Presentations will be  
April 18 & 19 at 6:00 p.m.

Call 562-421-1721  
for more info.

## ***Serving This Sunday*** (February 1, 2026)

**Greeters – Julie Hecox**

**Ushers – Eric Schoonover,  
Marilyn Dancey, Bruce Hecox**

**Prayer Leader –  
Rob Thompson**

**Children's Message –  
Pastor Bryan Branderhorst**

**Nursery – Abby Van Hofwegen,  
Megan Minnema  
Helper – Faith Anema**

**Children's Church – Heidi Bansberg  
Greeter – Chelsey Anema**

**Campus Safety –  
Jonathan De Vries**

## ***Serving Next Sunday*** (February 8, 2026)

**Greeters – John & Claudia Bakker**

**Ushers – Cam Prestwich,  
Steven O'Neil, Bruce Hecox**

**Prayer Leader –  
Louisa Bakker-De Vries**

**Children's Message –**

**Nursery – Donna Sato,  
Jennifer Trujillo  
Helper – Jace Branderhorst**

**Children's Church –**  
Jeri Lynne Cullison  
**Greeter –** Deanne Grasmeyer

**Campus Safety –**  
Tim Vander Schaaf

## ***Calendar***

### **This Week**

#### **Sunday**

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes 10:45 a.m.

#### **Tuesday**

Men's Bible Study 8:00 a.m.

#### **Wednesday**

Coffee Break 9:30 a.m.  
Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.  
Anchor 6:30 p.m.  
Compass 6:30 p.m.  
Cadets 6:30 p.m.  
GEMS 6:30 p.m.

#### **Sunday**

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School Classes 10:45 a.m.

### **Upcoming**

February 9 – Friendship Fellowship  
February 10 – Council Meeting  
February 17 – Elders & Deacons  
Meet  
February 22 – Communion Sunday  
February 25 – All Church Night,  
GEMS Fundraiser Dinner