



# Blessed *to* Bless

## *Welcome!*

**February 8, 2026**

### **SONGS & PRAYER**

#### **GOD'S WORD**

Matthew 7:13-14

**Sermon on the Mount:  
Counter Culture**

“Gates, Roads, and Destinations”

#### **PARTING**

Song  
God's Blessing

#### *Prayer Pointer*

*Praying for others releases God's power and grace into people's lives.*

Alvin Vander Griend, CRC Pastor,  
author, Harvest Prayer Min.

#### *Outline*

Matthew 7:13-14

**Sermon on the Mount:  
Counter Culture**

“Gates, Roads, and Destinations”

1. Fallacy of Neutrality

2. Broad Road

3. Narrow Road

## *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](http://crcna.org/survey/4339) to answer the survey questions by March 31.

**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.

**Part-Time Church Secretary Needed** - Long Beach Christian Reformed Church is seeking a dedicated, detail-oriented individual who loves the Lord, to manage our church office. If you are a professional with strong Microsoft Office skills and a desire to serve our ministry, we encourage you to apply.

Duties are varied, covering administrative, communications, records, and event support. This is a part-time position, averaging 25 hours per week. A full job description is available upon request. Contact the church office at 562-421-1721 or email John van Kooy at [lbrcradmin@lbrcr.org](mailto:lbrcradmin@lbrcr.org).

**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 VanWeerhuizen*

**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 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

## *Serving Next Sunday*

(February 15, 2026)

**Greeters** – Bill & Jeri Lynne Cullison

**Ushers** – Ken Bansberg, Matt Anema

**Prayer Leader** – Jason LeMonnier

**Children's Message** –  
Abby Van Hofwegen

**Nursery** – Kate Rinker,  
Catherine Stom

**Helper** – Grant Branderhorst

**Children's Church** – Chelsey Anema

**Greeter** – Leslie Grasmeyer

**Campus Safety** –  
Tyler McLurg

## *Calendar*

### This Week

#### **Sunday**

Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classes 10:45 a.m.

#### **Monday**

Friendship Fellowship 6:00 p.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.

### Upcoming

February 10 – Council Meeting

February 17 – Council Meets with

Elders & Deacons Meeting

afterwards

February 22 – Communion Sunday

February 25 – All Church Night,

GEMS Fundraiser Dinner