### TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yomi

OFFERING: Michael

WORD: Pastor

#### WELCOME

We warmly welcome you, if you are worshipping with us for the first time. We believe you've become a member of our church family by God's grace.

Please ensure you speak to the Pastor or one of today's facilitators before you leave.

May God bless you richly (Amen).

### VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Let us think of ways to motivate one another ... And let us ... encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NLT)

# GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

To build a church that is **growing**, healthy and full of love, do you

have comments, ideas or suggestions? If so, please talk to the Pastor or a minister.

### **DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know you could join most of our services online when you are unable to attend? Talk to the technical team or the Pastor to find out how.

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### SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

## FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study From 7pm

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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<a href="http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/">http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/</a>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to attend services or for refreshing your recollection as an essential part of your private Bible study.

There's more! Details of events and outreach will almost certainly be available from relevant pages on our website and updated regularly, along with downloadable copies of our Sunday bulletins (<a href="http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/">http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/</a>).

So, why don't you set our homepage as one of your **startup page(s)** in your browser now? The following instructions for most of the common browsers may help.

#### **Google Chrome**

- Open the browser and the Settings menu (or the three vertical dots to the right of the menu bar).
- 2. Scroll down and click on Advanced Settings.
- 3. Select Open a specific page or set of pages under On Startup.
- 4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a>.

#### Mozilla Firefox

- Open Firefox. Press Alt-T on the keyboard and select Options from the drop-down menu or go to Tools >> Options from the main menu.
- 2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
- Enter or paste the URL: <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a> or click Use Current Page if you are already on our website.

#### Microsoft Edge

- 1. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar.
- Select Settings and select A Specific Page or Pages from the Open Microsoft Edge With section drop down options.
- Enter http://rccgbethel.church/. (Click the Plus sign to add more pages if required).
- Click the three horizontal dots to the right of the top menu bar again to close Settings menu.

# FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

## We need each other ... to grow

We must grow in all areas - as God blesses. Certain government interventions may be beneficial to some more than others. God works differently in a Christian's life. Leaders especially should add value and develop others. It happens in other aspects of life and the body of Christ should definitely do this too. Leaders must set the right focus, inspire others to follow and lead by example.

However, leaders alone cannot achieve our objectives and what is required from us, according to our text this year (Eph 4:16). These are explored in our bulletin of last week\*. We see emphasis on how much each of us is important for the proper working of the whole. This is not just during services or fellowships. Our meetings is just a formality. It is the relationships, phone calls and visits to each other's homes that builds the body.

Our focus on growth is to help the individual, because this eventually helps the collective. It is not about the offices or positions and the Pastor cannot just lead spiritually. Growth takes all of us to a point where everyone can lead by the grace of God, if it is the right thing to do.

In John 21:15, Jesus commands Peter: "Feed my lambs" When you love somebody, you nourish one another. Passion, commitment to the cause is all about our love for Christ.

The article in last week's bulletin concludes that this picture is rarely seen in our churches. But we are reminded God wants it. It ends by maintaining that each part (person) must work together with the other, interlinked and purposeful, as we grow and build ourselves up in love.

Also, we need to identify whatever gifts God has giving us, that may be of benefit in building each other up, and ensure we use them. Paul told Timothy this in 2 Tim 1:6: "... fan into flames the spiritual gift God gave you when I laid my hands on you." When we see needs or gaps, we cannot turn away, Let us remember that the gift we do not use becomes less effective over time.

#### **Bottom line**

In 2 Timothy 1, we see how much Paul was invested in Timothy's wellbeing as well as his spiritual growth. Paul mentored Timothy as if he was his own son. Likewise, we need to invest in each other so we can all grow in all areas this year.

\* Download a copy of last week's bulletin from here: http://rccqbethel.church/category/bulletins/

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