

#### 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

There is only one thing worth being concerned about. Mary has discovered it, and it will not be taken away from her.

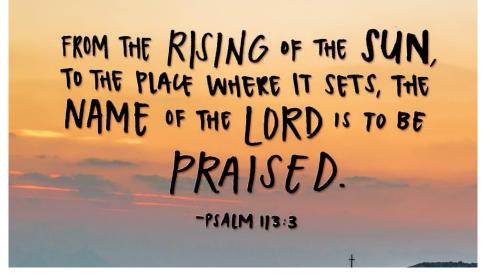
Luke 10:42 (NLT)

# 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.



Source: https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-prayer/a-prayer-for-praise-your-daily-prayer-september-19-2016.html



### SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

## FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study From 7pm

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## Our 'must-visit' website



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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 (http://rccgbethel.church/category/bulletins/).

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.
- 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).
- 4. Click the **three horizontal dots** to the right of the top menu bar again to close **Settings** menu.

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

### The signs of a healthy church

Text: Luke 10:38-42

As a Christian we're privileged to listen to the spirit of God. After that, good health is a great blessing. The ability to sleep without pain, move, go to the loo etc. – many would prefer than over anything.

There are obvious signs of good health in medical terms. For churches, this may be seen in their main focus. Some outreach in prisons while some focus on prayers, on evangelising and preaching the gospel etc. However, regardless of the focus, it is never about the size or number of programmes.

What any church needs is the power of the Holy Spirit to achieve their plans (Acts 2:1 Corinthians 10:31). Signs of a healthy church include doing things to glorify God. Emphasis on personalities or showmanship – Pastors who can do this or that etc. are not the signs that a church is healthy. When monuments are built to personalities and not Jesus, there is a problem (Isaiah 42:8).

So, we must make sure everything points to the person of Jesus. A man once went to a Christian event and the bible was never opened throughout. We know this is problematic. Everything from a pulpit should point to the Lord Jesus.

A healthy church must also have leaders who are accountable to God (Hebrews 13:17). Being a tyrant or arrogant is not leadership (1 Timothy 3:1-12; 1 Peter 5:1–5). God gave us a mission to make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). Where there is clear direction and leadership, people will follow and that is Godly leadership. Godly leadership is also the sign of good health in a church.

Others include a strong focus on the scripture and its application; not just learning, but being transformed by it. Also, using love to interpret and use scriptures to enrich lives and devoting ourselves to real love. We can learn from the early church, visiting sick people that are not able to attend services (Acts 2:42-47) etc., and remaining relevant.

#### **Bottom line**

We need to ask ourselves what part we have to play (Luke 17:10) and pray that God will help us improve in areas where there are gaps and continue in places where we are doing well.

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