

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Remy

OFFERING: Austin

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

For it's not where we worship that counts, but how we worship—is our worship spiritual and real? Do we have the Holy Spirit's help? For God is Spirit, and we must have his help to worship as we should.

John 4:21-23 (LB)

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.



Sunday 12 January 2020

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Ephesians 4:16

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Our 'must-visit' website



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WELCOME TO RCCG BETHEL PARISH

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 (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). 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

1. 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 <http://rccgbethel.church/>.

Mozilla Firefox

1. 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.
3. Enter or paste the URL: <http://rccgbethel.church/> 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.
2. Select **Settings** and select **A Specific Page or Pages** from the **Open Microsoft Edge With** section drop down options.
3. 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

How to build a church that is healthy, growing and full of love

Text: Eph 4:11-16

This year and for the rest of the decade, our theme and focus will be on the latter part of verse 16: *"He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love."*

As we all know, the church is not a building but each of us in it. Our growth and health depend on each other; each part doing its work. **George Barna's** book titled **"The Habits of Highly Effective Churches"** has a number of metrics for identifying a growing and healthy church, including the following:

- Focus on **strategic leadership**: Emphasising accountability and transparency in our practices.
- Focus on **praying**: If we delight in praying, no one needs to cajole us to attend prayer meetings.
- Focus on **worshipping**: Worshipping is more than singing. John 4:23 tells us we must worship God in spirit and in truth, acknowledging God in every area / aspect of our lives.
- Focus on **people released intentionally into ministry**. There's something unique each of us can contribute to the church. Elisha was able to help the desperate widow woman by using a jar of oil she already owns. The oil later filled several jars; as many as the woman could get and no more. Regardless of how rich or poor you are, you still have something to offer God: your voice, empathy, encouragement, mentoring etc., and a lot of our programmes fail sometimes because we are not thinking about who can benefit.
- **Clear vision and mission**. Often, we're good at outlining what we want to do with clear plans. Vision is the resolution; mission is the plan.
- **Coherent discipleship** plan. The focus must NOT be on programmes but on people.
- **Service to the needy**. Most of Jesus' ministry was devoted to serving people in distress.
- **Healthy finances**: How we're using church money is crucial. It's not about accountability to the charity commission but to God in all decisions and allocations.
- Experience of the **move of the Holy Spirit**. If we must succeed in anything, we cannot do it without the Holy Spirit's help.

Bottom line

The book of Ephesians could be a blueprint for a church that is focused on achieving Jesus' purpose. As a church, we have one message that is never changing but the mode and methods of passing on the message will change with time, and must be fit for the purpose and the season.

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