

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yomi

OFFERING: Wunmi

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

Who also made us sufficient as ministers of the new covenant, not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.
2 Corinthians 3:6 (NKJV)

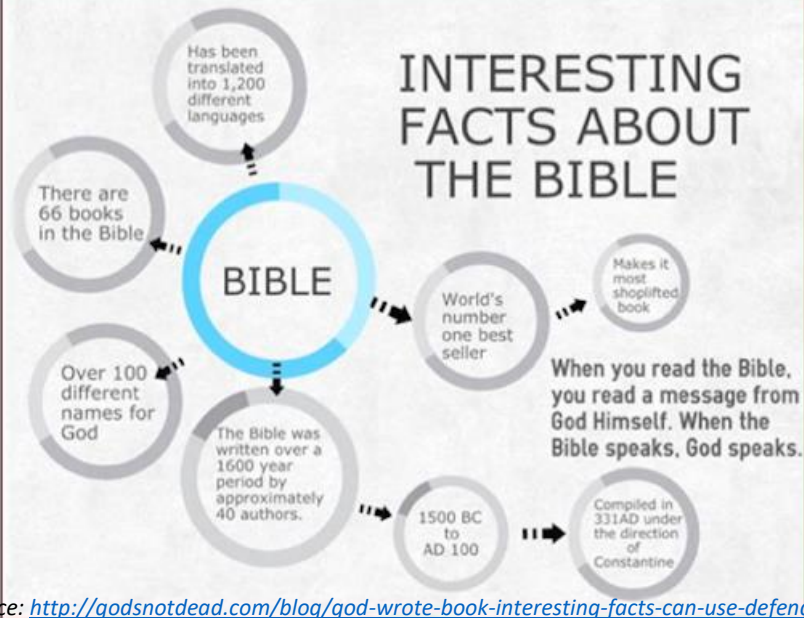
GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

To build a church that is **growing, healthy and full of love**, if 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.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE BIBLE



Source: <http://godsnotdead.com/blog/god-wrote-book-interesting-facts-can-use-defend-word/>



Sunday 9 February 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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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

What is the Bible?

The Bible is a collection of ancient documents copied onto manuscript (MSS) by the Scribes from parchments and scrolls prone to decay or loss. However, access was restricted, hence memorisation was encouraged. The printing press changed that, making it easier to obtain copies. Today, the Bible is still the number one bestseller.

A brief history:

The first English version called the 'Great Bible' was compiled by the Bishops and printed during the reign of Elizabeth I in 1539. But there were questions about its authenticity. Scholars during the reign of King James I of England and Ireland produced the 'King James Version' (KJV) in 1603.

The origin is cloaked in mystery, but some of the historical underpinning have been verified and nowhere is that more evident than in parts of Samuel, Kings, Ezra and Nehemiah which described events also found in other sources e.g. The Dead Sea Scrolls unearthed in 1947 by archaeologists. To dispute heretical teachings such as Arianism, a definitive list of books included were decided by the Church Fathers around the 1st century and these formed the biblical canon.

Is it "God-breathed" and / or inspired by God?

"God-breathed" is the Greek word *theopneustos*, found in 2 Tim 3:16. Inspiration is the Vulgate Latin and King James English translation. It is important to understand that the word of God is not the Bible. Likewise, some brilliant or life-changing books have been written over time and will yet be written ... some even inspired by God, but they're not the Bible.

The Bible contains the word of God, but it is not the word of God unless it has an impact on a life, bringing change and / or transformation. Without that, it is just texts ("letters"). Many of the authors of the Bible books have claimed divine inspiration, supporting the assertion with examples of instances of when their messages impacted others. We see that throughout the New Testament and other parts of the Bible.

Therefore, applying human definition to the question is not helpful. It is much more important to ensure it impacts our lives (2 Cor 3:18 - NIV). We follow the scriptures and allow it to become a part of us; until it produces the fruit of the spirit in us (Gal 5:22-23; Psa 15:1-5).

Bottom line

The whole essence of God inspiring man to write the scriptures is so that we can become like him and so that he can use us to influence lives. You must let him.

References:

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https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Biblical_inspiration

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