TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Austin
OFFERING: Annie
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

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18 (NASB)

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://passionateprayer.org/2018/03/24/bend-your-knees-in-prayer/



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 (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

- 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

- 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: 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.
- 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

The prayer of Paul

Text: Ephesians 1:15-23 (NLT)

Why did Paul pray and why do we? It is because Paul knew prayer is a significant investment to influence, resolve and address issues that may be beyond us.

At a time like this, when fear is prevalent, prayer is the only answer. It levels the playing field, bringing the all-powerful God onto our side, especially when the enemy is unseen. It isn't wrong to pray for needs although God already knows about them. I'm saying there are more important things to pray about.

What did Paul pray about?

God gave Christ incredible power and authority for our sake. The things Paul prayed for are necessary for us to understand and tap into that power and authority, as co-heirs with Christ. For example, we need insight and knowledge in the place of prayer and times like these should drive us to God (Col 4:2-4; 13) and to praying for / with one another.

Let's consider David. He had insight and understanding, such that we use many of his prayers in our services today e.g. **Psalm 23**. David knew God leads, provides, guides, restores, protects and so on. We must have the same understanding so that we're not scared or dismayed when trouble comes.

Psalm 23

- 1. The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
- 2. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.
- 3. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.
- 4. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
- 5. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.
- 6. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Bottom line:

Focus on Psalms 23 in the week ahead and don't be afraid. He will see us through this period in Jesus name (Amen).

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