

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Wunmi

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

A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

A church full of love ... contd

Text: Ephesians 4:14

A love relationship with God leads to a love relationship with one another. It is how we show that we love God and we're demonstrating the nature of God. This includes those we worship with, work with or come into contact with on a daily basis in our communities and so on (1 John 4:7-12; 20; Rom 13:8-10). Love runs through the bible, from Genesis to Revelations. We're Christ' ambassadors, so we must act in love with one another.

The story of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:29-37 also illustrates love in action. When we love each other, we wouldn't walk by when we see others suffering. Some, including religious leaders of the time saw the need and did nothing. Let's pray that we will show compassion and give our resources to meet the need of others.

Bottom line:

As Christians, we must be prepared to meet needs around us, as much as we're able. Also, let's also tell each other what we're going through so that we can experience God's love.



Sunday 30 August 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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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

A church full of love

Text: Ephesians 4:16

We all know our theme this year is to build a church that is growing, healthy and full of love. Today, we'll concentrate on how we can be full of love. We all want to be loved and our prayer is that everyone walking into the church will experience God's love. But what is love and how can we be a church full of love?

Love can be described as a fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22). It is also one of the greatest virtues we can have (1 Cor 13:13). There are several other definitions too, including one that says it is a strong affection for another. But one struck a chord with me and it reads:

"Jesus is the reason we even know what love is. In laying down his life for us, he taught us everything we need to know about true love. Love is self-sacrificing, generous, unending, not a temporary feeling or attraction. Because of God's love for the world, we know love is also undeserving and often unreciprocated."

Kristi Walker (<https://www.christianity.com/wiki/christian-terms/what-is-love.html>)

1 Corinthians 13 also taught us that love is patient, kind, does not envy or boast, nor is it proud. Love never gives up on us and never fails us.

Why should we be a church that is full of love?

In 1 John 4:8; 16-19 we can see that love shows we know God and he abides with us. It also drives out fear from our hearts because Christ loves us first. It is also the crucial characteristics that proves we're a church and not clanging cymbals (1 Cor 13:1). When we're full of love, we will be a healthy church.

We may be able to prophesy, fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, have a faith that can move mountains, give all we possess to the poor and give over our bodies to hardship. Without love, it is all a lot of nothings (1 Cor 13:2-3). Everyone who walk through a church must experience the love of God and people have left churches because they couldn't. Let us pray that will not happen in our church.

How can we be a church that is full of love?

First, we must be a church that loves God (1 John 3:18). The only way we can show our love for God is when we obey his commandments (John 14:15; 1 John 5:3). It is a life that is fully yielded to the Holy Spirit (Gal 2:20) and it goes well beyond obeying the ten commandments. Many churches are being led by the preferences of men. Churches must be Christ-centered and be led by the Holy Spirit.

Joseph's story gave us a great pattern to follow. He refused to sleep with his master, Potiphar's wife because he wouldn't sin against God (Gen 39:1-9). He also forgave his brothers after they sold him into slavery for the same reason, reassuring them (Gen 39:15-20). Therefore, the love of God can help us to forgive each other and to be right-standing with God.

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