

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: TBA

OFFERING: Lolade

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

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

1 Peter 3:15 (NKJV)

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.

Contending for the Faith

As we contend for what we believe, we are to fight the good fight of faith!



Source(s): <http://www.nloc-outreach.com/blog/post/contending-for-the-faith>



Sunday 13 September 2020

WELCOME

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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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

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

Contending for our faith

Text: Jude 1-4

The book of Jude is not the shortest book in the bible and not easy reading, but it makes powerful uncompromising statements we should pay attention to. Jude asked us to contend for our faith. To contend is to struggle to overcome a challenging situation or to affirm a position or situation. But first, there must be legitimacy over whatever you contend for and you should be able to defend your position.

For example, if you want to contend over a land issue, you need a title deed. To affirming paternity, a DNA. For an inheritance, a will may be necessary and so on. Our title deed as Christians is the Lord Jesus and our legitimacy is being born again (John 3:16; Acts 4:12) and that legitimacy is granted in two ways. By grace, inputted without doing anything to earn it (Eph 2:8-9) and by indication. This is the sustaining / continuous legitimacy as explained in 2 Corinthians 5:17. Our new / real life after salvation confirms we're in Christ (Col 3:1-4).

Jude asks that we contend for our faith. The Internet has made misinformation and doctrinal falsehood pervasive and easily accessible. Everyone now have an opinion and there are people who shape / influences opinion. Truth seem relative / parallel. Jude warns against insidious messaging trends that creep in, masquerading as truth (Matt 24:24; 2 Tim 3:1-5). We are must guide against being swayed by falsehoods.

How do we contend for our faith?

First, we must be gatekeepers and become a student of the word of God (Col 3:16). We cannot continue to be spoon-fed the word of God. We must instead become Holy Spirit-fed as we allow the word of God to come alive for us. It will require having a personal relationship with the word of God that's constant and consistent.

Contending is not about arguing or setting people to rights. Every scripture can be used to defend anything for the most part. We need a personal relationship with Christ and know the truth. And the source of that truth for Christians is not in the giftedness of our leaders, it is the person of Christ.

Not only that, we must live a life that models the word of God. Our lifestyle must conform to the word of God and be influenced by it (1 Tim 6:11-12; Rom 12:1-2). For example, we must flee from sin and model that in our speech and actions. We must also model the truth and the life of God, and be conscious of our destination and our eternal home.

Bottom line:

As Christians and in our churches, we must become the church of Jesus, following and modelling the examples set by him, including outside the walls of our church building or group. We must go out and become salt and light to the world. That's how we contend for our faith.

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