

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Wunmi

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**WORD:** Yomi

## 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.

**Prayer is the greatest of all forces, because it honors God and brings him into active aid.**

Edward McKendree Bounds

[www.idlehearts.com](http://www.idlehearts.com)

THE NEGLECT  
OF PRAYER  
IS A GRAND  
HINDRANCE  
TO HOLINESS.

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Sunday 20 September 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

### RCCG Bethel Parish

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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

### Spiritual warfare (Part 5)

#### Text: Ephesians 6:10-18

We've been studying this text for a while which tells us about our body armoury against the devil. Truth is the foundation of our belief system and righteousness is found in Christ by faith. Sin no longer have control over us. With feet shod with the gospel of peace and the shield of faith protecting us, fiery darts of the devil have no effect on us.

However, we must be sure of our salvation. Avoid doubts and be assured that he that has started a good work in you can and will complete it. Our confidence is in him that has called us. But just like in any warfare, the components of the armour work together and complement each other and they talk about the main tenet of the Christian faith.

For example, the word of God is only effective when it becomes spirit and life. The bible contains the word of God, but it is not the word of God. The word of God transcends everything and cannot be contained in a book (John 6:63). But what ties them all together is prayer.

Paul said "*Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.*" (Eph 6:18 NLT). In 1 Thessalonians 5:17, he said "*Never stop praying.*" It is our connection to God and as Christians, we need to be constantly connected.

When we need to talk to God or hear from him quickly, we should be able to. Samuel was attuned with God and was able to hear from him as he was about to anoint the wrong man as king (1 Sam 16:1-13). David in Baal Perazim asked for clarification from God before going after the Philistines (2 Sam 5:17-20).

People sometimes think prayer is passive and that's wrong. Prayer is active. It is always doing something (Zech 4:6). It is where you exercise your spiritual muscles so you can make a difference.

James understood the power of prayer and counselled those going through hardship. Note that there's a difference between lacking certain things and hardship. It is hardship when your back is against the wall and the way out seem unclear. James asked us to pray at those times or when we're sick or have sinned because our earnest prayer is powerful (James 5:13-16).

#### Bottom line:

For James, the difference between us and Elijah is that he knew the power of prayer (James 5:17-18). We must also know how to wield the power of prayer in our lives. Jude talked about powerful angel Michael who prayed to rebuke the devil (Jude 1:9). If he could pray, as powerful as he is, so can we.

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