

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

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**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

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

*1 Timothy 2:1-2 (ESV)*

## 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.

**Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.**

*1 Timothy 4:12*

Source(s): [https://www.ldcf.org/young\\_christians\\_transforming\\_politics](https://www.ldcf.org/young_christians_transforming_politics)



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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

### **What should Christians' attitude be about politics?**

Some might say we shouldn't mix politics with religion i.e. state is state, church is church and both should be miles apart and separate. However, we can't get away from politics.

Politics simply means how a group of people govern themselves, from basic self-governance to dictatorship, democracy, autocracy and so on. People tend to gravitate towards someone who becomes a leader within a group of bodies such as schools, churches etc., and would follow them, sometimes to a fault.

### **What does the bible say about politics / authority?**

Terrible leaders may cause lots of problems for the people they lead. However, God ultimately rules over all (Prov 29:2; Dan 4:17). God asked us to submit to all authority. Jesus did, recognising the authority of the ruler of his day (1 Pet 2:13-14; Matt 22:15-22). So, the bible does not condemn politics.

### **What should our approach be?**

First, we must submit to all authorities and that includes whether they're good or bad (Rom 13:1-3). Some have used Acts 5:29, where Peter and the apostles declared they must obey God first to support disobedience. But these are not in opposition to each other. Governments may get it wrong, but we must open any rules and regulations, pay our taxes and get involved.

We should spend time to pray (1 Tim 2:1-4) for our leaders to get it right and for God to send us the right kind of leadership. Leaders do not have to be Christians to take Godly decisions and Cyrus is an example in the bible (Isa 45:1, 4; see also 41:2-25; 42:6; 2 Chron 36:22-23).

God can use anyone and prayer can turn anyone's heart (Prov 21:1-9). There are also several other examples in the bible, of characters involved in politics e.g. Joseph, Esther, Modechai, Nehemiah, Daniel and many others. Politics is interwoven with all our lives and with great impact too. Therefore, we must participate.

If inclined to, join a political party. Otherwise, ensure you educate yourself about their manifesto and policies, then vote your choice. We cannot sit on the fence or abdicate our civil responsibilities as Christians. We must aim to influence the world by our words and actions (Matt 5:13-16).

### **Bottom line:**

Daniel was always relevant because he carried his faith along with him wherever he went. Pray that our leaders will make the right decisions that will benefit the people. It is not easy to be in leadership. They need our prayers and our cooperation.

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