

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Austin

**OFFERING:** Isaac

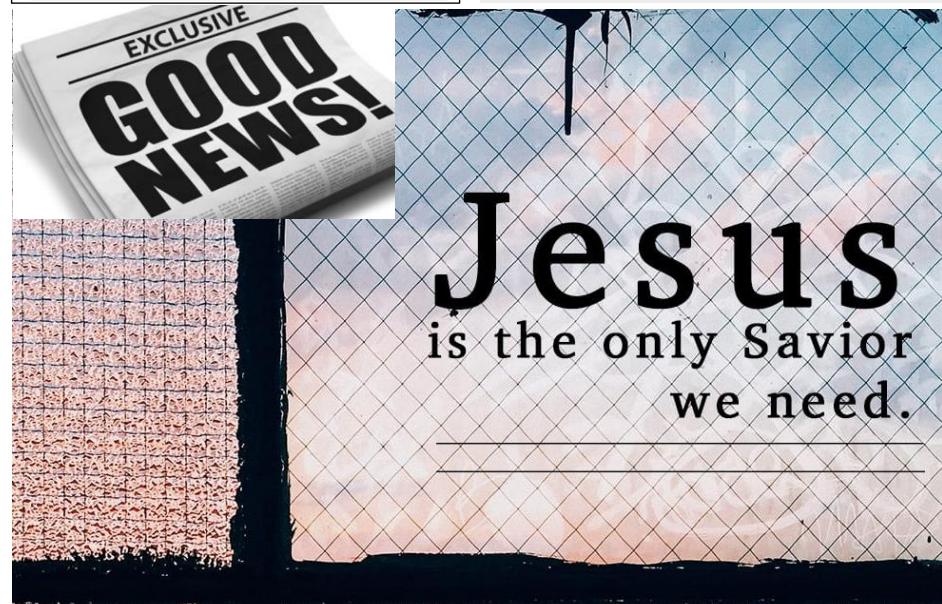
**WORD:** Pastor

## 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).



Source(s): <https://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/your-daily-bible-verse/good-news-in-one-of-the-saddest-verses-in-scripture.html> | <https://allenbrowne.blog/2019/02/06/whats-the-good-news-in-the-new-testament/>

## VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

But now that Timothy has come to us from you, and has brought us good news of your faith and love, and that you always think kindly of us, longing to see us just as we also long to see you.

*1 Thessalonians 3:6*

## 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.



Sunday 15 November 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

### The “Good News”

#### Text: Phil 1:1-6

The phrase “good news” (in the New Living Translation) caught my attention in this text (Phil 1:5). We've been glued to the internet, radio, TV of recent, wanting to know who won the election in the United States. For some, the news was good, but terrible for others. So, I wondered what the good news was, that the writer of this text was keen to spread to everyone.

In Luke 4:16-19, Jesus said “***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor.***” The “poor” are those poor in spirit and not necessarily poverty in material wealth (Matt 5:3). He went on to say “***He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favour has come.***” That is the good news and the whole essence of the bible.

The “captives” are not those in physical prisons but those with a certain mindset, imprisoned in their minds. Likewise, blindness is not the physical blindness. We may be able to see physically and still be blind (John 9:39; 2 Cor 4:3-4). The more we think we know about God, the less we know.

These days, we can find several conflicting stories on the Internet about when Jesus will come back. All that Christ and the apostles keep telling us is that none of us will know when Jesus will return (Mark 13:34-37). The greatest preparation is not to worry about when he'll come, but to live prepared for him to come at any time. No matter how much we may want to know, Jesus told us we can't.

#### Why do we need good news?

We need good news because of the accuser (Rev 12:7-12). As long as he's in this world, we need the “good news” of salvation. We can rest on the knowledge that Jesus sacrificed his life to “***proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free, and that the time of the Lord's favour has come.***” It is Christ's manifesto pledge to us and we can trust in it.

If we look through scriptures from the beginning, it may have happened before, but there was no record of a man casting out demons until Jesus. That's one of the reasons his detractors kept wondering who he was and how he could do what he did. If we're not in Christ, we're being controlled by ungodly spirits. The only way to break free is to accept the “good news”.

#### Bottom line:

One of the greatest tragedies is to be free, but not realise it. I pray we will realise the freedom we have in Christ and live in that knowledge. Check yourself to see if you're living in this freedom in the days, weeks and months ahead.

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