

\*\*\* GIVE THANKS \*\*\*

# Thanksgiving Service

## 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).

## PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



Source(s): <https://www.amazon.co.uk/Declares-Prosper-Future-Jeremiah-Journal/dp/154264123X/>,  
<https://prayerpups.com/comic/new-years-resolutions/> // <http://christianmotivations.weebly.com/christian-motivations-blog/what-sort-of-new-years-resolution-should-a-christian-make>

## VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit.

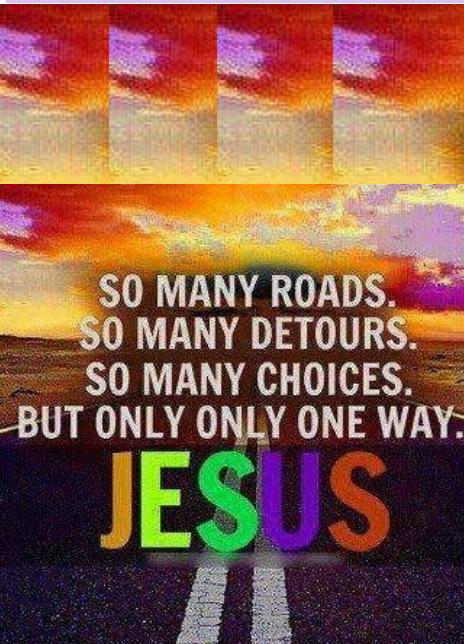
*Romans 15:13 (NLT)*

## 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 3 January 2021

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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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# 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

### Portraits of Jesus: A hope and a future

#### Text: Habakkuk 2:1-3

Habakkuk questioned God (Hab 1:1-17). First he asked about the unfairness in the society. After God responded, he complained that the cure seemed worse than the problem. Then he said he would stand watch and wait for a response (Hab 2:1).

Like Habakkuk, we may have several questions for God, especially at this time and this year, and that's okay. The scripture is full of questions (Matthew 11:3; Acts 1:6). For example, we may want to know why something has or hasn't happened. God's response to Habakkuk was to wait even longer, referring him to the future (Hab 2:2-3).

**"Write the vision," God said to Habakkuk, "and make it plain on tablets, that he may run who reads it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time..."**

The same thing happened to Jeremiah. In Jeremiah 29:11-14, God assured the prophet his thoughts for him was for "**a future and a hope**" and King James translation called that "**an expected end.**" God was encouraging us to the future.

So did the Queen in her message this year. She ended her speech as follows:

**"Even on the darkest night, there's a hope of a due dawn."**

~ Queen Elizabeth II

So, whatever our questions about this year and any challenges we may have faced, the good news is there's always a hope of a better tomorrow. In 2 Corinthians 4:17-18, Paul said:

**"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory ... For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal."**

#### Bottom line:

Be confident that 2021's going to be better and there's hope (Luke 21:25-28).



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