

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: TBA

OFFERING: Bola

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

Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

Ephesians 1:11 (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.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Inspirational Christian Blogs



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

God decides

Text: Jeremiah 8:20-22

We all prayed that COVID will be over, yet it seemed to be going on forever. Likewise, the Israelites saw no change after praying through the harvest and the summer periods in this passage. The apostles felt the same, wondering when Israel will be restored and the suffering end (Acts 1:6-8).

"It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority," Jesus responded. In other words, God's priority is not our present suffering (Rom 8:18-31). In truth, what's more important to God is to prevent the destruction of our soul (Matt 10:26-31).

Many of us may be afraid when we go through tough times or feel close to death. We may wonder if it is the end, but we can take comfort from the words of God and the knowledge that it is not **"the end"** according to the will of God. Therefore, we must be careful to ensure our focus is on the right things. Our life is a long examination and we will give an account.

So, even if the period of examination feel too long at times, such that we want release (1 Kn 19:1-4; Jonah 4:1-3). Or we're in excruciating pain, lost status, possessions or loved ones, and feel it is too much to bear; praying for death. Let's remember God promised none of the trials or temptations we go through can overcome us (1 Cor 10:13).

God decides when the period of examination end too. Meanwhile, we keep our focus on the right things (1 Kn 19:10-18) and ensure there's a support structure around us; especially those that will help us to remain strong. Elisha was one of the prophets Elijah didn't know about, and when it was his turn, he mentored and surrounded himself with others for support (1 Kn 19:18; 2 Kn 9:1-10).

As a church, we're learning these same lessons right now. The most important relationship we have is God. We must prioritise that while also realising that God is sovereign. He alone knows best (Dan 4:17).

None of us can say how many stars are in the galaxy^[1], but like Job, in our arrogance, we sometimes feel we have the right to question everything or think we know it all. We must learn to accept that only God decides (Job 40:3-5).

Bottom line:

It is a privilege that we're alive today. We can trust in God to take us through every challenge we may be facing right now and beyond, to an expected end according to his will in Christ Jesus.

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