

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: TBA

OFFERING: Yetunde

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

Cast your bread on the surface of the waters, [be diligently active, make thoughtful decisions], for you will [a]find it after many days.

Ecclesiastes 11: 1 (AMP)

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.

Those who SOW in TEARS will REAP with songs of JOY
Psalm 126

Those who go out weeping, carrying seed to sow, will return with songs of joy, carrying sheaves with them.

Psalm 126:5-6



Sunday 31 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

Seeds and harvest

Text: Genesis 8:20-22

When we interpret the scripture, we need to be careful. I once came across an interpretation of **Mark 16:17-20**. The writer was asserting that the signs following people are the things they believe, because the text said miraculous signs shall follow those who believe. In other words, if you stop believing in COVID for example, you will not be affected it.

One question we may ask is if we don't believe in the rain, can we stop it? Can anyone stop air from blowing just by not believing air exists? It is simplistic and impracticable. Likewise, the phrase "**seedtime and harvest ... shall not cease**" has often been seen or translated as supporting scripture for prosperity or receiving from God. The truth is it's much more than that.

We can see an illustration in the parable. Jesus told his disciples about a sower and seeds yielding or not yielding fruits as expected when planted. This shows there are conditions to be met before there's increase and harvesting (Luke 8:4-8; 10:15).

We've all been given the same time. Some of us use a part of it to invest. A farmer knows if he doesn't sow, there'll be no harvest. We must learn to sow seeds too, to enjoy times of harvest. When we have plenty, we need to sow, for example into the kingdom of God or to support others who may need us to. Investing wisely in the period of plenty will ensure a bountiful harvest later (2 Cor 9:6-15).

Therefore, a sound financial principle we all should cultivate for the kingdom is about preparing for the future by saving or investing. God's grace always abounds towards us. But this year, let's identify our seeds and sow in time of plenty. Remember, we can only plant when there's peace. In times of stress or trouble, we pray for a turn-around so we can have peace and plant into our future.

Bottom line:

This year, let's make a deliberate effort to know our seeds and invest wisely into the kingdom of heaven and our walk with God.

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