

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Otunsha

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).

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

The Lord himself watches over you!
The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade. The sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon at night.
Psalms 121:5-6 (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.



Schedules for delayed arrival of prayer answers aren't normally announced by God

**Finding
refuge
in God is
always
our
safest
place**

Image source(s): <http://wingspanprayer.org/unanswered-prayers-dealing-with-disappointment/>



Sunday 21 February 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

Our help comes from God

Text: Psalm 121:1-8

Crisis is part of life. But how we respond or handle them could make a big difference to their impact on our lives. A Psalmist said "***My times are in your hands...***" (Psa 31:15). It is important that we let God handle our crises. Our text today tells us our help comes from the Lord and nowhere else. Not even the hills – no matter how vast or strong. God makes heaven and earth.

In other words, putting our trust in government, structures or other things will not help us. At one time or the other, those things will fail. The Psalmist has obviously experienced a time of hardship and learnt that help can only come from God and God alone.

We need God's help, love, guidance to endure our journey on earth, and through the highs and lows. Psalm 23:4 says: "***Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.***" Jesus promised never to leave or forsake us (Heb 13:5). He's always with us and we need to remember that. The presence of trials or trouble does not imply the absence of God.

God is the creator of heaven and earth (Psa 121:2). That means he's always in control. Therefore, when we feel helpless, we can be strong because it is in our weakness that he's made strong (2 Cor 12:9). He also never slumbers nor sleep (Psa 121:4). In other words, he's always at alert and ready to help.

The Lord is working in us to do and to will, and he's doing that even right now (Phil 2:13). He's our help and he gave us the Holy Spirit who is our ***Parakletos*** (Greek) i.e. the one who walks alongside us and pleads our cause before God. He will teach us all things (John 14:26).

God allows trials so we can discover where our strength and source of support can be found. Then we become a testimony of his goodness for others. God has a greater purpose for all of us and will always be there to answer us when we call upon him. So, let our character be free from anything that turns our eyes away from God. In turn, he will never forsake us (Heb 13:5-6).

Bottom line:

We either let crisis handle us or we learn to hand it over to God. Know that it is in time of crisis that we need God most. The good news is he's always ready to receive and help us.

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