

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Bimmy

OFFERING: Austin

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

For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Matthew 6:32-33 (NKJV)

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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

What really matters? ... continued

Text: Philippians 1:1-11

difference in whatever task he's assigned us. We cannot hide like the man given a talent (Matt 25:14-30), perhaps because we're afraid of failing or we think we're inadequate. He who committed the task to us can help us to complete it (Phil 1:6).

Paul considered everything worthless "**when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus**" (Phil 3:7-11). Like Jesus, we can see in this scripture the driving force in the Paul's life and why he was one of the most successful Apostles. If our relationship with God matter to us, we would do everything to ensure our lives match up to what he wants from us and is pleasing to him (2 Cor 3:18; Rom 12:1-2). How wonderful would it be if there's no need for tracts and we become the epistle people read?

Bottom line:

Do you ask yourself the hard questions? Have you discovered that what really matters is that your life pleases Christ? We must invest in a lasting relationship with God and complete the work he's committed into our hands. If you've lost the joy of your salvation, pray for restoration before it is too late.



Sunday 28 February 2021

WELCOME

Redeemed Christian Church of God

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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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

What really matters?

Text: Philippians 1:1-11

Paul's letter to the Philippians seemed the warmest of all his epistles to churches. That may well be because, as he said, they partnered and laboured with him in ministry. Before the second wave of the COVID-19 pandemic a few months back we were celebrating, thinking we may have seen the last of rising cases. But the current wave has been even more brutal.

And so, I've been asking myself some questions. What if the worst is yet to come? What if vaccines prove ineffectual against the variants? These scenarios may be scary to contemplate, but it takes maturity to ask ourselves the hard questions at times like these, and to ask ourselves what really matters.

Sometimes we go into a project, enterprise or start a career without really knowing what we want. Some end the project or their marriages soon after it starts. That could imply they don't really know what they wanted before they entered into the project / marriage. It takes maturity to know what we want and who our real friends are.

In John 15:13-15, God redefined his relationship with his disciples and told them they were no longer servants or slaves but friends. He knew he would need his friends to carry out his mission after him. Do you value the friends that matter in your lives before you lose them forever? Do you appreciate the relationships that nurture you? Like the prodigal son, I pray we come to our senses before it is too late. Note that he was prepared to go back to his father, even as a hired servant (Luke 15:17-19).

What are the important relationships in your life? A married woman once had an affair with a black man and hid it from her husband. Thinking she got away with it, when she became pregnant, she assumed it was her husband's. But the baby girl was born biracial and clearly a product of the affair. However, instead of getting angry or ending the marriage, her husband accepted and loved the child as his own.

As she grew up, the child kept asking why she was different from her parents, but they never told her the truth. When her father became ill with cancer, the family took a stem cell test and she found out they weren't related. So, she forced her mother to tell her the truth. Knowing made her appreciate her father's love even more, saying she'd be the luckiest person on earth if she only had a single cell in common with her father, who later died. She never wanted to discover who her biological father was.

David wanted to be king, but he also wanted to please God. But when he had the opportunity to take the kingship by force from Saul, he didn't take because his relationship with God mattered more (1 Samuel 24-28). What drives you? For Jesus, carrying out the work of his father was his primary goal every day (John 9:4). When God created us, he had a task assigned to each of us. There are lives only you can touch, people only you can reach, connections only you can make.

Each of us can make a difference wherever we are. He's created us to be the salt and light of the earth (Matt 5:13-16). We're supposed to be visible, prominent and make a

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