

\*\*\* 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).



## VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men.

*Romans 12:17-18 (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.



Sunday 7 March 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

### *Strengthen your relationships*

#### ***Text: Philippians 1:1-9***

We started looking into the book of Philippians last week and learnt it was written by Paul to the ordinary / common people of his time. While the book of Acts gave us some context for Paul's life and an overview of Christianity, his epistles to churches and people reveal the depth of his faith and his journey with the Lord.

In Acts 16 for example, we found the account of the beginning of the church in Philippi. It was clear the people shared and opened their hearts to him until he left them (Acts 16:40). They also kept in touch with him afterwards and supported to him (Phil 1:1-9). As we mentioned last week, Paul's response was personal and warm (Phil 1:7-8) and that's probably why there was very little about doctrine.

This shows us that Christianity is about relationships most of all and not doctrine. In some history of the church, we may see emphasis on doctrine. For example, in Paul's letter to the Corinthians, we can see several doctrinal discourses. This was because there were lots of problems with the church. In Philippi, the church was working as it should. It was an affluent church and they provided for Paul without having to be asked (Phil 1:5-8).

When we relate to Christ and to each other, it should be warm and personal (John 13:22-25). Christianity can only make sense when it goes beyond doctrine and influences the way we live. It only works in our relationships. When Joseph resisted temptation for example, he cited his relationship with Potiphar and God as his deterrent (Gen 39:8-9).

Paul had several personal relationships. An enduring one with some of the ups and downs we may be familiar with too, was with Barnabas (Acts 9:26; 13:13; 15:36-41 cf. Col 4:10; 2 Tim 4:11). Notice their disagreement wasn't over doctrinal issues. It was about whether Mark could be trusted to continue with them on their ministry journey. In other words, it was about the strength of their respective relationships with Mark.

#### **Bottom line**

Christianity is not about doctrine or it shouldn't be. It is important that we're there for one another and support each other. If you've fallen out with anyone, make an attempt today to reconcile and make peace with them.



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