

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yetunde

OFFERING: Remy

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

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

*Galatians 3:28 (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.

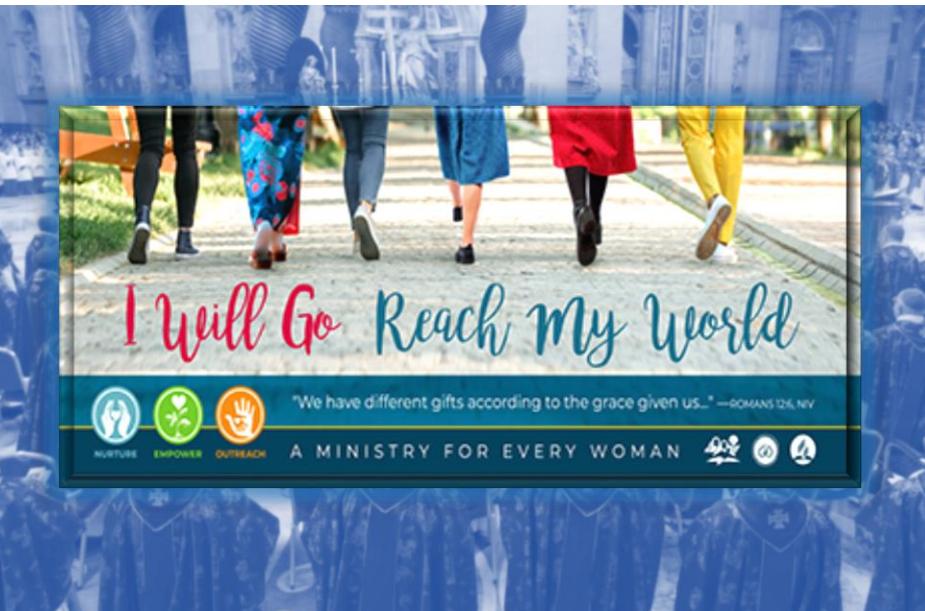


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Sunday 14 March 2021

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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

### RCCG Bethel Parish

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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

### Women's role in the church

#### Text: John 4:1-42

Women have been written out of history for centuries, but thankfully, they're memorialised warts and all in the Bible. Several are highlighted in the Old Testament, the gospels and we can trace the exploits of many prominent ones back to the era of the Apostles, often promoted in Paul's epistles.

But you still get a sense of the patriarchy underpinning every story amidst cultural beliefs for women's particular place in a given society. 1 Timothy 2:12 is a typical example, where Paul stated that a woman should not teach or have authority over a man, but be silent. That's been perverted in the church for decades.

#### Women's roles

The same Paul testified about Eunice and Lois for nurturing growth (2 Tim 1:5). Hospitality is a given modeled by the Shunammite woman (2 Kn 4:8-37) and Lydia (Acts 16:12-15; 40; Phil 1:1-10). They lead the way on intercessory with thanksgiving to God like Anna the Prophetess (Luke 2:36-38), John the Baptist's mother Elizabeth and Mary the mother of Jesus (Luke 1: 5-55). They maintain discipline, order, decorum and direction (Jn 2:1-11).

One role that's often denigrated, ignored or unappreciated and often behind-the-scenes is influence. Women can be pivotal in a family, church and society because their influence can have both **negative** and **positive** consequences. For example, Eve brought sin into the world by persuading Adam to eat the forbidden fruit (Gen 3:1-16).

Adam could have resisted of course, but so could Eve. In Acts 5:1-11, Sapphira colluded with her husband Ananias to defraud the Holy Spirit. She could've stopped him and didn't. Job resisted the command from his wife to "**curse God and die**" (Job 2:9). Delilah (Jdgs 16:4-21) and Queen Vashti in the book of Esther had negative influences too.

In contrast, guided by Mordecai, Esther became a queen in Vashti's place and saved her people. Priscilla (Acts 18:18-19), Phoebe (Rom 16:1-2), Deborah the Prophetess (Jdgs 4-5), Abigail (1 Sam 25) and Jael (Jdgs 4:17-22) all exerted positive influence to effect change in their own time and in their own ways.

The Samaritan woman stood out in John 4:1-42. Once convicted of her sinful life, she didn't keep it to herself and immediately ran to the village with a simple "**come and see**" message (Jn 4:29). Like her, we all have a "**come and see**" message for the world. Yours and mine may be more or less dramatic, but we must tell it to influence those around us.

#### Bottom line:

Women are deep thinkers, compassionate and intuitive. Because of that, we can empathise with others when they're in pain, despair and / or do so much more. Therefore, the church needs us. We must stay relevant and share our "**come and see**" messages with others.

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