TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Yomi

OFFERING: Austin

WORD: Remy

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

Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13 (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.





WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our 'must-visit' website



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

- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

Easter Sunday

Text: 1 Corinthians 15:1-9; 12-21

This text tells us resurrection is the basis for our Christianity. Also in the scriptures, we may have read that the Israelites put twelve stones in the Jordan River as a testimony of their successful crossing (Jos 4:1-9). In the same way, Jesus selected twelve disciples to witness his ministry and resurrection.

We may find some things inconceivable or implausible in general. For example, time travel does not seem plausible. But in football, while it may seem implausible for a team to equalise or overcome seven or more goals scored by its opponent during the first half of a game in the second half, it is not impossible.

It may also be inconceivable for us to believe someone can die and come back to life. Death or the end of life as we know it is a permanent cessation of life that is irreversible. But Christ's resurrection has proven it is not impossible.

Therefore, when Christ died and rose again, he was showing us what is possible and we had a preview when he raised Lazarus up from the tomb after three days (John 11:1-15; 38-44). But the most important thing Easter signify is that however inconceivable we may find it, our existence does not end in death.

Just as the scripture said, Jesus began another phase of his ministry until he was taken up to heaven by the Holy Spirit (Acts 1:1-2). He's now seated at the right hand of his father in heaven (Acts 7:55; Rom 8:34; Eph 1:20; Col 3:1; Heb 1:3; Heb 8:1; Heb 10:12; Heb 12:2).

A time is going to come when we will begin another chapter too. Jesus chose to put down no permanent roots on earth, living as a pilgrim. Like him, we're pilgrims. Whether we admit that or not, we should be looking forward to a city whose builder and maker is God (Heb 11:10).

If our lifestyle does not reflect this truth, we need to check ourselves and stop living as though this is our real life. The choices we make from day to day must feature or be influenced by considerations for our eternal life because our life now is only a preparation for our real life, which is yet to come.

Bottom line:

The bible says life here on earth is a shadow of what is to come (1 Cor 13:12; 2 Cor 4:17-18). Don't be too engrossed in this life. Death is not the final chapter.

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