#### TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Bimmy
OFFERING: Pastor

WORD: Guest Minister

#### 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

Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11:28-29 (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

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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.
- Select Open a specific page or set of pages under On Startup.
- 4. Select **Set pages** and enter or add <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a>.

#### 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.
- 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

#### How to rest in the hands of God

**Text: Romans 8:26-30** 

Philippians 4:6-7 may be one of the greatest sources of solace in the scriptures. Paul charged us not to worry and let God's peace guard our hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. However, the reverse is true for many in reality, especially now. The impact of COVID-19 pandemic has been such that very few have been left untouched in one way or the other and that makes it difficult to feel any peace at times.

Someone who experiences God's peace in reality must exhibit an unwavering or unshakeable steadfast spirit (Psa 51:16-17). That person will also have an inner confidence undisturbed by circumstances or events (Isa 26:3-4). This includes being certain that God is at work in, through and around us always (Jer 17:7-8). It is a state of mind that should be desirable for all of us, yet we struggle to attain it.

#### Why do we struggle?

Perhaps it is rooted in where our focus is placed. We tend to concentrate, almost obsessing on what we can see or feel at a particular moment in time, committing a lot of effort and resources into finding solutions that could be beyond our capability (James 4:13-16). In contrast, God sees a panoramic view of all things (Isa 55:8-9) and has infinite knowledge of much beyond our understanding (Isa 46:10; Dan 4:45).

Romans 8:28 starts with "And we know..." That signifies an unshakeable assurance difficult to explain. But ultimately, we're told God is the one that can make sure everything work together for our good. He orchestrates and engineers whatever circumstances may be causing us some distress to ensure good comes out of it.

When something terrible happens, we need not panic because we can trust that God is able to turn it into triumph. Everything he does is for our good (Isa 49:14-16). Joseph knew this. That was why he could forgive his brothers for selling him into slavery (Gen 50:18-21). He saw that evil act in God's plan for him and part of the journey to get his ultimate destination.

#### **Bottom line:**

We must learn to trust and yield to God's will. Nothing we go through is beyond God. He knows everything and can do all things. He's the greatest engineer (Psa 127:1-2). Let's learn to rely on God whose thoughts for us always is for good (Pro 3:5-6: Rom 8:33-39: Jer 29:11).

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