

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Remy

OFFERING: Isaac

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

And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.

2 Corinthians 6:18 (CSB)

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.

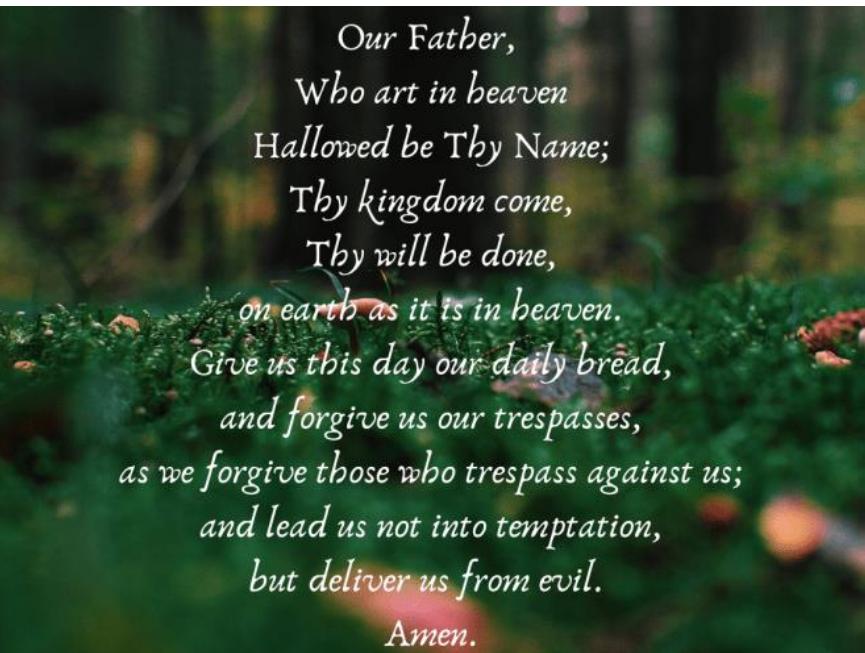


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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

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

Father's Day

Text: James 1:22-25

These days, people are always seeking to re-define how we see certain issues and events. But more than ever before, fathers need to know where they stand. Some people prepare for fatherhood and it is foisted on others. But whatever the case may be, the responsibility should be taken and exercised with seriousness. And although fathers are often not appreciated for what they do, it doesn't make their role less important.

James said in the text today that not following what the word of God says is like looking into a mirror and forgetting what you look like. When you look at the start of your day, you see a perfected image that is satisfactory at that time. But by the end of the day, it is unlikely you look the same, although that image may still remain in your mind.

When you see yourself in the mirror of God's word, it should show you what you should look like. It should be transformational, to make you into what God wants you to be (2 Cor 3:18). Fathers do the best they can, as they know how to. We need to manage our expectations and know they're not God (Heb 12:5-11).

Majority of fathers are only seeking one thing: that their offspring will live up to their potential and be better than them. And to achieve that, they often sacrifice a lot. As we know, fatherhood can also be taken on by those who do not have biological relationship with their offspring (2 Kn 2:12).

Just like our images may be distorted in a steamed up mirror after we've just had a shower, there are times veils cover our faces, making us see pictures of ourselves that doesn't look right or conform to the word of God (2 Cor 3:12-18). For example, the society is always evolving about fatherhood. We need to discard images that doesn't look right and seek the one God ordained for fathers.

We can see a framework for fatherhood first in Luke 11:1-13. It is a template for a son approaching his father and his expectation for his father. Jesus saw his father as a provider, someone merciful and a protector (Prov 1:8-9; Ps 23:1-6). He also knows his father owns the kingdom and will gladly give it to him. That is a meaningful relationship to be desired and it should give us the picture God intends for fatherhood.

Bottom line:

Fatherhood is an important relationship that should be honoured between a father and his child, whether based on biological basis or not. We must take it on with understanding and the deliberation it deserves, and avoid distorted views promoted by the society.

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