

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Bola

**OFFERING:** Michael

**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

You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16 (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.

*Don't just aspire to make a living.*



Image source(s): <https://loveletterstochefs.com/general/chefs-at-christmas/make-a-difference/>



Sunday 22 August 2021

# WELCOME

*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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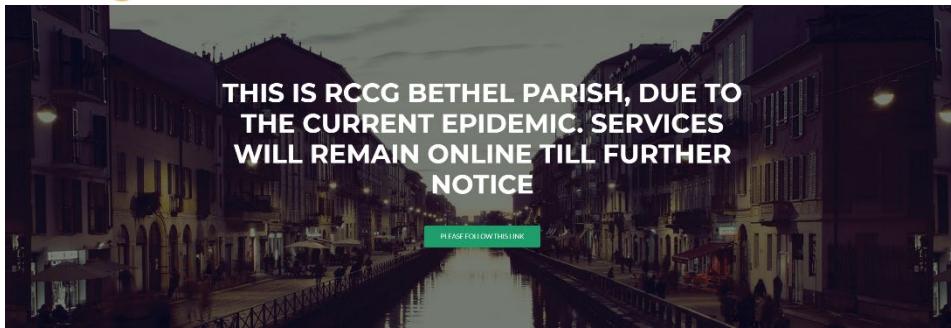
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# Our 'must-visit' website



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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

### **You can make a difference**

#### **Text: John 6:1-15**

When someone tells us we can make a difference, the first reaction may often be disbelief or finding ourselves lacking after a quick assessment of our time, resources or skills. Thus, the focus is often on what we don't have, rather than what we do have (2 Kings 4:1-7). This was true in today's text.

The disciples only saw what they didn't have, but Jesus found use for what a little boy had. In the midst of a multitude of adults the boy was able to make a difference. Jesus magnified even the little he had, condemned by the disciples as inadequate (Jn 6:8-13).

Moses felt he was inadequate for the mission God committed to him too, until God showed him he was more, with God's help. The staff in his hand was repurposed by God to become much more (Ex 4:1-5; 17:9-12). In the end, Moses led his people out of Egypt and saved them from slavery, in spite of his inadequacies.

In 1 Corinthians 12:7, we're told we've all been given spiritual gifts. When we don't use them, it is either because we think we're limited in some way, too small or we're afraid. We're like the servant given one talent, who couldn't put it to good use because he was afraid and hide it. The master condemned for that, while praising the others (Matt 25:24-26).

During this ongoing pandemic, several are finding themselves challenged to make a difference in their communities, helping those shielding and in isolation, unable to go out, befriending them or supporting those that are sick in the hospitals, bereaved or struggling in other ways, however they can.

Every one of us can make a difference too. But first, we need to open our eyes to identify the opportunities around us and determine ways we can help. It may be as simple as making phone calls to those who are lonely or providing help in other ways.

#### **Bottom line:**

The word of God by Prophet Zechariah to Zerubbabel was that the mountain before him can be made plain, not by might or power, but by the spirit of God (Zech 4:6-8). Whatever God has deposited into your hand or your life, believe God can transform it into something beyond your expectation (Eph 3:20) and ask yourself today, what is stopping you from making a difference.

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