

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Yetunde

**OFFERING:** Isaac

**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

But the Lord is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten.

*Jeremiah 20:11 (AMP)*

## 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.

## THE LORD IS WITH YOU LIKE A MIGHTY WARRIOR

The key to spiritual warfare is finding balance. Jesus sometimes cast **demons** out of people; other times He **healed** people with no mention of the demonic.

Image source(s): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AtuTytyqyqvo> // <https://www.gotquestions.org/spiritual-warfare.html>



Sunday 12 September 2021

# WELCOME

*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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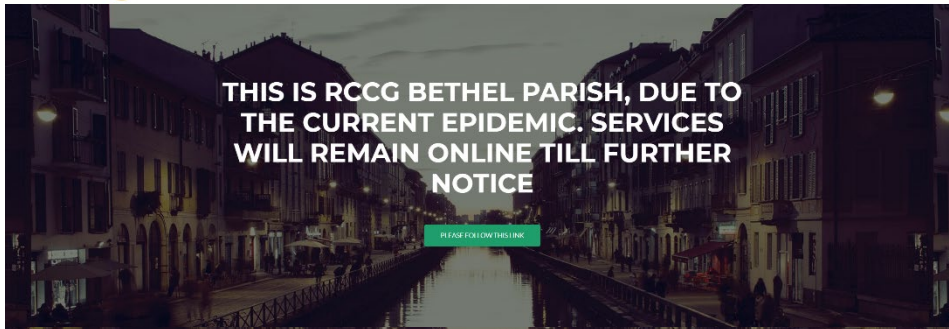
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# Our 'must-visit' website



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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

### *Our response to modern warfare: Afghanistan*

**Text: Romans 12:18-19**

#### **Should Christians be pacifists?**

The bible teaches us not to kill each other indiscriminately, and about justice and peace from the Ten Commandments in the Old Testament to the New Testament. We're told not to murder (Ex 20:13), to seek justice (Isa 1:17; Mic 6:8; Lk 11:42) and to be peacemakers and love our enemies (Matt 5:9; 39; 44). These verses may suggest Christians should be pacifist i.e. hold to the belief that there's no justification for war.

But Paul's statement in Romans 12:18 suggest that may not be up to us all of the time. So, from Romans 12:18-19, we may conclude two things:

- 1) As Christians, we cannot (a) create conflicts or (b) avenge ourselves.
- 2) There may be times that it is necessary we defend or protect ourselves (Psa 82:3-4) or fight against unrighteousness (Jn 2:15).

Therefore, while we're expected to leave at peace with all men, we must be able to recognise when it is time to fight.

#### **How do we help people of such places especially Christians?**

God expects us to offer help to everyone who needs it, whether they're Christians or not. We see that in The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). Jesus answered the crucial question asked: "Who is my neighbour?" (Lk 10:29), by illustrating that when we help others, we are being neighbourly to them (Lk 10:39).

The Afghans are our neighbour, just as much as those who live next door are and Jesus asked us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves (Lk 10:27). We must also be careful not to confuse evangelism with providing support and help to those who need it, even when they refuse to accept the good news. Remember that God is the only one that can change the heart of man (Jn 15:16).

We may also experience war or devastations of war in one form or the other in our everyday lives through times of conflicts, misunderstandings, disagreements and so on. Regardless, Christians must not seek to be at war and should trust in God to defend and protect us from all ills.

#### **Bottom line:**

Ephesians 6:12 says "***we do not wrestle against flesh and blood***". We must remember our problem is not with our fellow human beings (our neighbours) and seek

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