

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Austin

OFFERING: David

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

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous be shaken.

Psalm 55:22 (NIV)

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.

WORRY
IMPLIES THAT WE DON'T QUITE
TRUST THAT GOD IS BIG ENOUGH,
POWERFUL ENOUGH, OR LOVING
ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF WHAT'S
HAPPENING IN OUR LIVES.
FRANCIS CHAN

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Sunday 19 September 2021

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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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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

Preparations belong to God

Text: Philippians 3:12-16

Paul admitted in this text that even he is a work in progress, and only relying on the grace of God. But he finishes in verse 16 by saying we should continue to *"live up to what we have already attained"*. In Contemporary English Version, it is translated to say we must keep going in the direction we're already following.

In other words, we may not be perfect yet, but the things God has already given us victory on must be consolidated. We cannot keep fighting the same battles over and over again. Sometimes we get so frustrated with where we are and what we can / cannot do, and become depressed (Jonah 4:1-3). Instead of consolidating on what we've already achieved and press forward, we begin to feel we're ineffective or failing.

When God has set us free from a bondage, Jesus said it is final (John 8:36). How do we keep ourselves from becoming demoralised with disappointments? How do we consolidate on the gains we've already achieved? Sometimes we become discouraged because we're not prepared. We see this in the Israelite's exodus. All they ever knew was Egypt. They were so unprepared that they only had dough to bake unleavened cakes. But then, we see how God worked to release them from bondage (Ex 12:37-39; 41-42).

This shows that it is not about how prepared we are. It is about what God can do through us (Psa 31:16). Even when we think we're not prepared, God has already made preparation ahead of us (Pro 16:1). We only have to trust in God. For example, the warriors of Israel were prepared for the Philistine called Goliath, but had no courage to fight him. Yet, David, with nothing but faith in God and a sling shot defeated him (1 Sam 17:1-54).

When we face challenges, let us not despair. Think back to the times God has already saved us from similar or other problems and press forward in trust that if God did it once, he can do it again. That's what it means to consolidate on the gains we already made. It is what David learnt from God's deliverance from the lion or bear when they attacked his father's lamb. That gave him the confidence to face Goliath (1 Sam 17:34-37).

The word of God has the solution to every problem we could ever have. Immerse yourself in his word, pray without season and trust in God, and as we continue to pray and trust in God, he will help us again. Note that God shows up in a mighty way, when things seem impossible or beyond us. It makes it easier to know it is God that has done it (Jdgs 7:4).

Bottom line:

It takes a measure of trust to continue forward when we're not prepared. But when we place our trust in God, we need not fret. When we fret and worry incessantly, we're just showing we don't trust in God.

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