

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Remy

**OFFERING:** Austin

**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

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

*Romans 12:2 (NLT)*

## 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.

*Spend*  
**Time with God** *daily...*

UNTIL WE ALL ATTAIN  
**TO THE UNITY OF THE FAITH & OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE SON OF GOD, TO MATURE MANHOOD, TO THE MEASURE OF THE STATURE OF THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST**

EPHESIANS 4:13

Image source(s): <https://biblejournalallove.teachable.com/p/time-with-god-challenge/>

<https://biblia.com/bible/darby/ephesians/4/11-13>



Sunday 31 October 2021

# WELCOME

*Redeemed Christian Church of God*

# Bethel

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service  
From 10am

### FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study  
From 7pm

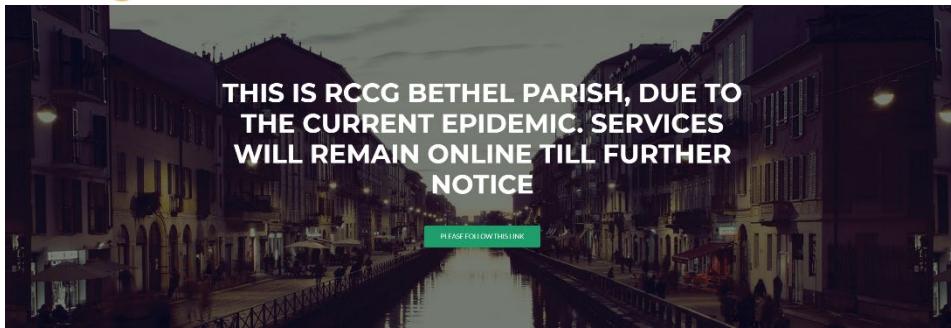
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# Our 'must-visit' website



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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

### *Developing our neural thought process towards God*

#### **Text: Philippians 4:8-9**

From last week, we've been exploring this text and concentrated on the first part where Paul encouraged us to think of things that are of God. This is because our words and actions are driven by our thoughts. There's power in our thoughts which develops habits in us. In fact, our sins proceed from our thoughts. That's why God said man's intent and thoughts are evil (Gen 6:5). Even when we want to do good, our thoughts often compel us in other ways that are contrary to God's will (Rom 7:15-20; Prov 26:13).

In the battle of the Israelites with the Philistine Goliath, the people that saw the giant saw an obstacle, but David saw an opportunity (1 Sam 17:1-51). How can we think and behave like David in the face of difficulties and challenges? We can see one way in this text and in Romans 12:1-2, where Paul asked us to develop new neural pathways and habits in our thoughts that tends to God. He highlighted and emphasised the power of repetition in developing these habits (Phil 4:9).

Often, we mostly think about things that concern or worry us. We need to reclaim the times devoted to those things for those that are positive, pure, noble and so on. Daniel developed a habit of prayer and was rewarded. Jesus did the same, so much so his disciples asked him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1). The bible tells us the weapon of our warfare is prayers (2 Cor 10:3-6; Luke 18:1-8).

Before a crime committed, permission must have been given to overlook the action first, perhaps by looking for excuses. We need to give ourselves permission to think of Godly things that drive us to serve God instead. Then we need to make a habit of doing that every day. The more we do, the more our lives will reflect God and the more likely it is for us to live according to God's will. In fact, the word of God not only changes the way we think or act, but also the way we see ourselves (1 Pet 2:9).

#### **Bottom line:**

If we want people to change and follow Christ, one way is to make sure they see Christ in us, in the things we say and do (Matt 5:16).

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