

\*\*\* GIVE THANKS \*\*\*

# Thanksgiving Service

## 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

Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

**2 Corinthians 12:9b-10 (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.

# CONTENTMENT

A learned attitude that says, "I will be satisfied with what God has given me."

Image source(s): <https://www.slideshare.net/larrypasley/01-3116am-contentment>



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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

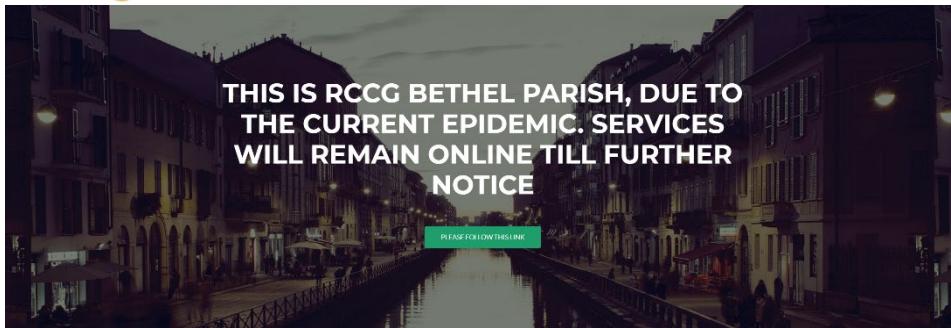
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# Our 'must-visit' website



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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

*Learning contentment and the secret of living*

**Text: Philippians 4:10-13**

As we explore the book of Philippians, we've looked at the process of peace and among other things so far, we've been asked to be anxious for nothing and to take everything to God in prayer and supplication (Phil 4:6-8). We went on to consider how transformation can take place in our thoughts (Phil 4:8-9; Rom 12:1-2). Our text today takes this further, suggesting we need to learn to be content.

If you've been a Christian for a while, Philippians 4:13 which says we can do all things through Christ may be a common theme often heard in sermons, usually focused on telling us everything is possible in Christ. Today, we will talk about contentment which may be thought of in the context of managing with little possessions or abilities. Paul said he learnt contentment having much or not enough, suggesting that even when we have plenty, we need to learn contentment.

We can see the importance of this in David's actions when he ordered Uriah the Hittite to be killed (2 Sam 12:7-9). David was the king and had so much, including several wives and concubines, but he hadn't learnt contentment. Some things are instinctive, but for the most part, the worldly culture we grow up in drives us to strive for more and more, and never be satisfied with what we have.

That's why we see billionaires with more than they can ever spend still wanting more. Many of us may have clothing or properties we never use and yet we go out and get more. We fill our refrigerators and cupboards with food that we keep so long they go bad while several all over the world have no idea where their next meal will come from.

So where can we learn contentment? The answer may be obvious to some of us (Psa 119:33; 86:11; 25:4-5). In 1 Timothy 6:6-10, we're told the love of money is the root of "all kinds of evil" and godliness that is accompanied by contentment is "great gain." In other words, having contentment, whatever we have is better than riches.

Contentment is a state of mind. The world system may measure human worth by net worth e.g. Forbes rich list, our text today tells us to learn contentment whether we're on the list or not. Those that are content are often unshakable, because they can never be corrupted. They're true givers (Pro 11:24; Mk 12:41-44) and have better mental health. They're also able to make decisions based on sound judgement rather than what can be amassed (Lk 12:13-15).

**Bottom line:**

As Christians, rather than chase after things and torture ourselves about what we don't have, scriptures teaches us to learn contentment because all of that is meaningless (Phil 3:8). Jesus said, life is not measured by the things we own (Lk

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