

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Bola

OFFERING: Remy

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

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16 (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.

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**Paulo Coelho**

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**Sunday 28 November 2021**

# WELCOME

*Redeemed Christian Church of God*

# Bethel

## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service  
From 10am

### FRIDAY

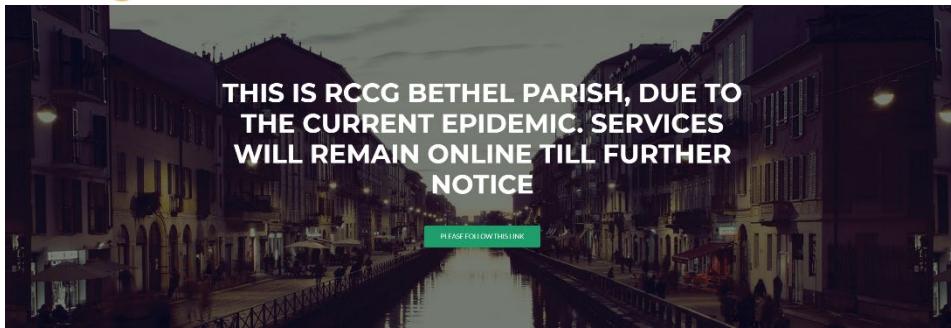
Prayer meeting / Bible study  
From 7pm

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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

### *Portrait of Jesus (Part I)*

#### **Text: Matthew 4:12-17**

Many of us are reluctant to preach in the open because we're unsure of the reception we might get or feel we're not qualified. Spare a thought today for missionaries and pastors who do that without hesitation. This is what Jesus demonstrated for us in today's text.

Until the end of his ministry on earth, he would preach to others at every opportunity even when they abuse, rejected, insulted or threaten him. It wasn't always convenient for him, earning criticisms even from members of his family (Jn 7:3-5), but he never stopped preaching, calling for everyone to repent.

And that's the command he gave us (Mk 16:15-16). Paul was compelled by this command, even cursing himself if he doesn't obey (1 Cor 9:16-18). As Christians, the primary responsibility we're given is to preach and the simplest way is to point people to Christ (Matt 3:11; Jn 1:35-46).

The reason we're all Christians today is because someone told us or preached to us (Rom 10:14-15). These days, we have a myriad number of ways including through the social media and other more traditional means. But the most effective way of preaching is by example. In fact, when we fail in leading by example, any other tool we use may be less than effective.

That's why Paul said the most effective letter we can write about the gospel of Christ is our lives (2 Cor 3:1-3). Tracts can be thrown away. Posts on social media could be ignored. But when Christ's image is seen in our lives, it is unlikely that people can ignore that for any length of time (Matt 5:13-16). They will also notice when our lives are not depicting a good representation of Jesus's life.

When Jesus began to preach, he not only used his mouth, but he did it with his life too. Many followed because of what they saw in his life. Some couldn't pay the cost, with mixed results (Matt 8:19-20; 19:16-22). Others sought him out and he saved and taught them, including Nicodemus, Zacchaeus and several of his disciples (Jn 3:1-8; 1:35-46; Lk 19:1-10).

#### **Bottom line:**

People should be able to see that we're Christians from our lifestyles. We must be conscious that people are watching us and reading from our words and actions and ensure people see Jesus and not a life that is incompatible with what we preach with our mouths.

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