

*** 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

Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass.

Psalm 37:4-5 (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.

WE KNOW THAT FOR THOSE WHO LOVE GOD, THAT IS, FOR THOSE WHO ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE, ALL THINGS ARE WORKING TOGETHER FOR GOOD.

ROMANS 8:28

Image source(s): <https://bible.knowing-jesus.com/topics/God-Turning-Bad-Things-Into-Good>



Sunday 2 January 2022
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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

God is ready to act

Text: Ruth 2:19-20

The book of Ruth in the scriptures tells a simple story in the background of some great events. With only four chapters, it starts in hopelessness and ends in hope, unmerited favour from others and the beginnings of restoration and abundance. It begins with sadness which turns to joy. It also speaks volumes about how God works in his people.

Before the story starts, a family experiencing famine went in search of greener pastures, only to suffer further loss, including Naomi's husband, Elimelech, her two sons, Mahlon and Kilion and properties. However, Naomi lives such an exemplary life it speaks to her daughter-in-law Ruth, so much so Ruth refuses to return to her previous lifestyle and makes Naomi's God hers.

In time, Ruth encounters Boaz, who prays that she will find refuge under God, whose wings she's come to seek one. This may remind us of another book of endings and beginnings. In the book of Exodus, God looked on the people of Israel and heard their groaning, freeing them from their oppressors (Ex 2:23-25).

Our petitions to God can sometimes be similar to the Israelites, perhaps in grunts and groaning. Sometimes it may also be in songs, conscious or unconscious. Whether in words, songs or groaning, God has heard us. We may be confused, anxious and uncertain of the future right now due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, still devastating lives, but we can be confident that God has heard our desperate cries.

Bottom line:

We can believe 2022 will bring a revival for the church and a restoration of all we have lost. God has heard our prayers and he knows it is time to act (Ex 2:23-25). He will act in our lives in miraculous and mighty ways in Jesus name.

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