

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Yetunde

**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

Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

*Ephesians 6:11-12 (NKJV)*

## THEME FOR THE YEAR

Our theme this year is to **enlarge and build better (Isaiah 54:2-3)**, and by God's grace, we're trusting that the boundary lines will fall for us in pleasant places (Amen).

## 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.

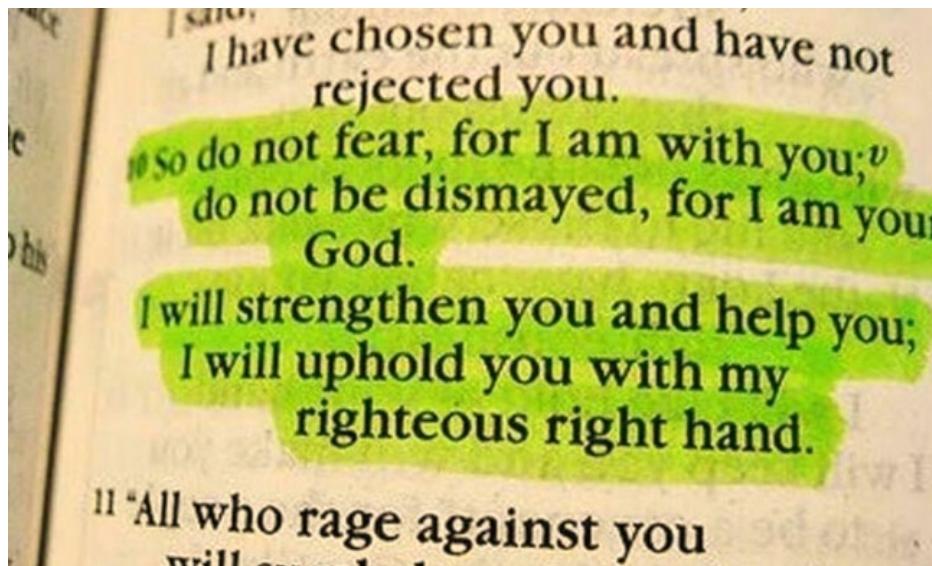


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Sunday 30 January 2022

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## WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

### SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service  
From 10am

### FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study  
From 7pm

### RCCG Bethel Parish

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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

### ***Building spiritual resilience through prayer***

#### **Text: Colossians 1:7-11**

We could learn a lot from Paul about prayer as we continue our study of the book of Colossians. In verse 7, Paul made it clear he's been informed of their growth in faith, but he knows Satan's primary goal is to stop this and hide the mysteries of the gospel from them (2 Cor 4:3). So, he prayed for complete knowledge, spiritual wisdom and strength, so their way of life will always honour and please the Lord to produce good fruit and grow.

Contrast the core topics of our prayers with Paul's. These days we seem too pre-occupied and consumed by selfish things, too engrossed in our own affairs and welfare to care about others. It doesn't seem to matter to us that others may be suffering or that our actions may adversely be affecting someone else, as long as we get our own way. More than anything, the pandemic has shown us that what may be good for our own wellbeing could be bad for someone else or an organisation / community.

It is interesting that the core of Paul's prayers for the people of Colosse after he heard about Epaphras's efforts to disciple them is to have complete knowledge of God's will. Having complete knowledge made Daniel prayed for the end of Israel's captivity (Dan 9:1-4). It inspired Nehemiah and Ezra to re-build the walls of Jerusalem and the temple (Neh 1:1-11; 2:11-20; Ezra 3:7-13). These and several other men in the scriptures achieved the will of God by gaining complete understanding of his will.

Do we know God's will for us? How often do we meditate on God's word with a deliberate effort to gain spiritual understanding and discern God's will like Daniel did (Dan 10:12)? As many times as we may have gone through the scriptures, we often come across verses or passages that may still be difficult for us to understand from time to time. What do we do when that happens? Do we dwell on them and pray for the Holy Spirit to reveal their spiritual meaning or do we skip over them?

In Galatians 2:20 for example, Paul said he's been crucified with Christ and no longer lives his own life. How much do we fully understand what this means in practical terms? We don't have to search too long to find verses or passages such as this all over the scriptures, yearning for us to bring them alive in our hearts, thereby achieving God's will.

Finally, Paul prayed for strength so that it will build resilience and endurance in the Colossians. Someone once said Christianity is a marathon not a sprint and this is very true. We need staying power to stand firm to the end, especially when difficult challenges come our way (Titus 2:11-12).

#### **Bottom line:**

These are worthy prayers for all of us. There's something specific God wants to do through each of us this year. We must spend time praying for understanding and spiritual wisdom to discern his will, and for strength to carry them out.

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