

*** 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

You already know these things, dear friends. So be on guard; then you will not be carried away by the errors of these wicked people and lose your own secure footing. Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:17-18a (NLT)

GROWTH & ADVANCEMENT

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.

YOU DON'T REALIZE
Jesus IS ALL
YOU NEED UNTIL
Jesus IS ALL
YOU HAVE.
TIM Keller



Sunday 3 April 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

A living resource

Text: Colossians 2:4-7

Happy Mothers' Day to every mothers and mothers to be. We continue our study of the book of Colossians with our text today where Paul warns us about "**well-crafted arguments**". Other versions say "**persuasive words**" (Col 2:4). It is difficult to find fault with such arguments or make someone understand God through arguments. Therefore, it is often best to point them to the scriptures whenever possible. As Christians, we must have noticed one thing by now. The bible is written by different authors and yet, we can see a single theme running through it, from Genesis to Revelations, pointing to Christ.

Paul told the Colossians he's glad they're living as they should. Are you living as you should? He added that they must let their roots grow down into Christ (Col 2:7 NLT). Roots often shoot up again and grow even after they've been cut down (Job 14:7-9). In certain seasons, trees shed leaves to conserve resources and regrow when there's abundance.

Some trees can grow deeper and downwards for meters in search of water with their roots (Psa 1:1-3). They will be able to weather the storms and dry seasons better and they remain evergreen as a result. We often talk about Isaac flourishing during a famine. One of the reasons is that he dug wells to sustain his produce. Paul told the Colossians to behave in this way and search deep for the living source of sustenance which is Christ (Col 2:7). We Christians also exist and are sustained by the mercies of God (Matt 5:44-45).

We may have understood that our physical body needs to recharge at the end of each day. That's why sleep is very important and depravation could be unhealthy. In the same way, Christians need to recharge and replenish the power source for our spirituality. Jesus is our living resource (Jn 7:37-39). Seeking for water is just as important and that's why the writer of the forty-second Psalm use the analogy of a deer panting for water to describe how his soul longs after God (Psa 42:1).

Have you ever been at a place in your life when you feel completely overwhelmed? You've tried anything and everything. Nothing works and it seems you've reached the end of all the physical and mental resources available. When we get to this point as Christians, we can tap our root deeper into Christ to recharge and find sustenance through those challenges.

To live as we should as Christians and not struggle, we must ensure our root grow deep into Christ. If we're struggling, it may be a sign that our roots are not deep enough. Ezekiel gave an illustration of a river flowing from the temple and talks about trees growing on both sides of the river once he gets close to the banks (Eze 47:1-12). That's those of us that have tapped into God's living resource for us, who is Christ, by whom God created the heavens and the earth, to keep us going. How deep is your root in Christ?

Bottom line:

Like the deer, we must pant after God and the resources he's provided for us through the Holy Spirit for sustenance. Like an evergreen tree, we must have enough to tap into, to keep us going through the dry seasons. Challenges should drive our roots deeper into God.

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