

*** GIVE THANKS ***



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

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord.

Ephesians 5:8–10 (NKJV)

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.



Image source(s): <https://passionateprayer.org/2017/05/11/learn-to-discriminate-how-to-recognize-and-respond-to-error-in-the-culture/>



Sunday 17 April 2022
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Redeemed Christian Church of God

Bethel

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY
Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

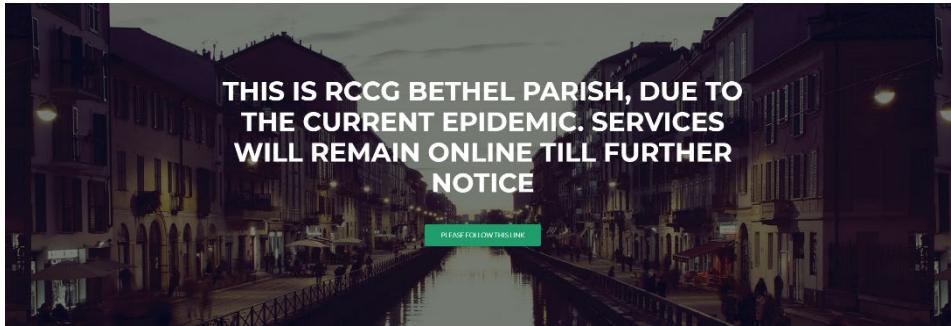
FRIDAY
Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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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

Hold fast to what is true

Text: Colossians 2:8-10

The New Living Translation starts this passage as follows:

“Don’t let anyone capture you with empty philosophies and high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from the spiritual powers of this world.”

The word “capture” is deliberate. Today we can see how propaganda and lies are used, sometimes to devastating effects to deceive and manipulate a whole community or country via state-controlled media and the Internet. Over and over again, as they're bombarded by these lies, people come to believe them as the truth and it drives their beliefs and actions from then on.

Christians can also be susceptible to these traps, which are not always so obvious, often set to entice us into their snares and subject us under their control. Sometimes it could be so subtle we don't realise it's happening. It can be difficult to escape many of them too, if care's not taken and sooner or later, many succumb.

In **Acts 17:15-23**, Paul went to Athens and was troubled. He spoke to an inscription that says “**to an unknown god**” and talked to similar Philosophers who are said to love “**nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing**.” We may see the same culture today too. Policies are loosened again and again, including of recent when a legislations has been signed into law to allow a no-fault divorce. A lot is changing fast and many are refusing to believe the truth, preferring lies and conspiracies.

As Christians, we're charged to test and hold on fast to what is true and be discerning (1 Thess 5:21). Jesus once warned those listening to him that human efforts accomplishes nothing (John 6:41-71). Philosophies of men are always contrived to sound better and seduce. The war began on our values and beliefs long ago. We must be careful to resist those falsehoods and philosophies of men. We must mature from being fed into becoming analytical in our thinking (Heb 5:12-14; 2 Tim 2:15).

Bottom line:

We need to work harder these days to make sure we know the truth. Note that Jesus promised us it can set us free (Jn 8:32).

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