

\*\*\* 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

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

**2 Corinthians 3:18 (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.

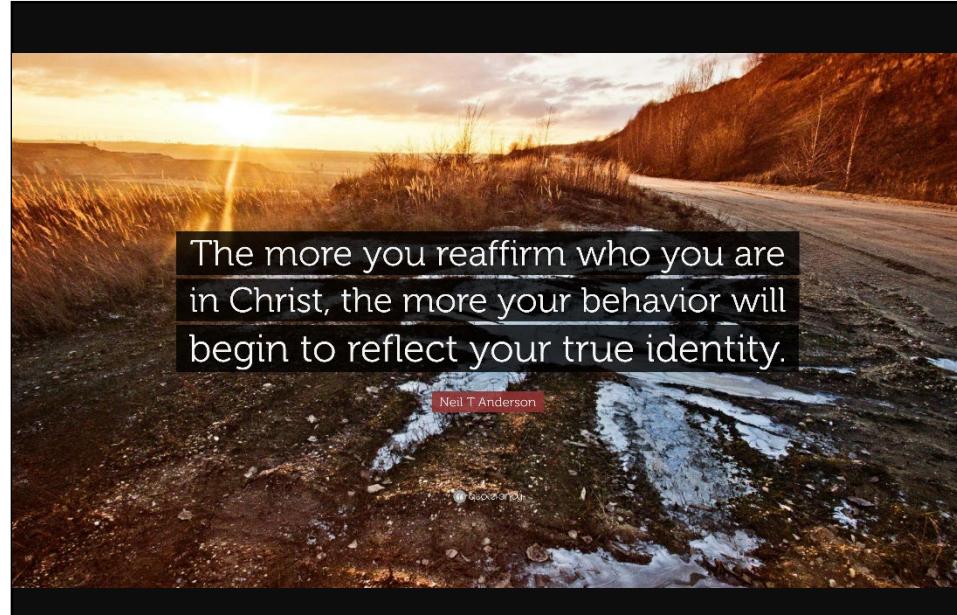


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Sunday 5 June 2022

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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

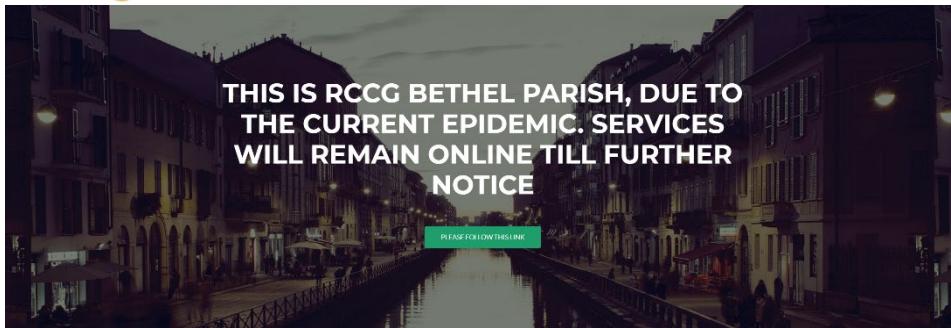
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# Our 'must-visit' website



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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

### Learning Christ – Part I

#### **Text: Colossians 3:5-10**

Last week we asked ourselves about our focus, knowing what we do is driven by our belief and desire. Our text today asked us not to live for the flesh but by the Holy Spirit. A similar message is repeated in Ephesians 4:17-24, where we're asked to put off our sinful nature, influenced by the "old man" and put on the "**new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.**"

Most of us feel confident when we're well dressed. How confident do we feel, wearing the new man God created us to be? Paul first talked about sins that are obvious like fornication, evil desire and idolatry covetousness, then the quiet ones like anger, rage and lies. Lying and bearing false witness can be hidden or minimised, but all are part of the wicked deeds of the old man.

A new trend in corporate circle these days asks us to bring our "authentic self" to work. As Christians, we're asked to cloth ourselves with Jesus Christ (Rom 13:13-14). Authenticity happens when our words, actions and behaviour consistently match our core values. It may mean we stand out and don't care what others think about it.

Abraham was born Abram for the first 75 years of his life. For a long time, he had no child, but God's plan for him was to become Abraham, the father of nations who passed the ultimate test and was rewarded (Gen 17:1-5; 22:1-17). David is another example, born into a family of shepherds until he's called and anointed to be king (1 Sam 16:1-13). Even so, he would wait years and go through persecution from Saul (1 Sam 24:1-7) before he became his authentic self and who God meant him to be (2 Sam 5:4).

In Genesis 16:4-14, we read about Hagar's story, often unremarkable. She was a slave who became a mother and a rival for Sarah because her mistress had no child. From then on she would go through several trials and treated harshly by Sarah until she ran away with her son. Then she met the angel of the Lord who told her to return to her mistress. This young woman became her authentic self even in her hardship and her son his place in the promise to Abraham (Gen 16:1-13; 21:9-21; Gal 4:21-31).

#### **Bottom line:**

God created you to be unique and authentic and that's the way God sees us. Our Christian journey is designed to take us from who we used to be, until we become who God wants us to be (Phil 3:6-14; Hab 2:2). Don't settle for anything less (Gen 17:18).

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