

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Austin

OFFERING: TBA

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

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (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.

YOU HAVE THE MIND OF CHRIST!!

When you study the Word of God consistently, your actions and your Words are rightly in sync with God's wisdom. Excellence is clearly visible in all that you do. Your decisions are not carnal but rather they are marked by the divine inspiration of God

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Sunday 12 June 2022

WELCOME

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 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

What does the bible say about abortion?

Text: Exodus 21:22-25

Abortion is a divisive topic, more so now even among Christians. It may be odd therefore that the bible's got nothing definitive to say about it. That may be because abortion, infanticide, child abandonment and the general lack of welfare for women and children was common, some permitted under Roman law. In fact, several Old Testament passages referenced killing of children or sacrificing them to idols (e.g. 2 Kn 17:17).

However, there's no doubt about the value of all human beings in God's kingdom. We're precious to him and there are verses confirming that (Ex 20:13; Acts 17:25; Ps 139:13-16; Job 10:8-9; Eph 1:3-4). One question that's always been is when life begins for a foetus. Is it from conception or not. Again, the bible doesn't clarify, but it may give us a clue to deduce from some of the verses quoted. God have plans for each of us, even before we were conceived.

We could also look to a story illustrating Solomon's wisdom in 1 Kings 3:16-28. Mothers would typically sacrifice everything to make sure their children are okay and for the most part, we trust them to. It is odd therefore, when the society cannot trust them to make the right decisions about abortion.

However, we can infer from lack of prescriptive law in the bible that God trusts us to make this decision. We may never understand why, but God allows us to choose him and to obey the laws he did give us, such as populating the earth (Gen 1:28; 9:7), not to kill (Ex 20:13), to love our neighbours (Mk 12:30-31) and so on. He also left us Jesus, his word and the Holy Spirit to guide us (Js 4:17; Jn 16:13; Rom 8:15).

However, if we get it wrong, as long as we're not operating in wilful disobedience, a life of sinfulness or led by flesh (2 Tim 4:10; Rom 6:1-2; Titus 1:16; Gal 5:16), we should know as Paul said there's no condemnation and nothing we do can separate us from the love of God. Not things present or to come (Rom 8:1; 35-39).

Bottom line:

We have the mind of Christ in us (1 Cor 2:16). Let's trust that the Holy Spirit will guide us when we have to make difficult decisions. May we heed our father's voice when he talks to us through the Holy Spirit in Jesus name.

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