

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Akinola

OFFERING: Isaac

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

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

Genesis 1:28 (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?

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But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'



So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate. *Mark 10:6-9*

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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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/>).

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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

The sufficiency of Christ

Text: Colossians 3:18-25

Our text from our study of the book of Colossians today contain instructions for the family. It is an interesting coincidence that today is also Father's Day. In those days, there's a clear hierarchy in the family which is dependent on the bread winner versus those dependent on them. Thus, the instructions range from the responsibilities of husbands and wives to slaves within the household.

Historically, fathers are seen as the stricter parent and the disciplinarian. Sometimes, they're reviled for that. Over time, their roles have also been denigrated in some Western societies. Many men are finding it difficult to define those roles and understand what the society require of them, so much so that some are afraid to commit to having relationships. Some fathers feel so isolated in their homes they're unable to express any opinion on issues within the home.

The expectation that the man should be the head and the decision maker in the family is reflected in the scriptures and our text today. Jesus, in response to divorce questions, said God meant something different in the beginning (Matt 19:1-4). So, what did God intend in the beginning for families?

In Genesis 1:28, we can see that God gave the man and the woman equal responsibility (Gen 2:21-25). However, when sin entered the world, there's a marked change which begins with the curse. It is in fact the beginning of the battle of the sexes (Gen 3:6-7; 15-16). God wants the man and the woman to work in partnership.

Just like the scriptures say, two cannot walk together unless they're equally yoked (Amos 3:3; 2 Cor 6:14). We may be able to see how conflicts and battles in the family is counter-intuitive to achieving God's purpose. When we work in partnership and unity, we have a better chance of thriving and the family is stronger.

Fathers and mothers should not be in competition with each other for control in the family and they shouldn't be at loggerheads either. That's the curse at work. Each of us bring different strengths and weakness into our relationships. Single parents perform an almost impossible task and service in the society, raising their children on their own. However, two are stronger (Ecc 4:12) and when they complement one another, they can work better together, like the church (1 Cor 12:12-27). When there's love, there's nothing that cannot be overcome or resolved (1 Cor 13:1-13).

Bottom line:

The battle of the sexes began when sin enter the world and God cursed Adam and Eve. The bible says we're no longer under the law (Rom 6:14). More is in fact expected from us, so that we can work together to achieve God's purpose in our families (1 Cor 12:14; Prov 27:17).

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