

TODAY'S FACILITATORS

PRAYER: Elizabeth

OFFERING: Bola

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

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Galatians 6:10 (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 visit our website to find out how.

Seize every opportunity that life offers you because, when opportunities go, they take a long time to come back.

Paulo Coelho

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Sunday 17 July 2022

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

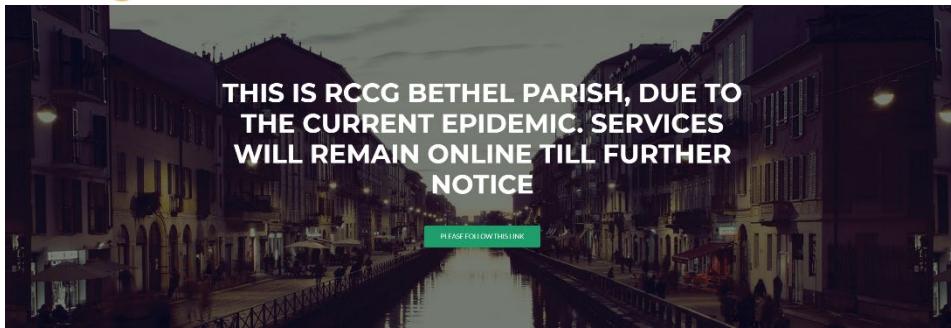
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Our 'must-visit' website



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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

Tools for outreach

Text: Colossians 4:2-6

The word opportunity stands out from this text (Col 4:3; 5). It doesn't come round all the time in life. However, there are times an opportune time may bring success where there may have been obstacles or failures. This text suggests even the most insightful preaching may not always yield success. Therefore, it's important to watch out for opportune times and make the most of them.

We may all agree timing's everything. That's why "**the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong**" (Ecc 9:11). So, Paul prayed to God who created time for opportunities. We must pray for that too. When they come, we must also learn to identify and take advantage of them. Our text today tells us effective evangelism and soul-winning depends on it, with emphasis on prayer.

The journey of faith is not always smooth and an example of that in the life of John the Baptist. There's no doubt the John the Baptist moments are legendary. He identified and elevated Jesus (Jn 1:29; 3:30) and may be instrumental in the selection of some of Jesus's disciples (Jn 1:35-46). However, our convictions may not always be consistent and John was no different (Matt 11:2-3).

Esau was another case, given an opportunity to receive a final blessing from his father as the firstborn. But by trickery and carelessness, he failed to seize the moment (Gen 27:1-40). In contrast, we see how Jesus seized the opportune times that came his way e.g. when he called his first disciples (Jn 1:35-46) and Paul did so too (2 Tim 1:9-12).

But first, we must know who we believe and learn to recognise the moment, when he brings opportunities our way. We can't witness or preach about a Christ that we don't know. Knowing him will also help us to recognise when he brings opportunities for soul winning our way.

Opportunities come through prayer and when seized, they yield results and lead to conviction that often spreads (Jn 4:5-30; Mk 5:18-20). Paul had a dramatic origin story in Christ (Acts 9:1-19). Ours may not be as dramatic, but we need an origin story and a conviction to preach to others.

Bottom line:

When favourable opportune moments are seized, that can be crucial to success in most things, including evangelism. Let's learn to recognise and take advantage of them to win over perishing souls for Christ.

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