

*** 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).

FOR JUST AS THE BODY WITHOUT THE SPIRIT IS DEAD.. SO ALSO

Faith without
Works is

Dead

James 2:26

VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

He will send troops to pollute the temple and the fortress, and he will stop the daily sacrifices. Then he will set up that "Horrible Thing" that causes destruction. The king will use deceit to win followers from those who are unfaithful to God, but those who remain faithful will do everything possible to oppose him.

Daniel 11:31-32 (CEV)

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.



Sunday 7 August 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

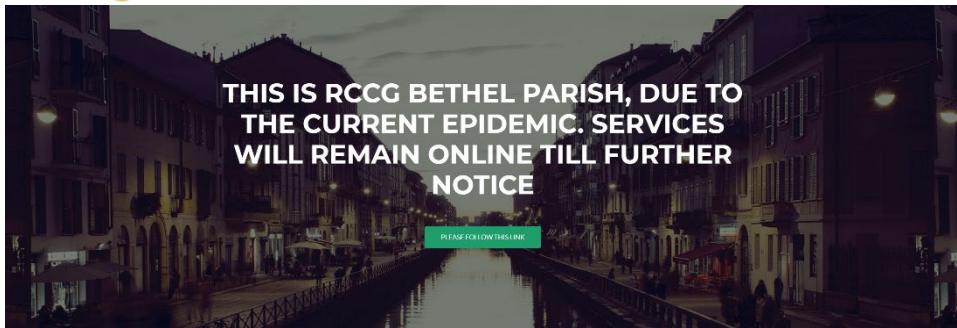
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to 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

Introduction to the book of Thessalonians

Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-3

This book is likely the first book written by Paul to a church started during his second missionary journey. He didn't introduce himself as an Apostle, perhaps because they knew who he was (Acts 17:1-15). Those opposing them reacted to the impact he had on those he met, some revealed in his letters to the Thessalonians.

Here again, Paul assured the Thessalonians he's praying for them, writing on behalf of Silas and Timothy. He also talks about their "**work of faith, labour of love and patience.**" What are the works of faith? When some people told Jesus they want to perform God's work, he told them what he's doing is the work of God (Jn 6:28-30).

It was clear they only want miraculous signs, but any work that advances the Christian journey is a work of faith, including giving people a cup of water in God's name (Matt 10:42) or when even our suffering glorifies God (Jn 9:1-5). It was noted that Paul, Silas and Timothy have "**turned the world upside down**" (See also Acts 17:6-7 NKJV). A labour of love is similar. It is an act of mercy, done without expecting anything in return. It also attracts others to us, making us more approachable.

One of the most remarkable labour of love is told in the parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10: 25-37). It is curious that only the Samaritan, who should by right be an opponent was the only one who helped the victim of robbery. A labour of love is what you do when there's a need and you think it's the right thing to do, even to your enemies (Js 4:17).

Patience is one of the fruit of the spirit and several scriptures encourages us to learn it, pointing out the benefits (Heb 10:35-36; Rom 5:2-5). Later, we will see in the book of Thessalonians that they were all expecting the eminent return of Jesus. This may explain why Paul stresses patience, long-suffering and endurance in several of his letters and ministering.

Bottom line:

As Christians, we should aim to perform our work of faith and labour of love with patience endurance until Jesus comes, because we don't know the hour or the day when Jesus will return.

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