

## TODAY'S FACILITATORS

**PRAYER:** Remy

**OFFERING:** Austin

**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

I assure you and most solemnly say to you, anyone who believes in me [as Saviour] will also do the things that I do; and he will do even greater things than these [in extent and outreach], because I am going to the Father.

*John 14:12 (AMP)*

## 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.

The people who  
**know their God**  
*shall* BE STRONG,  
and carry out  
great exploits.

DANIEL  
ELEVEN  
THIRTY-TWO

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Sunday 21 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 '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

### Testing your limits

#### Text: 1 Thessalonians 1:5

Paul emphasises here that the Good News was brought to the Thessalonians with power and full assurance of the Holy Spirit. Power is often difficult to define, but we recognise it when it achieves spiritual results. Whenever the power of God is present, it achieves much. In the last sermon, we learnt the Good News produced results, here we learn it's with power.

God assured the Thessalonians that he's been praying that they're able to perform the work of faith with power (2 Thess 1:11-12). When God works with power through us, we become the message and not just the messenger. When was the last time you test your limits spiritually as Christians? What we often do is settle or beg, instead of testing the power of our spirituality by attempting great exploits and see what God can achieve through us.

Until we test our limits, we're unlikely to discover the power God has deposited inside us. Until them, we will often excuse ourselves and accept mediocrity. That's why Paul also emphasised conduct in this text, highlighting how they behaved when they were among the Thessalonians for their sake.

In Hebrews 12:11-13, we're told to learn from the men of faith and avoid sins that easily entangles us. In other words, we're told not to give up until we've tested our limits to its fullest extent and discovered how much farther we can go. David did again and again, and he learnt that God who saved him from the lion can save him from the Goliath (1 Sam 17:34-36). And later, three of David's men were inspired to test their limits just because David bemoaned his lack of access to water from a certain well in Bethlehem (2 Sam 23:15-17).

David often talks about his exploits because he's tested his limits. When we quote "**eye has not seen ... the things which God has prepared for those who love him**" (1 Cor 2:9), do we know where God wants to take us. Has he told you where he wants you to go?

#### Bottom line:

God has put his hand upon us and knows exactly where he wants us (1 Thess 1:5). Have you tested your limits to find out where he wants you?