

\*\*\* 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).

## VERSE(S) OF THE DAY

And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations, knowing that tribulation produces perseverance; and perseverance, character; and character, hope. Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

*Romans 5:3-5 (NKJV)*

## 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.

YOU CAN CHANGE

In your struggle and failure,  
don't trust what you see, trust  
what **GOD** said! His Promise  
**NEVER FAILS!**

#IlovePsalms

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Sunday 4 September 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

### *Dealing with failure*

#### **Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-3**

Today, we'll be talking about failure. Paul stated in the above text his visit to the Thessalonians wasn't a failure despite how badly they were treated at Philippi (Acts 16:11-40). To some, his experience in Philippi will be considered a failure and Paul could've believed that too, stopping him from continuing his missionary journeys. Instead, he declared God gave him courage to preach boldly, despite "**great opposition**" (1 Thess 2:2b – NLT).

This may make us wonder what is considered a failure. Is it an event, a series of events or a state at a certain point in life? What performance indicators do we look at? If it is in business, do we look at the profit margin? Even if a company runs at a loss for a while, as long as it's got projections and indications of future profit, it may be considered successful and in time, it could be.

The story of Lazarus and the rich man is a curious one. When Lazarus was on earth, some may consider his life unsuccessful as a beggar. Even as a beggar, Lazarus doesn't seem very good at it, because the scripture said he was so hungry he ate scraps of food given to dogs (Lk 16:19-31). However, when he died, his life was transformed. In contrast, the rich man's experience was the opposite (2 Cor 4:17; Lk 12:13-15).

The writer of Ecclesiastes explored this at some length, with some debatable conclusions (Ecc 6:1-9). He declared that it is enough to enjoy whatever status you find yourself in, as long as God gives you joy in your heart (Ecc 5:18-20). Risk averse individuals and those who count costs excessively, based on what they can see or current circumstances, may often find they accept defeat before it happens.

That could lead to self-fulfillment of what's expected, including in athletics and business (Hab 2:2). This suggests there may be great reward in taking risks or steps in faith at times. Our impact on others may be more important to some than the grandness of whatever platform we own, even if they only impact a single life.

#### **Bottom line:**

How do you measure success and failure in your daily living? Do you often base your judgement on current circumstances or your ability instead of what God can do through you? If so, it is time to change that, knowing that you may never know the full impact of your life on others.

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