

\*\*\* 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

For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, And do not return there, But water the earth, And make it bring forth and bud, That it may give seed to the sower And bread to the eater, So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. *Isaiah 55:10-11 (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.

# GOD'S WORD IS YOUR MOST POWERFUL WEAPON

I believe, therefore I speak.

2 Corinthians 4:13

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Sunday 2 October 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

### *Unleashing the power of the word (contd)*

#### **Text: 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12**

We are talking about God's word and not ours (Isa 55:11). When it was Elijah's turn to display the power of his God, he could've used the driest sticks and prepared the most favourable circumstances, especially because there's a cost if he failed. Instead, he asked that more water is poured on the wood (1 Kn 18:25-38). Jesus did the same when Lazarus died. It was as though he waited until he was sure Lazarus was dead, before he left where he was (Jn 11:1-44).

When Elijah declared the heavens is shut off (1 Kn 17:1), it may seem as if he was the one doing it, but later we see it couldn't have been him because he needed God to open it up (1 Kn 18:1). We may declare, but it was always about the word of God. Our text today talked about the kingdom of heaven. Sometimes, we assume it's yet to come. (Lk 17:20-21). It can in fact be in the past, now or in the future (Col 1:12-14). We're already in the kingdom of God (Rom 14:17-18).

What does it mean to be in a kingdom? It may speak of unity of purpose, both in terms of focus and goals. That's what we have with the kingdom of God. We must be able to stand in the present kingdom (Eph 6:11-18) and share in the glory of his kingdom to come (1 Thess 2:12). It is a glory we may be unable to comprehend. The scriptures have made several attempts to describe the glory of God filling his temple (Ex 40:33-35; 2 Chro 7:1-3). Now we are God's temple, it resides inside us (1 Cor 3:16-17), but we also anticipate its coming.

Like a kingdom, glory is a concept that may be intangible but well understood. It is why earthly kings and queens are honoured and revered. In the scriptures, we see that everything that God did is to his glory and Jesus remarked on this in his prayer for us (Jn 17:1-26). So, when Paul told the Thessalonians God has called them and us to share in God's kingdom and glory, we may begin to understand what he's talking about (1 Thess 2:12).

In summary, it means we're called to share in all that God is (2 Cor 3:18). But the level or amount of glory depend on each of us (Ex 33:18-23). We must strive to reflect as much of him to the world around us as we can at any one time.

#### **Bottom line:**

The kingdom of God may feel abstract to us, but it is real. It is also here and now, and is to come. We must be prepared to stand and share in the challenges and the glory of his kingdom, always.

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