

Sunday worship

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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

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith which we preach): 9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Romans 10:8-9 (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?

Every Sunday, we worship together at **Unit 13, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.

SMALL ACTS OF FAITH ARE REQUIRED TO IGNITE GOD'S BLESSINGS.

- DALE G. RENLUND

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Sunday 27 November 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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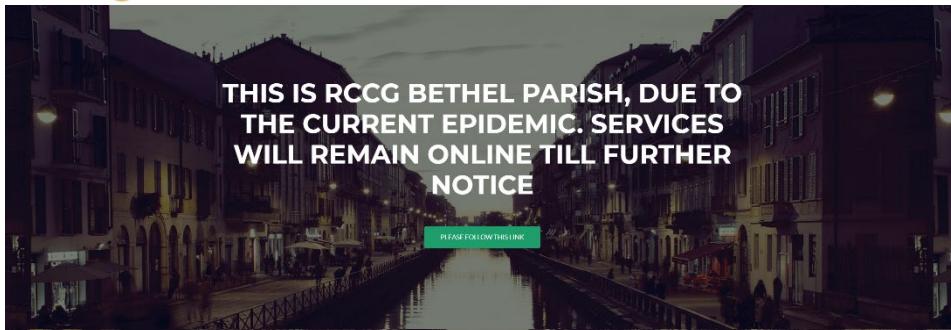
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to 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

Faith inspired acts

Text: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12

Our journey through the book of Thessalonians continues to these verses. There are things we hope and our faith prompts us to do. Sometimes with the most intense urges, after we leave or hear an inspiring conference or sermon. By grace, we may fulfil these pledges. At times we may fail and often this leaves us in a guilt-ridden never-ending circle, wanting to please God and not able to.

We've learnt that righteousness is not what we do, but who we are. There's no need for us to earn God's favour, because we have it by grace, but we need help. Sometimes, we don't realise that. God knows and he's ready and willing to help us. Even when we're not aware or forget, his thoughts for us is of good (Jer. 29:11; Deut 8:17-20). That's why Jesus left the Holy Spirit with us. Paul told the Philippians God is working in them both "to will and to do" (Phil 2:13-13). His prayer for us today is for God to give us the power to accomplish the good things our hopes and faith prompt us to do.

We may ask ourselves what drives us to want to do or accomplish certain things? One model from the internet specifies four things: (1) passion is what you love doing, (2) mastery is what you're good at, (3) values is what you find important and (4) mission is what you want your life to amount to. Another one emphasises (1) opportunistic innovation which drove some to make it in disasters, (2) deep care for people, (3) collaboration and community, (4) tactical timing i.e. at the right place and time. There may be other things you use to determine what you hope to accomplish.

If we search the scriptures, what drives Jesus is carrying out the tasks that God sent him (Jn 9:4). Jesus also cared for people with compassion (Matt 9:36). For Paul, it is the Holy Spirit (Acts 13:1-3; 1 Cor 9:25-27; 2 Tim 4:7-8). That was why Paul never gave up, even when beaten, imprisoned. For Moses it is seeing the one that is invisible (Heb 11:24-27). What drives you to do what you do? What assignment is your faith prompting you to do. Faith acts. Faith does. Faith sees a need and meets it (Pro 23:18; Acts 1:1-2). It doesn't just observe.

When Caleb led and fought until the Israelites got to the promise land. Then he discovered the battle wasn't over and the land promised him was yet to be recovered from the original inhabitants. At forty-five, Caleb could've settled for an easier path, but he wanted the hill country promised to him, regardless of the obstacles in his way (Josh 14:6-15). There will always be a reason not to do or act. Don't give in to it.

Bottom line:

Faith needs an end product. For us Christians and as a church, achieving that end product should be part of what drives us. After going through a global pandemic, there was a need to stabilize, consolidate and reflect this year, but we must arise and begin to do and accomplish to God's glory again.