

## Sunday worship



## 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

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the Lord of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

*Malachi 3:10 (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).

## Season Programmes

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**Fridays:** Last meeting on 16th Dec

**Xmas Day:** Service from 10-11am

**Watchnite:** 31 Dec, 9pm-12:10am

**New Year:** Thanksgiving, from 10am

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TO GIVE THEN AWAY - FREELY, FAITHFULLY,  
GENEROUSLY.

- JACK W. HAYFORD -

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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

### *Portraits of Jesus – A blessing too big to contain*

**Text: Luke 1:26-56**

Mary the mother of Jesus may be the most important woman in Jesus's life and the way she received the prophecy about his conception was remarkable. She was a virgin and alone. News of unplanned pregnancy would've tarnished her reputation or worse (Matt 1:19). Yet, she accepted the prophecy (Lk 1:38) and like most mothers, she was protective of her son, even when warned a sword will pierce her own soul too (Lk 2:33-35).

Mary have often been referred to as blessed and Jesus was a blessing to her. But it's not one Mary could hold or contain. From afar, she would watch him grow and follow a path she could hardly understand (Lk 2:50). Once when he was lost to her for three days, leaving her distressed and concerned, Mary found Jesus teaching, under a compulsion to do his father's will (Lk 2:41-48).

Then, as with other times, her love for him, along with her needs and desires will become secondary to everything else (Mk 3:20-21). On the cross, her heart would be pierced when he was crucified, as prophesied (Lk 2:35; Jn 19:26-27). And all she could do was watch, helpless and anguished as her beloved son was brutally taken from her, sacrificed for all our sins.

Likewise, the Jesus we carry in our heart is too much for us to keep to ourselves or contain. We must allow him to reflect his glory and light to others around us. That was why he came (Jn 10:10). Like Mary, we need to share him with those who would accept him in world, otherwise how will they know (Rom 10:14).

The world is a better place because Jesus came to set us free. Our lives will never be the same again. It was the same with Mary. She remained connected to the light source that was Jesus. When they all gathered together, at the start of the church age, Mary remained united with them in prayer (Act 1:12-14).

### **Bottom line:**

May we remain connected to the source of every blessings and hope. And like Mary, may we become channels of blessings to others.

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