

\*\*\* 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

He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper.

*Psalm 1:3 (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?

We worship together, **every Sunday at Unit 13, Skylines Village**. If unable to attend, visit our website or YouTube channel for links to live and recorded sessions.



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Sunday 1 January 2023

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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

### **A New Year message**

#### **Text: Psalm 126:1-4**

No one could argue, perhaps that this is a day to give thanks. In the last year, we may've had a trying time and could still be going through some of them now. But the beginning of the year is the mark of an ending and potentially a new beginning. Psalm 126:1-4 is a reflection of this, giving us a song of thanksgiving and remembrance of more pleasant times.

Asthma is one illness that's often underestimated and misunderstood as a disease that doesn't kill often. That's because it is most commonly manageable, but when there's a severe attack, it can be too late to treat. So it does kill and if you suffer from asthma, it is easy to live in fear.

The book of Ezekiel described an experience when brought into the temple where there was water flowing under the threshold and the altar. At certain points, when it was at his ankle for example, the water was manageable. Then, it became too deep and too strong to cross without swimming (Ezekiel 47:1-6).

In general, when a river's mentioned in Scriptures, it is an indication that a renewal and refreshing of strength is necessary or coming (Zech 14:8-9; Jn 4:13-14; 7:37-39). However, we're sometimes not immersed enough or our spring of water has leakages. Unless we return to the source, who is Jesus Christ (Jn 4:10) for full immersion and plug all the holes, refreshing cannot take place.

In under-developed countries, it is often the case that some taps do not work and people travel miles to find one that does. That takes deliberation and desperation, the way a deer pants for water in the desert for example (Psa 42:1). This year, we must be deliberate in our prayers for an incredible outflow of living water and a refreshing to strengthen us for our journey through the year 2023 (1 Kn 19:5-8).

The good news is we have the source of the living water living within us. To deliver over and above what our natural strength can deliver, go the extra mile and be a channel of blessing, we need extraordinary strength (Psa 92:10) and Jesus is ready to grant it to us as long as we abide in him (Jn 4:10; 15:1-4).

#### **Bottom line:**

If a woman in childbirth run out of strength before she gives birth, it could be dangerous. Stay close to the source this year and do extraordinary things for God. May we not struggle to do what is required of us in Jesus name.

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