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

God will appoint salvation for walls and bulwarks ... You will keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.

Isaiah 26:1-3 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Faith in action

(2 Thessalonians 1:11)

We're trusting God to enable us to do all the good things faith prompts in us in Jesus name (NLT).

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.





WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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Our 'must-visit' website



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

- 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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

The things God does for our peace

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:13; 16

We're asked to never get tired of doing good in 2 Thessalonians 3:13 and we may ask what is good. Sometimes, something that seems good to us may not be for others. They may also come with conditions. Some could prove more challenging than others, asking more from us. For example, you may feel like doing more than just giving money to the homeless and pass them by.

In the book of Proverbs, doubts are expressed about whether we can find reliable friends (Prov 20:6). A definition for doing good says it is to do something of benefit or advantage for someone else. In his final prayer, Paul asked God to grant the Thessalonians peace in all circumstances (2 Thes 3:16 AMP). This may be why Jesus said no one's good except God (Mk 10:18). God does things for his purpose and our benefit without conditions (Jer 29:11; Prov 16:4).

The life of Joseph is an interesting one (Gen 37:1-36; see also chapters 39-50). He grew up in a polygamous home and had eleven brothers. He was enterprising, clever and beloved by his father, and this made them envious of him. His father was wealthy at the time and he had dreams elevating him above his brothers and his parents, boasting to them about it. So, they got rid of him and ignore his plea for mercy (Gen 42:21-22). However, Joseph later described their actions as good (Gen 50:19-21). Would we agree?

Selling Joseph into slavery was for the good of his brothers. However, it paved the way for their own salvation later. So, what they did was for good. The scriptures said God made everything for himself, even the wicked (Prov 16:4). God does everything for his purpose and permits certain things we may never understand. We must know everything he does is for his own end and purpose.

Therefore, let's not be bogged down with defining what's good or bad. Let's not be tired of doing good too. Likewise, if evil's done to us, let's not be disheartened by it. Let's not be quick to jump to conclusions and lose our peace. The truth is we don't have the full facts or know the end. We've no way of knowing the purpose or God's intention for the experiences we go through today (Heb 12:2).

Bottom line:

Everything that happens in our lives is for a reason and according to God's will and purpose. Therefore, even if it seems negative or bad at first, God can turn it to good, according to his purpose (Rom 8:28; Prov 16:7).

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