

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 you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, his own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 (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.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO STAND OUT

THAT'S HOW THE LOST GET FOUND

Nothing
ahead of
you is bigger
or stronger
than the
power of God
behind you.

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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

Don't be afraid to stand out

Text: 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15

These verses may be challenging for some. Paul makes it clear here that anyone in the church not obeying the directives in his letter should be shunned and made to feel ashamed. We may agree it's a form of cancelling, a culture popularised and despised in the society today. This verse shows it isn't a new concept. Preachers may sanitise what they say on the pulpit sometimes or we may choose to disinvite or excommunicate a Pastor who violates or preaches something we consider heretical.

Paul was talking about people who steadfastly refuses to listen or respond to admonishment or correction. Paul had something similar to say about those indulging in sexual sins (1 Cor 5:9-11). It may seem harsh, since God is love (1 John 4:7-21) and uncomfortable, because texts like these don't sound inclusive or seem too uncompromising. Some religious practices are known for their rigid obeisance to doctrine, envied or criticised by some for it, but they make no apologies.

Often, Christianity is open to interpretation and we debate everything. However, we should understand that doesn't take away from what Paul is trying to avoid, the fact that the words we hear and our beliefs will always produce an action or result. Whether we're aware of it or not, we become what we believe in time (Rom 2:11-13; 10:17).

When we actually become the word of God, it is impossible for us not to stand out because it is about order (Rom 12:1-2). That's why Jesus said the world hates those who have accepted the word of God (Jn 17:6-14). The problem is we don't like to stand out. Instead, we try to conform because the world attack those who are different.

Paul was trying to avoid the point when permissiveness, inclusivity or indulgence becomes conformity with sin and the world. That's why we must be careful about the words we listen to and the companies we keep. We must ensure we don't allow them to change us.

Bottom line:

Stand strong in this generation. Don't be afraid to stand out and be careful about what you listen to as well as your associations.

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