

*** 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

Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.

1 Peter 3:8-9 (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.



TOGETHER

that they all may be one... as you, father are in me and I in you... that they also may be one in us, that the world may believe that you sent me ~ John 17:21

Image source(s): <https://jtbarts.com/gallery/pentecost-true-spiritual-unity-and-fellowship-in-the-holy-spirit/>



Sunday 4 June 2023

WELCOME

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



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

How do we promote unity among believers?

Text: 1 John 1:7 (AMP)

Our discussions have explored unity or disagreements in the church at large and between denominations. Now, we will concentrate on fellowship among ourselves and it is interesting that the directive in our verse today starts with "if" in Amplified version, suggesting it's conditional. That may strike us as strange since it is our expectation that believers walk in the light. Unity in fellowship should be normal for us Christians.

Unity is important for our gatherings to be successful (Ps 133:1; Amos 3:3; 1 Cor 1:10; Matt 12:25-26). When we focus on God as our father and guide, a perfect unity should be the hallmark of our relationship with one another (Jn 17:21-23). How could there be any disunity among us (Phil 4:2-3; Js 4:1-2)? What do we see as our responsibility(ies) to each in our churches? How do we want to be remembered?

Paul and Barnabas had a disagreement and got over it long enough to work together (Acts 15:36-41; 11:25-26; 1 Cor 9:6). What's stopping us and why do we have disagreements with each other? Disunity occurs when we step out of the light in our individual walks with God.

If we can avoid that and live in the Spirit, we will bear the fruit of the Spirit and love one another as Jesus love us (Gal 5:22-26; Jn 13:25). Another problem we may have with each other is envy, comparison and pride. We should avoid being envious or comparing our situations with someone else (2 Cor 10:12). Forgiveness is also important. Let's stop bearing grudges, be humble and admonish in love (Eph 4:15).

Bottom line:

If we walk in the light and exhibit the fruit of the Spirit such as love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and so on, there will be unity in our fellowships with one another. As we're enjoined to live in peace with each other (Rom 12:18), be humble. Lay down your right to be right and take up the cross of Christ.

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