

#### 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

Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God.

Mark 12:24 (NLT)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

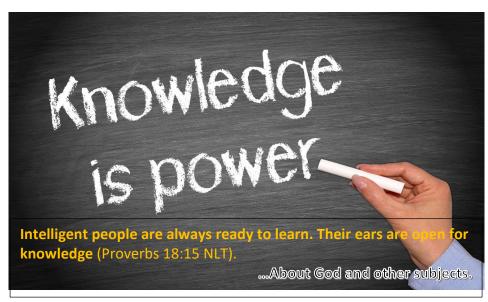
### **Faith in action**

(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.



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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 '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 (<a href="http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/">http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/</a>). 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 <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a>.

#### 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.
- In the Home section, select Homepage and new windows and Custom URLs... from the field's drop down.
- Enter or paste the URL: <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a> 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 power of knowing

Text: 1 Corinthians 10:1

In our discussion we explored how should we engage with things of evil origins such as music, movies, food etc., in the current environment. One of the suggestions is discernment, supported in today's text. Paul told the Corinthians not to be unaware. Ignorance is one of the powerful weapons the devil uses against us. Even in law, it is not an excuse, but the devil doesn't want us to know what we should know or believe it doesn't matter.

It is every Christian's responsibility to avoid being ignorant (Hos 4:6). It is impossible to scam people who are aware. However, a lot of us are being scammed by the devil and many of us don't make any effort to address the problem. Knowledge is inexhaustible. It will be a mistake to think we know everything there is to know and we can never stop learning.

In our walk with God, we must strive to educate ourselves about every step we take and things around us. We need to learn what we should and shouldn't do, relying on the Holy Spirit to show us the way (Rom 7:15-20). It is what makes us Jesus's disciples and sets us free (Jn 8:31-32).

For example, a popular drink was recently said to contain an addictive that could cause cancer. Imagine the years we've been ignorant of that fact. How many people may've perished because they didn't know? God alone knows all things. Therefore, we need to rely on the Holy Spirit, especially because the Scriptures tell us we don't wrestle against flesh and blood and caution us to put on the armour of God (Eph 6:10-18; Jn 10:10).

Aristotle, the philosopher said nature abhors vacuum. Something will arise to fill an empty space (Lk 11:24-28). Learning about our world can benefit us (2 Tim 2:15; Phil 4:8). The Scriptures say we are how we think (Prov 23:7) and if we're not for God, we're for the devil (1 Jn 3:10; Mk 9:38-40). Jesus came so your joy can be full (Jn 15:11). Don't let the devil steal it from you.

#### **Bottom line:**

The Holy Spirit is our helper (Jn 14:26-28). We must pray and rely on the Holy Spirit to help us discern the hidden truth in our world and live in the knowledge of our discernment.

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