

*** 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

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (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.

Living the sabbath rest...

So then, there remains a Sabbath rest for the people of God, for whoever has entered God's rest has also rested from his works as God did from his.

Hebrews 4:9-10

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

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Sunday 3 September 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 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

Sabbath Day: God's word in his voice

Text: Exodus 20:8-11

The Sabbath reminds us of the importance of rest and rejuvenation. It is therefore important to dedicate a day of week for rest, spend time with loved ones, engage in activities that can renew our spirit and be beneficial to our physical, mental and spiritual wellbeing. It is also an opportunity for believers to gather together to worship and commune with God, while fellowshiping with each other, engaging in activities that can nourish and help to deepen our relationship with God and strengthen our faith, prioritising our relationship with God.

Jesus said "**Come to me, all you who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.**" True rest—the rest from the mind—is important and that can only come from God (Matt 11:28-30; Isa 26:3). We're commanded to observe the Sabbath in the Scriptures. Sometimes called the Holy Bible or Living Bible, some verses caution against additions (e.g. Prov 30:6), but it may amaze us to know the devil speaks within it too.

While the texts or verses can be interpreted in different ways, we must trust the Holy Spirit for what God is saying to us in his word. He's the only one that can interpret the **Rhema** (Greek term for "utterance" or "thing said") and make God's word come alive in our lives. There are attributes we should look for to determine if God is telling us something. It should give us peace. It shouldn't contradict God's word. There must be a confirmation (Lk 1:28) and it should be possible to confirm it from other people (Lk 1: 41-42).

So, one of the things today's text is telling us is not to idolise work than necessary, in comparison to efforts put into what matters to God. Have you cultivated recognising God's voice and listening to the Holy Spirit? What's he telling you from the word of God? We must ensure that God's unimpeachable word has priority in our lives.

Bottom line:

God yearns to give us rest and replenish every languishing soul (Jer 31:25). We must strive to enter God's rest (Heb 4:10-11). Beyond that, we should also make God, studying his word and receiving guidance from the Holy Spirit a priority in our day-to-day living.

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