

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

And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

Daniel 2:44 (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.

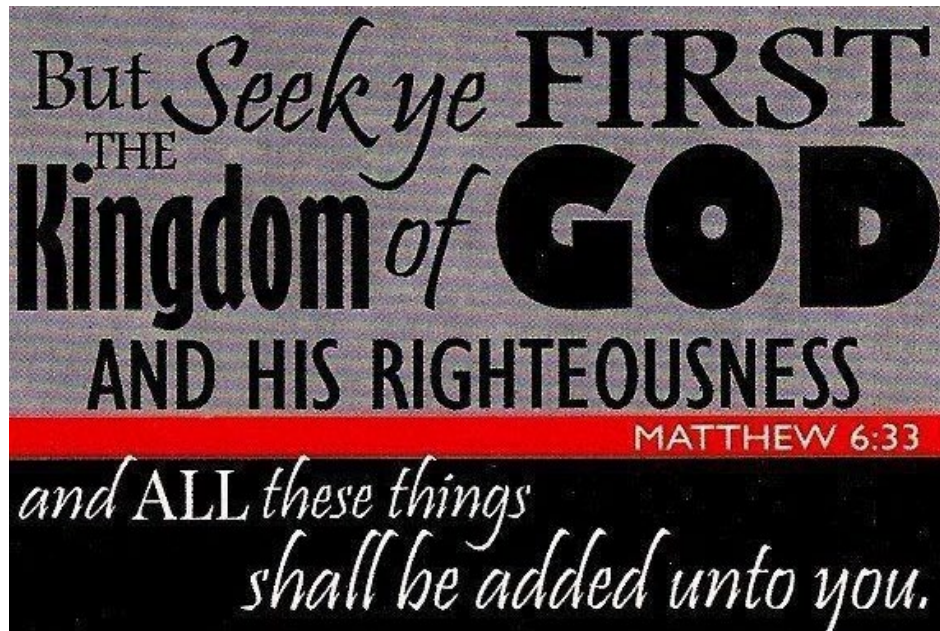


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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

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/>.

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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

The drivers of life: Insight / understanding into the scope of God's kingdom

Text: 1 John 2:15-17 / Acts 1:2-8

We'll continue to explore the gifts of God that the world cannot give us which includes insight and understanding into the kingdom of God. We concluded that understanding the kingdom starts with understanding the King. The kingdom of God is not abstract and "**not eating and drinking, but righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit**" (Rom 14:12-19). It's here and now. As subjects of the kingdom, we're never alone (Rev 5:11). His kingdom is everywhere and kingdom living's essential.

The Scriptures said Jesus talked about the kingdom every time he met with his disciples, teaching them about its truth, right up until he was about to ascend to heaven (Acts 1:2-3). However, his disciples were more concerned about the physical kingdom that belongs to them (Acts 1:4-8). When we pray for the kingdom to come, which one are we praying for or concerned about? Who reigns supreme in our kingdom (1 Cor 4:6-8)?

Every kingdom has enforcers to maintain its integrity and boundaries. In God's kingdom, you and I are the enforcers. Therefore, we need the power of the Holy Spirit. Israel was a foreshadow of the things to come and the parable of the ruler who went on to a far country to be crowned king and gave talents to his servants illustrates how this works in principle (Lk 19:11-27). Likewise, Abraham was sent away from his home to a land God promised him. God told him to walk through the land and he did (Gen 13:17).

It probably took him months, but it wasn't aimless. He never bought any land except a burial plot and yet, he was possessing everywhere his feet touches. We may not know or see it yet, but we shall also possess the kingdom and reign over it (Rev 5:8-10; 11:15-16). The cattle on a thousand hills and the wealth of the nations belong to him and he will one day give them to us (Psalm 50:9-10; Isa 66:12-13; 60:11; 1 Cor 4:7).

There are enemies that appear to be too strong for us right now. Sickness and diseases like cancers, pain, lack and other challenges. God permits all of them now, but we will eventually conquer it all, including death (1 Cor 15:24-28). Soon, the Lord will crush Satan under our feet (Rom 16:20), because we belong to the kingdom whose King is a conqueror (Rom 8:31-39). The Centurion understood this. He knew about authority and understood Jesus had it and can heal just by sending forth his word (Matt 8:5-13; Jn 8:36).

Although we don't see it yet, we can be sure of this. That while we may be in the shadows now, soon we'll inherit the kingdom (Lk 12:22-32). We've been rescued from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his son, an extraordinary kingdom with immense benefits (Col 1:11-14 NLT). Do an in-depth study of the kingdom to fully understand what belongs to you.

Bottom line:

If we could only grasp the extent and truth of the kingdom of God, it will become clear that the kingdom is already here and soon, everything within it will eventually belong to us, as heirs. May we live in that understanding in Jesus name (Amen).

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