

*** 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

"Blessed [spiritually calm with life-joy in God's favor] are the makers and maintainers of peace, for they will [express His character and] be called the sons of God.

Matthew 5:9 (AMP)

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.

A Prayer for Peace

"Lord Jesus, You are our Prince of Peace and the Captain of our Storm. When our circumstances are overwhelming and You seem far away, we ask that You would remind us that Your presence is with us."



Image source(s): <https://hellohope.com/blog/prayer-peace> // <https://www.greatplainsumc.org/candleprayer>

Sunday 5 November 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

How should we respond to the conflict in Israel?

Text: Revelation 21:1-7

There are several schools of thought about the ongoing conflict. We may feel Hamas atrocities shouldn't stand. Then again, what's happened since and Israeli government's response have raised several questions about proportionality and gut-rending emotional reactions. It is a conflict spanning decades. The problem stemmed from the fact that the Jews are the only nation without a recognised homeland, traceable from biblical times when the Romans razed Jerusalem to the ground and scattered the Jews abroad.

However, this is unlike any other conflict. Most are fought over land control. No wars can be justified and no matter how shocking this may seem, innocent casualties are unavoidable. We see this again and again in the World Wars, on either side. But we're told to pray for the peace of Jerusalem. We may also hold certain affinities with them (Psa 122:6). As Christians, how should we respond? What do we say to the Palestinians?

One of the first things we should understand is that God's kingdom is not on this earth (Acts 1:6; Matt 26:51-53) and none of us have all the facts. The truth is often the first casualty in such cases and when oppressed people are given power, they sometimes become oppressors. These issues are therefore complex, without easy answers (2 Tim 2:4).

No one is the spoke-person for Christianity except the Holy Spirit (e.g. Acts 2:37-41; 6:1-7). Therefore, we should seek the counsel of the Holy Spirit (Rev 2:7). The Scriptures said there will be wars as the world comes to an end (Matt 24:6-8). It is inevitable and Christians shouldn't be surprised by what's happening, but we need to remain alert and be prepared (Lk 13:1-5).

Bottom line:

The suffering of Israel doesn't invalidate those of the Palestinians. Our response must start with prayers for the peace of Jerusalem, for both Palestinians and the Jews.

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