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

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. And I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; neither shall anyone snatch them out of My hand.

John 10:27-28 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

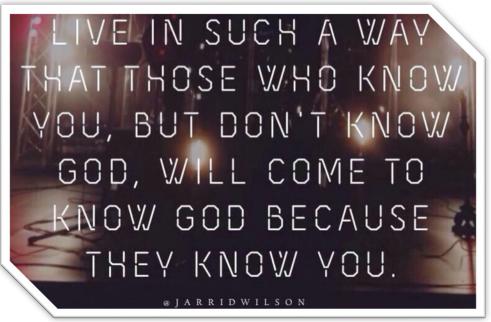
Faith in action

(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?

December Prayer and Fasting will span <u>7 days</u>: from 1 – 7 Dec. We'll pray in our homes each evening and meet on **Friday**, 8 Dec to pray together.





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

- 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.
- 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.
- 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

Drivers of life series

Text: 1 John 2:15-17

In our final series of exploration into this passage, we see that although the world will fade away along with everything people crave within it, it says "anyone who does what pleases God will live forever" (1 Jn 2:17b NLT). It may not look like it now, but we will outlive this world, because as Jesus once prayed, knowing God, the Father and Jesus Christ is eternal life (Jn 17:1-3).

A definition for one kind of **eternal life** is "**to be without beginning and end, that which always has been and always will be.**" How can we comprehend that? We may understand that everything made or created has a beginning and end. As human beings, we go through different ebbs and flows in between, awakening to varied consciousness as we journey through.

For example, while an indigenous native doesn't need to provide credentials to belong, a foreigner could be challenged in public or expelled. So, we may find it difficult to understand how something could be without beginning and end. A different definition describes eternity as without a beginning. If an end means something ceases to exist and it doesn't have a beginning in the first place, how do we even begin to talk about the end?

We live, knowing everything comes to an end. Another definition says it's something that may have a beginning but no end. So, eternal life is a life guaranteed not to end and that's us (Jn 3:16). If we believe we this, do we live as though we do? Martha had a problem grappling the concept (Jn 11:23-27). All she and others were hoping for are sympathies from Jesus for Lazarus's death. Jesus understood our lives are without end with no limits. So, he wasn't troubled or was never in a hurry (Matt 8:23-27). However, it may be necessary to consider if we know what we're going to do with eternity, even if we're unable to understand it.

We may all accept it's challenging for us to understand the concept too. As children of God having the gift of eternal life, we will never run out of time to do the things that faith is prompting us to do (Rom 6:22-23; 2 Thess 1:11). This is because there's no time we cease to exist, even when we die (Lk 20:38). God's promises are not time-bound. It will be fulfilled because we are eternal beings and eternity is waiting for us. Therefore, we have hope (2 Cor 4:17-20).

Bottom line:

As eternal beings, there's no need to fret about time passing us by. We have all

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