

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 my message and my preaching were very plain. Rather than using clever and persuasive speeches, I relied only on the power of the Holy Spirit. I did this so you would trust not in human wisdom but in the power of God.

1 Corinthians 2:4-5 (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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EXTRAORDINARY
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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/>.

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

Portraits of Jesus series: Good news shared

Text: Mark 1:1

Every time Jesus encounter someone, there's a revelation. When he met Nicodemus, he told him flesh and blood cannot enter the kingdom of God, only someone born again of water and the Spirit (Jn 3:3-6). Among other things, he told the Samaritan woman true worship is in Spirit and in truth and not a specific place (Jn 4:10-14; 22-24; 7:38; See also 1 Cor 3:16; 1 Pet 2:9). When we gather, there's corporate grace, but God is everywhere.

We'll explore some of these encounters and revelations in the Gospel of Mark. Originally, "**gospel**" refers to "**breaking news**" and one of them is attributed to a man called Mark. That may be why it often reads like a series of brief headline pieces, starting from the messenger sent to prepare the way of the Lord (Mk 1:1-3). However, we may wonder who Mark is. What was his encounter with Jesus like? Why did he feel the need to share his experience?

Like Mark, many of us feel the need to share news of remarkable events in our lives. It's in the book of Mark that Son of Man / God are used for Jesus (Mk 1:1). If we assume he's the same John Mark in the Scriptures, he grew up in a family that know Jesus and met Jesus when he was very young (Acts 12:12). He went on a missionary with Barnabas but abandoned them and failed to complete the journey (Acts 13:13).

This behaviour gave Paul pause and he refused to choose Mark for the next journey and parted ways with Barnabas (Acts 15:36-41). Barnabas is related to John Mark, but he was also called the son of encouragement. This may be why he was so forgiving of Mark's actions and refused to write Mark off. Later, Paul was able to use Mark in ministry (2 Tim 4:11). We may therefore speculate that the Gospel of Mark couldn't exist without Barnabas.

Some have said the Holy Spirit can depart from us, citing King Saul's experience (1 Sam 16:14; See also Eph 4:30). However, what we see are different levels of covenant and commitment. When Saul disobeyed God, God's Spirit left Saul but remained with David in similar circumstances (1 Sam 16:1-14; 2 Sam 7:1-16).

We may've unbreakable red lines in relationships. For some, everything goes. We see this play out in the commitment felt by each of Naomi's daughters-in-law (Ruth 1:6-17). One of God's commitment to us is his promise to never leave us as orphans (Jn 14:15-18). We can trust in the Father's commitment to us. He will never fail us.

Bottom line:

God makes the ordinary extraordinary. He will never leave us or take his spirit from us. This is a solid truth and can be the foundation to do great things in God's name.

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