

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 God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:8 (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.



God has more than enough to meet all your needs and everybody else's needs at the same time.

Image source(s): <https://pastorrick.com/do-you-have-a-shortage-or-a-surplus-mindset-2/>



Sunday 17 December 2023

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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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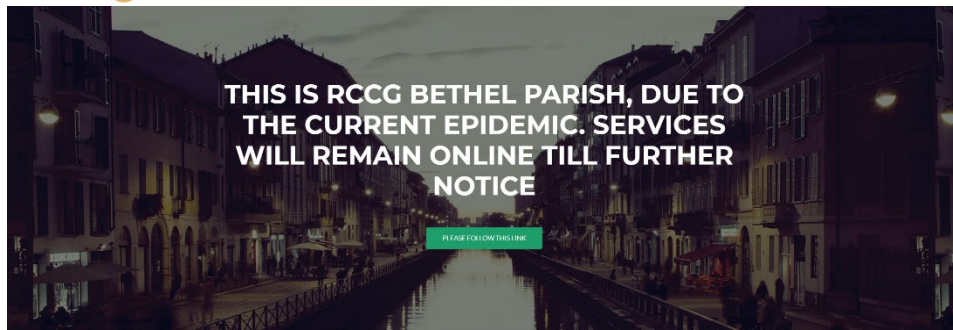
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Our website is a treasure trove of information, and not only about our focus and mission. You could subscribe to our podcast or listen to past sermons too (<http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/>). This is particularly useful for when you are unable to 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: Scraps and abundance

Text: Mark 7:24-30

Although Jesus didn't want anyone to know where he was, they found him. When desperate, we often seek solutions wherever we can find it. Jesus isn't hidden from us. We can find him whenever we need him (Jer 29:14; Matt 1:23; Jn 7:38). The Gentile Syrophenician woman in our text today wasn't going to be deterred by anything however.

The woman sought Jesus because her daughter was possessed by evil spirit. So, she wasn't going to be daunted by the initial rebuff either, persisting and pointing out that even dogs can eat scraps from the table (Mk 7:28). It seemed Jesus was waiting for the woman to demonstrate something, calling her response "Good" (Mk 7:29).

There were enough scraps to heal the woman's daughter. However, for scraps to fall off any table, there must be abundance. The good news is that God over-supplies when he meets needs and even the scraps are enough (Jn 1:15-16). Disappointed with his disciples at some point, Jesus berated them, wondering why they still don't understand what they see or hear (Mk 8:14-21).

Are we the same? Do we forget the times God helped us in the past? If we look back and reflect, we may find many times when things have not been so good or worse and by God's grace, we came through them. If God saw us through those times, why do we doubt he would when new ones come? The woman's encounter with Jesus teaches us there's enough to meet our needs when desperation drives us to Jesus.

Let's remember. A whole generation of the Israelites ended their lives in the wilderness and failed to reach the Promise Land because they complained over and over again. They couldn't see God's past acts in their midst and rescues every time they encounter new challenges (Num 14:1-30; Heb 4:2).

Bottom line:

When we seek God in desperation and find him, he's able to meet our needs in abundance (Phil 4:19). When he does, we become channels of blessings. This is the season of goodwill. Let someone encounter Christ through you.

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