

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

For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

Romans 8:24-25 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

To be all in
Hebrews 10:38-39 (AMP)

Peter replied to him, "Lord, if it is [really] you, command me to come to you on the water." ~ **Matthew 14:28 (AMP)**.

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.



Sunday 23 June 2024

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship
service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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When God Asks You to Wait

Advent is the spiritual season of hope par excellence, and in this season the whole Church is called to be hope, for itself and for the world.

Pope Benedict XVI

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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 Days of Noah

Text: Genesis 6:1-8

God looked at everything on earth and saw no redeeming feature. Everything was "**consistently and totally evil**" (Gen 6:5 NLT). It broke his heart. It was similar to Jesus's description of the day of judgement (Matt 24:36-44). Everything seemed normal, like in the days of Noah. No one would know what's about to happen (Matt 24:37-39). For example, the current wave of scorching heat was one of the predictions in the book of Revelation (Rev 6:12-17; 16:8-9).

It must've been scary in the days of Noah, but there was also a thread of hope and the first salvation message. God gave everything a chance to exist and at the end, God made a promise never to curse the ground because of man (Gen 8:20-22). Seasons are promised in perpetuity, each ending in hope.

Our lives go through seasons too, some so trying we want to give up. But hope is at the heart of living for Christ and it is the hallmark of each season. The Israelite experienced unthinkable hardship and a season of exile, but at the end, they hoped on the faithfulness of God (Lam 2:19-33). If you're going through a difficult period right now and your prayers seem to be falling on deaf ears, it is because God permitted it. There will always be a time when we will all walk through the valley of the shadow of death (Psa 23:4). What's also certain is that God will bring us to a place of release in time (Psa 66:12). God is still listening.

As there's a beginning, there will be an end. In between is hope. Therefore, we must remain in hope until salvation come. Don't get distracted or give up hope. No matter how bleak, our expectation will not be cut off (Pro 23:17-19). The proof of success is when we pass through a test and succeed at the end. We must learn to persevere and wait for the end. It will surely come.

We may assume Jesus is with us when he's far, far away. It took Jesus's parents three days before they realised he wasn't with them and began to search for him (Lk 2:41-50). They found him where they left him and Jesus asked why they were searching for him in the first place. If you think he's far from you, return to where you thought you lost him. It is easy to lose Christ in the business of life (Lk 5:5-7).

Bottom line:

It is dangerous to judge someone else's walk with God (Matt 7:1). Be reflective instead, because we all pass through different seasons. All things work together for our good in any season we're in (Rom 8:28). Whatever you're going through, good or bad, it is the season of hope.

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