

*** 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

Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant.

Matthew 20:26 (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.

Never underestimate the influence of the people you have allowed in your life.....

"Bad company corrupts good morals."

1 Corinthians 15:33

THE POWER OF
INFLUENCE

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Sunday 7 July 2024

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 '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

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

Leadership and supporting leaders

Text: Genesis 10:8-12

Babylon and Nineveh were two of the greatest empires in the world, founded by a man named Nimrod. He was known as the mightiest hunter at the time, so great his name became proverbial (Gen 10:9-10 NLT). He was a celebrity with great influence beyond his lifetime.

Anyone who's ever had influence over others or an area may have experienced several emotions, including exhilaration, fulfilment, feeling of power and invisibility. The responsibility can also be daunting. Some leaders have also been plagued by loneliness.

Other dangers include being drunk with the privileges and power that comes with leadership and misusing them. Many want to be remembered. They may also face key challenges, unable to tell right from wrong because their errors and mistakes go unchallenged.

Thus, if surrounded by those who are afraid to tell them the truth, they believe the lies they're told. When influence is not wielded wisely, it can have devastating effects. Christian leaders are not exempt. Some have so much influence no one dare question their message or doctrines (1 Tim 4:16). We therefore need to be careful and grow in maturity so we're not tossed to and fro, as Paul puts it, by them (Eph 4:14).

Jesus contrasted the rewards / punishments that comes to stewards with responsibilities who use their influence judiciously or otherwise (Lk 12:42-48). When God gives us influence over a life, we must be careful with that life. As Christians, it is also our responsibility to pray for those with influence over us and especially for our new Prime Minister.

Bottom line:

Leadership can be fulfilling, but it also comes with several pitfalls because wielding influence over others is not easy. If not with wisdom and care's not taken, their decisions and influence may lead to ruination for themselves and their followers (1 Tim 4:16).

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