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 as I was passing through... I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.

Acts 17:23-24 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

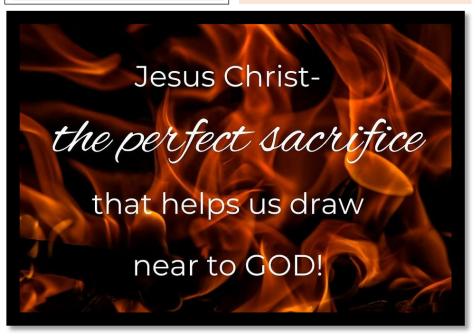
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Hebrews 10:38-39 (AMP)

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.





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

- 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.
- 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

Raising altars - Part III

Text: Genesis 15:1-19

In the second part on this topic, we concluded the most important sacrifice on our altars is our bodies. Prayer is also an important offering, not only as a sacrifice, but to build altars (Lk 18:1-8). The concept of altars may often be perceived in the physical sense, like the altars of the Old Testament.

Altars and places of worship are no longer fixed to a physical location or city and Jesus made that clear to the woman of Samaria (Jn 4:19-24; Acts 17:23-24). Now we worship God in spirit and in truth because we carry the spirit of God within us always (1 Cor 6:19) and all altars before Jesus Christ pointed to him.

Interesting that God chose Abraham who was unable to have a child before Isaac was born to be the father of nations. God told Abraham his descendants can't possess the promised land for 400 years, by which time the iniquity of the Amorites will be complete (Gen 15:16). That may seem a long time to us, but not to God (2 Pet 3:8). We feel the weight of time because we have a finite span, but it means nothing to God because he's called the self-existent one, Elohim.

There was a time we use slow and sluggish dial-up internet connection modems. Now, chip processing speed are so fast and we're now talking about how Al (Artificial Intelligence) may impact our way of life. God said this world is coming to an end and everything will be destroyed. He will do it at his own right time.

For 400 years, the Amorites lived as if the impending judgement will never arrive (Num 21:29-31). We may be thinking the same, but God has a purpose and design for each life. Abraham wasn't an obvious choice. He was called aged 75, childless and lived like a nomad for most of his life until his death aged 175, but he witnessed Isaac grow up and achieved God's purpose for his life.

The purpose of apostles, prophets, evangelists and teachers is not to infantilise us or replace God's altars. It is to equip and build us all up for service (Eph 4:11-14). We can go boldly to God and find mercy in our time of need (Heb 4:16; Matt 18:20) and as many as are led by the spirit are children of God (Rom 8:14).

Bottom line:

We must evolve from the thinking that there's a certain location or place where God can be met. God is wherever we are and every altar must point to Christ.

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