

*** 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

My soul follows close behind You; Your right hand upholds me.

Psalms 63:8 (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.

YOU'LL HAVE
TO MAKE A
DECISION AT
SOME POINT -
TO STAY PUT
OR TO RISK
IT ALL,
FOLLOWING
AFTER GOD!

ADRIAN ROGERS



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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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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

What can we learn about Nicodemus's journey with Christ?

Text: John 3:1-10

We may remember our theme this year is "**To be all in**" (Heb 10:38-39 AMP). What does that in practical sense? As a member of the Jewish ruling class, Nicodemus took a risk when he sought to know more about the Saviour, Jesus Christ (Jn 3:1-2). Nicodemus could've done nothing about his curiosity, given the obstacles he faced.

What lengths have we gone to, to draw closer to God this year? Although we may never know if Nicodemus became convicted, we know he wasn't rebuffed. He kept questing for answers. He was brave enough to challenge the injustice of the moment during Jesus's trial (Jn 7:50-51) and although he must've been confused by Jesus's death, he joined Joseph of Arimathea to give Jesus a fitting and dignified burial (Jn 19:38-42).

It's sometimes hard to buck the trend or challenge the status quo. However, could we be here, at this time, for that purpose? In the book of Esther, Mordecai and Esther, his uncle's daughter were in a foreign land just like us too, at a time when there's impending danger of massacre – and perhaps extinction – for their people.

At great risk, they fought against hate and discrimination to save the Jews (Est 4:1-16). The rest of its history. Although Ezekiel knew God can do anything, he probably never imagined the dry bones could be brought back to life (Eze 37:1-14). Likewise, we may think a situation is hopeless, but these stories remind us we can never think that way.

We can always find ways around obstacles in our path. Nicodemus did, meeting Jesus at night. Paul was always reminding us we have different gifts in the body of Christ (Eph 4:11-13). If we're not so good at going out or preaching, there's always other things we can do. For example, we could set apart time to fast and pray on their behalf.

There's this belief that Gen Z / younger people are disillusioned with the church and mainstream delivery systems, and don't trust the messengers, consuming most of their information online. Perhaps we can reach them where they are. If we're great content creators, for example or through music, podcasting etc., we can minister to them on social media.

Jesus told Peter he would build his church on the confession revealed to him by the Holy Spirit. That suggests God needs us just as much as we need him (See also Dan 9:1-3; 10:10-12; cf Jer 25:11). Like Peter, we must proclaim he's Christ in every way possible (Matt 16:15-18). What promise of God is waiting for us to do something, before it's fulfilled?

Bottom line:

We've all been called to reach out and evangelise. Not just the Pastors and church leaders (Matt 28:18-20). We mustn't let obstacles stand in our path or accept defeat because God is the only one who says when it's over (Eze 37:11-14).

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