

\*\*\* 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

And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins." Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

1 Peter 4:8-10 (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.



It is more  
blessed to  
give than it  
is to receive

ACTS 20:35



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Sunday 3 November 2024

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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 'must-visit' website



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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

### *Hospitality and generosity*

#### ***Text: Genesis 18:1-5; 19:1-3***

Is hospitality different from being generous? Abraham and Lot had no idea they were entertaining angels to start with, when they pressed the two men to come dine with them. Being hospitable or generous is a calling that may often come with risks or danger. However, we're told in the scriptures to do good unto **all** men, especially those in the household of faith and the key word is "all" (Gal 6:10). It may be difficult to protect ourselves if we're to remain obedient.

When Lot offered hospitality to the angels the men of the city of Sodom and Gomorrah could've made him and his family suffer the consequence if the angels didn't save him (Gen 19:4-11). Likewise, we must trust God to protect us. There are several other examples in the scriptures about showing kindness to our fellow human beings. The widow of Zarephath was one (1 Kngs 17:7-16) and Jesus told a parable about the Samaritan who helped an injured man (Lk 10:25-36).

The lawyer who came to Jesus had a burning question, but he already knew about the laws and understood who his neighbour was. Jesus however challenged him to think beyond his usual assumptions of who might be his neighbour. The injured man didn't find help from the Levite and Priest, so-called men of God and people who should've helped extended help, perhaps because they were afraid of being in the same danger the man was.

We can always find excuses not to help others or be obedient to the leading of God. The widow of Zarephath gave Elijah the last meal she and her son had to eat. As a widow, she was one of the most destitute people in a society that may not be helpful to her. There were great risks to her, but in the end, she obeyed Elijah and even gave him a place to stay in her house.

How many times do we think of people less able than ourselves? Are we overlooking people who need our help right now? Are we turning our face away from the distress of others? In God's kingdom, we're expected to help when we have the opportunity to, but do we just say "it is well" and move on? We should know the word of God will never change.

### **Bottom line:**

Let's pray for the grace to extend hospitality and help to others when they need it.

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