

*** 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

Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

1 Peter 2:13-14 (NKJV)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

Year of opportunities

John 4:35-38 AMP

"For in this case the saying is true, 'One [person] sows and another reaps.'" ~ **John 4:37** (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.

Respect Authority
When You Disagree

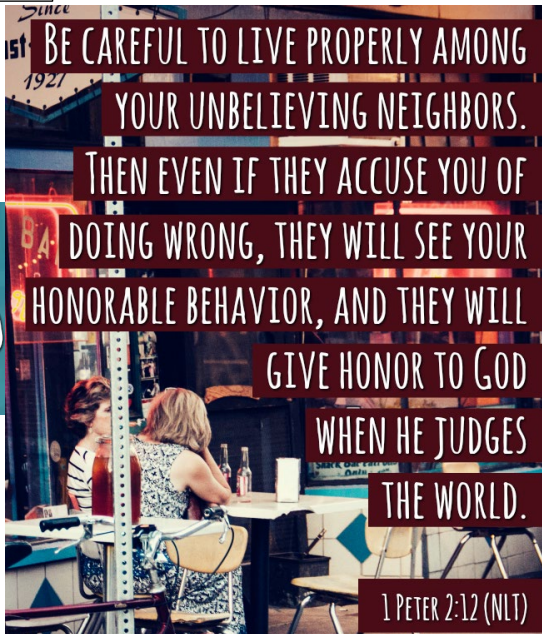


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Sunday 2 February 2025

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

Submitting to authorities when in conflict

Text: Romans 13:1-7

The scriptures teach us to submit to authorities with grace and integrity. We'll be looking at some characters for example. Elijah was a powerful prophet, used to exact judgement when a certain king wanted to destroy him and what he stood for (2 Kn 1:18). David was a man after God's heart (1 Sam 13:14) and on many occasions, he could've exacted revenge Saul who was seeking to kill him (1 Sam 24:1-22). He didn't, because he considered Saul God's anointed (1 Sam 24:10).

God actually desires changes in us. Are you like Elijah, reactionary to situations or a man after God's heart like David? Is God the first person you go to when in conflict or things get tough? The church can provide solutions to issues around us because government and governance is part of God's redemptive plan (Isa 9:6). What is God telling us?

It's easy to react, but God wants a broken heart (Psa 51:17). God is also looking for those who will redeem his people and help rid this world of injustices and sin (Eze 22:30). Have you asked God why he's placed you where you are? Are you finding God in situations around you?

God needs us to do his will and achieve his purpose wherever we are. When the Jews were in danger of extinction because Mordecai refused to pay homage to Haman, note how Esther and Mordecai responded, calling a fast and praying (Est 3:1-4:17). When Mariam and Aaron spoke against Moses, did they speak for God (Num 12:1-15)? Jesus told his disciples to pay tax even when he didn't have to (Matt 17:24-27).

Bottom line:

It's not about fighting for rights. God is the ultimate authority we must obey and We can only transform people as well as the injustices within our environments when our hearts are contrite and attuned to God.

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