

\*\*\* 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

Receive one who is weak in the faith, but not to disputes over doubtful things. For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats only vegetables. Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

*Romans 14:1-3 (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.



Sunday 4 May 2025

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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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Life Transitions...



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Born out of  
Endings.

# 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

### *Faith, gender and identity*

#### **Text: Genesis 1:27**

We've been considering how our faith informs our understanding of gender and identity. How do we approach these complex issues with compassion and grace? What should be our reception to the recent ruling on gender? In the workplace, it can be challenging to handle some of the extreme views with empathy, with tendency to seek to educate / change others.

Often, some things may only be understood when experienced first-hand. For example, what do we do if a much-loved member of our family decides to change their gender? Does that mean we stop loving them? We may disagree with many of the choices made by others, but essentially, nothing's changed about them, except they made a choice contrary to our views. Should we let that single choice define our relationship with them?

The Supreme Court ruling clarified the original intentions for the Equality Act 2010. In the same manner, there's no scripture banning gender re-assignment. However, there's clarity on how we relate with non-believers. By first living in obedience ourselves (2 Cor 10:3-6; Matt 7:3-5). That's why Paul told us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling (Phil 2:12).

We cannot conform to the world, but we're on a journey of transformation too (Rom 12:1-2; Phil 3:12-14). When people brought a woman caught in adultery to Jesus, he challenged those without sin to dare cast the first stone (Jn 8:7-11). No one did. Are you about to throw a stone at someone right now? If so, have you checked that your own obedience is complete yet? How are you doing at avoiding the works of the flesh (Gal 5:19-21)?

Many things change over time and our choices become more complex. For example, the scriptures said some will believe lies in the last days (2 Thes 2:11-12). We need the spirit of discernment and ultimately (Heb 5:13-14), our lives should reflect the truth and the life of Christ to those around us.

#### **Bottom line:**

We need to show compassion and accept we're not perfect either. That's why Paul said we know in part (1 Cor 13:9-12). Jesus also made it clear resurrection life may be far removed from our imagination (Matt 22:23-30).

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