### 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

The mouth of the righteous brings forth wisdom, But the perverse tongue will be cut out. The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable, But the mouth of the wicked what is perverse.

Proverbs 10:31-32 (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.

# THE WAY OF A FOOL IS

RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES.

**BUT A WISE MAN LISTENS** 

TO COUNSEL.

- PROVERBS 12:15



# 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 (<a href="http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/">http://rccgbethel.church/sermons/</a>). 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 <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a>.

#### **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.
- 2. In the **Home** section, select **Homepage and new windows** and **Custom URLs...** from the field's drop down.
- Enter or paste the URL: <a href="http://rccgbethel.church/">http://rccgbethel.church/</a> 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

# Kingdom living: The Counsellor

Text: Isaiah 9:6

We've talked about what it means to live in God's kingdom. Like any other kingdom, one of the crucial keys to achieving success is to understand the rules of engagement and we concluded that we must change our mindset / renew our point of views on a regular basis (Rom 12:2). We also explored the first of the characteristics of the King: **Wonderful** (Isa 9:6).

Another characteristic mentioned in our text is *Counsellor*. Over and over, Jesus was called *Teacher* or *Rabbi*. Also, many was created in the beginning after counsel (Gen 1:26-27). Change implementations or projects often fail or may be unfit for purpose if there's inadequate consultation.

At certain stages of our lives, we all need counsel, and to make the decision to accept or reject it. It's a skill we must develop or we may make a mistake with lasting impact like Rehoboam. He was the son of Solomon, well-known for wise counsel. Yet, even he needed to seek counsel. But Rehoboam took the wrong counsel and lost part of his kingdom (1 Kgs 12:6-16).

Whose counsel or advice are you relying on right now? In a battle against his father David, Absalom's defeat was assured once he decided not to follow Ahithophel's counsel (2 Sam 16:15-20:26; see also 2 Sam 15:31-32). In contrast, Moses took his father-in-law's counsel (Ex 18:13-27). Later, God had to teach him the lesson again when he forgot (Num 11:15-17; 26-29).

We have the great Counsellor, the Holy Spirit living inside us, teaching us all things (Jn 14:26; see also Isa 30:20-21). The secret to David's success was that he never did anything without consulting God (Rom 8:14; see also Psa 51:10). It is a great punishment indeed when we lack the right counsel (1 Sam 28:4-7).

#### **Bottom line:**

One of the greatest skills we need as a Christian is to understand and know when God is speaking to us, and Jesus once made it clear that's not a given (Matt 13:1-11). Pray that God will lead you to the right counsellor for the next steps to take and help you to reject the wrong ones.

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