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

Along the bank of the river, on this side and that, will grow all kinds of trees used for food; their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. They will bear fruit every month, because their water flows from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be for food, and their leaves for medicine.

Ezekiel 47:12 (NKJV)

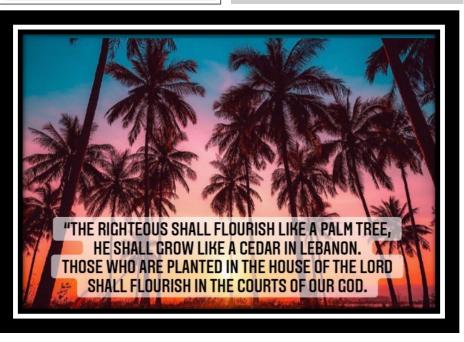
THEME FOR THE YEAR

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.





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

- 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

- 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.
- In the Home section, select Homepage and new windows and Custom URLs... from the field's drop down.
- 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.
- Select Settings and select A Specific Page or Pages from the Open Microsoft Edge With section drop down options.
- Enter http://rccgbethel.church/. (Click the Plus sign to add more pages if required).
- Click the three horizontal dots to the right of the top menu bar again to close Settings menu.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Flourish like the palm tree

Text: Psalms 92:12-14

God sometimes use things we're used to talk to us. To the fishermen, he used tools of their trade. The parable of the sower is another example (Matt13:1-23). This morning, we'll explore the characteristics of the palm tree to understand what it means to grow or flourish. The palm tree reflects growth and flourishes more than almost any plant wherever it's planted and it does so in every season (Psa 92:12).

Like the palm tree, we're called upon to flourish in all seasons, good or bad. Palm trees are strong, growing tall with roots far down into the ground. The fruits are high up for everyone to see and the older it gets, the sweeter its fruits (Deut 33:25). What's your accomplishment? Are you bearing fruit / having impact in your church?

The palm tree blossoms where it's planted with evergreen leaves because they're planted by the river. Likewise, when we seek the kingdom of God first, we can trust all other things will be added to us (Matt 6:33). New branches are always added to the palm trees. So, we must adapt and change (Rom 12:2). Growth begins with us.

As innovative and popular as they were, it is interesting that mobile devices like Motorola, Nokia and Blackberry have become extinct. That's because they became irrelevant. Are you staying relevant? We must enlarge our capacity for new ideas and new ways of doing things as we aim to bear fruit in every season (Jn 15:5). Our fruit reflect the level of our growth, strength and capacity. It also includes making sure there's a successor when we leave a space.

All parts of a palm tree are useful for various things, including the seeds. Leaves and branches are used to build roofs, or make baskets, mats and other things. Palm wine, oil, coconut milk / oil and many foodstuffs are by-products. Likewise, there's something each of us can do to advance the kingdom of God, each of us playing our parts.

We have no way of knowing what others can do, their reach / influence or their burdens, but each of us have something we can contribute because no one can be in two places at the same time. Palm trees can withstand storms / challenges other trees cannot endure. As palm trees endure for decades, when we stand strong together nothing can move us (1 Cor 15:58; Heb 10:25). We give ourselves fully, knowing our labour is not in vain (Heb 11:6).

Bottom line:

God hates waste (Jn 6:12). He wants us to be strong together, not isolated. As we obey, God will provide the increase (1 Cor 3:6) and together, we can be like the palm tree.

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