#### 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

Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth. Shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:19 (NKJV)

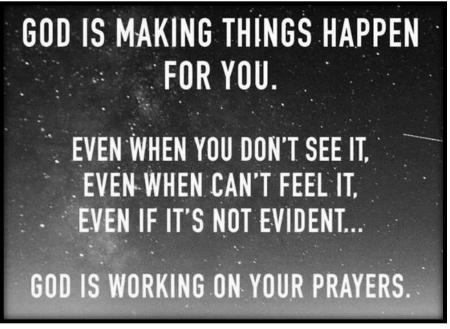
#### THEME FOR THE YEAR

# 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 (<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**

- 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.
- 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

## **Our Father**

**Text: Isaiah 26:3-10** 

We're going to continue our study from last week, about placing our absolute trust in God because he will never fail us. Our text today said God does what is right (Isa 26:7 NLT). Do you do right by those you claim to love or only when it benefits you? For example, most parents will selflessly and sacrificially nurture their children to adulthood and many of us are the better for their sacrifices.

When Mary became pregnant, Joseph was willing to overlook his own hurt to avoid making Mary a "*public example*" (Matt 1:18-19; 24-25). In the book of Ruth, there's a beautiful love story that developed during at a time when everyone did what was right in their own eyes. Ruth as a foreigner and Naomi were vulnerable, having lost everything and with no source of income.

That was true until Ruth happened to stray onto Boaz's field to glean (Ruth 2:1-3; 2:8-9). Naomi later convinced Ruth to make herself more vulnerable to Boaz. It was risky, but she knew Boaz won't rest until Ruth's future is assured (Ruth 3:1-4; 18). Likewise, God will not rest until his promises are fulfilled (Jer 1:12).

If we as parents, in our frailty and humanity, can go to great lengths to provide for our children, how much more will God provide for us (Matt 7:9-11; 2 Pet 1:3-4)? We're mistaken to think all our accomplishments stem from our intelligence, skill or strength. Isaiah makes it clear they're all from God (Isa 28:23-29; 26:12).

Do we fail to notice what God is doing in our lives or around us (Isa 5:12)? While the Israelites were busy acquiring land, they failed to acknowledge or were unwilling to believe they were going into exile (Isa 5:8-13). Is God giving you the ability to acquire certain skills because he's about to use us in new ways?

Ask yourself why God is opening doors of opportunity for you. Do you know what he's doing or are we letting past experiences become a barrier to God's move in our lives? There are times we can only see with the eyes of the Spirit and faith (Jn 4:34-35; 1 Cor 2:14). Whatever God is doing, it will be what is right by you.

#### **Bottom line:**

Today, take a pause. Remain in the moment and consider what God is doing like Moses did (Exo 3:1-5). Ask God what part he wants you to play.

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