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

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, And in His word I do hope. My soul waits for the Lord More than those who watch for the morning—Yes, more than those who watch for the morning.

Psalms 130:5-6 (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.

Waiting is never easy.

Will we remain steadfast...

...Until the answer comes?
...Until the pain ends?
...Until God opens the door?
Will we continue to pray fervently
and seek God's face?



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

- 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: 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.
- 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

Waiting

Text: Isaiah 30:18

Waiting is not easy or comfortable, but the concept is very clear. We say it all the time from the scriptures. Those that wait will renew their strength (Isa 40:31). When we yearn for the fruit of the womb, a rewarding relationship and so on, we're told to wait patiently and quietly (Lam 3:25-26).

In quietness, there's confidence and likely to be no panic. But that's sometimes a struggle for us. However, our text today says the Lord will wait to be gracious to us. So, the question is who's doing the waiting? God can be silent and restrain himself (Isa 42:12-16) and Paul said we only know in part (1 Cor 13:9).

In 1 Kings 17:8-16, when Elijah prayed there will be no rain, he must've know he was going to be impacted too. He was instructed by God to go find a widow that'll feed him, but there was a problem. The widow and her son were struggling and about to eat their last meal so they can wait to die. The story shows an interesting dynamic at work. Elijah and the woman were waiting. God was waiting too.

God was also waiting for Moses to be ready to assume his calling. Even then, Moses had to be persuaded that he was ready (Ex 3:1-4; 11-12). What if Moses didn't notice the burning bush? Was the burning bush the first time God tried to get his attention? Perhaps God is trying to get our attention right now too.

Samuel's story is another example. God needed someone to take over from Eli and lead his people (1 Sam 2:34-36), but he had to wait for Hannah to give up baby Samuel (1 Sam 1:21-28) and for Samuel to be ready for his calling (1 Sam 3:1-18). Right now, is the Lord waiting to be gracious and have mercy on you?

We may think we're waiting for him, but he's also waiting for us. Waiting for flesh to die, until we deal with anger, sin or until we're ready. Sometimes, God will wait until we're desperate, like the widow, so we can cry out to him with our whole heart. He's waiting to be gracious unto us even right now (Prov 10:22).

Bottom line:

Are we paying attention to what God is doing? In what way is God waiting for and with us right now? Reflect and let the Holy Spirit guide you into God's truth (Psa 27:8; Jn 16:13; 11:6). However long it takes, wait on God.

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