

## 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

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

*Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)*

## THEME FOR THE YEAR

**To build and consolidate**  
**Nehemiah 2:12**

*I slipped out during the night, taking only a few others with me. I had not told anyone about the plans God had put in my heart for Jerusalem. We took no pack animals with us except the donkey I was riding.*

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Every Sunday**, we worship together at **Unit 26, Skylines Village**. When unable to attend, do visit our website or YouTube channel for recorded sessions.



Sunday 18 January 2026

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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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Prayer is the place of refuge for every worry, a foundation for cheerfulness, a source of constant happiness, a protection against sadness. ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM.

Sam Guzman

Quotefancy

# 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

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

### Prayer foundations

#### Text: Nehemiah 1:4

We're going to plan, execute and complete this year, and Nehemiah is an example of a builder. In this text, he described how he fasted and prayed after hearing about the plight of his people. His prayer was simple. He needed favour from God and the king (Neh 1:11), and it may seem like the time spent on prayer was short, but he later gave an indication that suggests it wasn't, praying from late spring, through winter, to early spring (Neh 2:1 NLT).

Someone once said "time is the silent architect of change." Nehemiah was clearly waiting for God and the opportunity. Know that insensitivity to God's presence doesn't mean he's not with us (Gen 28:16). What may seem a dead-end to us could be God-send, leading to our victory. For us Christians, there are no dead-ends and no failures. There are only opportunities.

However, to build, we need the right foundation and that's prayer and fasting. Aim to participate in the corporate calls for prayer or dedicate periods of fasting and praying for yourself this year. We may sometimes feel inadequate, incompetent or powerless to deal with what we're facing, but in the place of prayer, these will vanish.

Churches sometimes designate ecumenical periods when Christians come together in unity and shared faith. One of the places where unity's important is in the place of prayer. That may be why Paul talked about not permitting divisive cliques in the church (1 Cor 1:10-13). God honours unity in prayer (Matt 18:19-20) and those foundations are important.

For example, before Elijah called down fire on his sacrifice, on Mount Carmel, putting the prophets of Baal to shame, he piled wood on the altar first. Even drenched with water, there was a wooden foundation to provide kindling for the fire (1 Kgs 18:29-38). We need to constantly replenish our altars with fresh wood for new foundations to build on this year. We cannot rely on the burnt ash of old fires because it will not keep the fire burning.

Nehemiah prayed constantly. So must we. God still permits things in our lives that we may not enjoy. Our reaction to them will reflect God's glory. We often wear different hats at different times; as parents, colleagues, employee, Christians etc. Watch out and recognise opportunities for God to be glorified in all of these spheres (Col 1:27). From the prophets to Jesus and the Apostles, prayer's a key feature and their example for us (1 Thess 5:17).

#### Bottom line:

Buildings exist for centuries because they're built on solid foundations with the right materials. When we build and consolidate, it is so God is glorified. And when we spend time in the place of prayer, we can do great exploits for God (Dan 11:32; Matt 17:21).

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