

*** GIVE THANKS ***

Thanksgiving Service

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

These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)

THEME FOR THE YEAR

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 1 March 2026

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Redeemed Christian Church of God

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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

SUNDAY

Thanksgiving / Worship service
From 10am

FRIDAY

Prayer meeting / Bible study
From 7pm

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"The sincerity of what we say we believe is *validated* when we are called to live out our **faith.**"

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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

Faith and modern day issues

Text: Daniel 1:1-21

Today, we're asking how Christians can stay true to their faith, faced with issues like homosexual / transgender ideations, climate change, mental health, worldliness, wars and AI. Our text narrates how Daniel handled himself in similar circumstances, He convinced the Chief of the eunuchs by asking to be tested over time (Dan 1:11-14).

In the same way, we can show what we believe by our lifestyle, to counter worldliness and other issues (1 Cor 12:31). We know the Christian faith relies on some core tenets, that God the father is, and he's a rewarder of those who loves him (Heb 11:6), that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of sin and the Holy Spirit is our helper who bears the witness and guides us now (Jn 16:7; 13).

The problem is that we sometimes interpose those convictions with arguments about what's right or use them as excuse to justify intolerance, inflexibility and / or hatred towards others. When we focus on upholding scriptural doctrines over and above showing love and tolerance, it is often when they're needed most.

At the same time, we cannot allow sin to take root among us because we prioritise inclusivity (1 Cor 5:1-5; 2 Cor 6:14-17). And while we're called into stewardship and to nurture God's creations responsibly (Gen 2:15; Matt 25:23; Col 3:23-24), the standards of God remains sure (2 Tim 2:19).

We're however command to love one another, and even our enemies, as Christ loved us (Mk 12:30-31). It is part of our identity, as God's children (Jn 13:34-35; Matt 5:44-45). Therefore, we need to balance our convictions with showing love and tolerance, knowing God is the only one qualified to judge (Js 4:12; Rom 3:23).

We can take pointers from Jesus, derided for eating with sinners (Matt 9:10-11; Lk 7:36-50; Jn 8:3-11), After one incident, Jesus responded that only those who are sick need a physicians (Matt 9:12-13; 18:12-13). We will each be required to give account of what we've done to God (Hos 1:2; Jn 21:22; Rom 14:12), but he may choose to send some to people in unfamiliar places – where they are – because he doesn't want anyone to perish (2 Pet 3:9). If / when that happens, we can only obey because we've been drafted into the ministry of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18b-20a).

Bottom line:

However complex modern day issues get, one response is to see them as opportunities to model God's love, which "**bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things**" (1 Jn 4:8; 1 Cor 13:4-7). When we do that, we'll be staying true to our faith.

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