

## 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

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

**1 John 4:1 (NKJV)**

## 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 12 April 2026

# WELCOME

*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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# 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

### *The City Gate*

#### **Text: Nehemiah 3:6**

We've been exploring lessons from the gates mentioned in Nehemiah. So far, we've looked at the Sheep and Fish Gates. The third is the City or Old Gate. There can be different interpretations, but the City Gate may be seen as the marketplace or a gate through which journeys may be diverted or redirected. Either by deception or manipulations, it's easy to hear what we want to hear and there may be forces trying to trip us up.

We may remember that when Samson was Israel's judge, the scriptures recorded the Philistines being the ones actually in charge (Jdgs 15:20). We also face the same challenge as children of God because the evil one's in charge of the marketplaces of life (1 Jn 5:19 AMP; Rev 13:11-17).

However, part of the blessings we inherited from Abraham is the power to take dominion wherever we are (Gen 22:16-18). That may be why Abraham built an altar wherever he goes, establishing boundaries to ensure he's not defiled (Gen 12:7; 8; 13:18). Likewise, we can build altars and set boundaries to make everyone aware of our terms of engagement (Rom 12:1-2).

At first, Balaam set such boundaries, but he wanted the rewards offered by Balak and so kept trying to do as he asked (Num 23:11-13; 24:10-14; 31:16; Rev 2:14). When we fail to set clear immovable boundaries, like Balaam, we become vulnerable and may allow the enemy to re-direct our journeys.

We often think about the end time as a future event. While that may be true, Paul made it clear that deception's already happening (2 Thes 2:1-3; 2 Tim 4:3-4). The marketplace's most challenging because we're behind enemy lines, with principles and values that are directly challenging our will to obey God. Who or what will we obey? Will you stand up under the pressure of manipulations? Can you withstand the wiles of the enemy?

#### **Bottom line:**

We're called to be salt and light to the world (Matt 5:13-16), but when our altars are already desecrated, marketplace challenges become difficult to overcome. Pray you will always stand upon the rock that is Jesus.

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