

Sunday worship

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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

But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:15-16 (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.

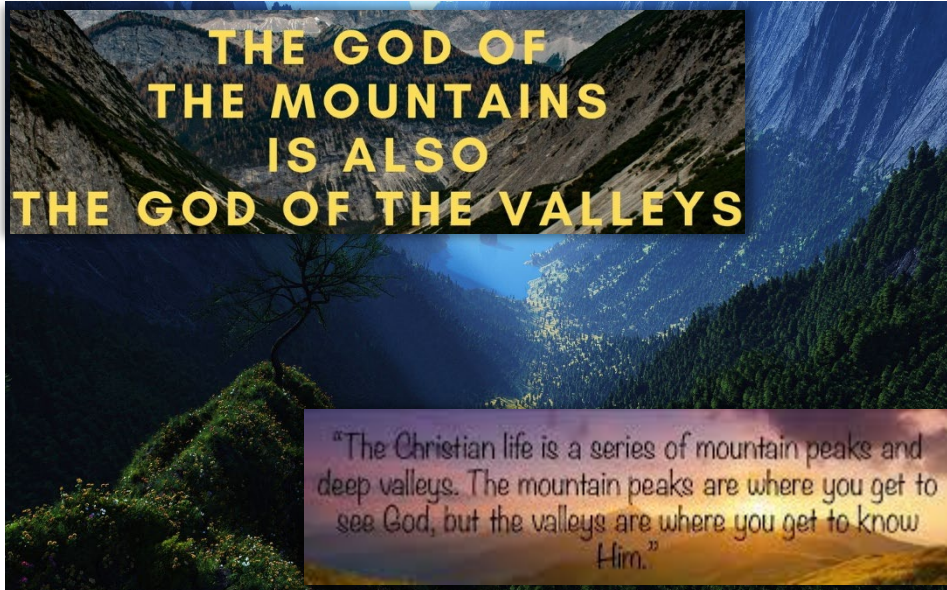


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WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

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.
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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.
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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 Valley Gate

Text: Nehemiah 3:13

Our study of the gates in Nehemiah have taken us through the Sheep Gate of salvation, the Fish Gate of provision and City Gate or the marketplace. Today we'll look into an application for the Valley Gate. We often find ourselves in valleys. The decision we make may determine if / how we escape (Joel 3:14 NLT).

One of the infamous valleys in the scripture is Ben-Hinnom. Jesus later called it Gehenna, a place of fire and judgment (Mk 9:43; Matt 10:28 AMPC). Ben-Hinnom's the valley where Israel committed abominations (Jer 19:1-6). So, valleys are never a pleasant place (Psa 23:4). Likewise, at various stages in our lives, we will pass through valleys where fear can paralyse us or lead to defeat (Matt 25:24-25).

We don't take the lessons we learn in church serious because we forget there'll be times of tests later. To survive, we need discipline and guidance. Only a disciple can survive with his / her faith intact. David said he will fear no evil. Fear's the enemy's greatest weapon. Discipline can help us overcome. It comes with practice. As we develop muscle memory, we become effective against adversaries (2 Tim 1:6-8).

When we lack self-control, the enemy takes advantage (1 Cor 7:1-5). If the enemy's most powerful weapon is fear, ours should be our spirit and our mind (Job 32:8; Pro 18:14; 2 Tim 1:7). A quotation says "**A mind is a terrible thing to waste... but a wonderful thing to invest in.**" A trained mind can do amazing things (2 Tim 2:15).

Thus, we can train ourselves out of being afraid because we have the mind of Christ, trained to act and respond like Christ (1 Cor 2:14-16). We see this in the disciples as they face varying challenges (Matt 14:16-17; Mark 4:37-38), until they trained their minds (Acts 12:5-7; 16:22-25). If we're still reacting like others, then we haven't trained our minds to think like Christ so we're not overcome by fear (Matt 17:24-27).

In the valley of the shadow of death, David's mind was trained to trust God (Psa 23:4). How do we react when we face challenges or temptations (Prov 18:14)? We have a great resource because we've been given a sound mind. We have enough to meet our needs or face any challenges that come our way (2 Tim 1:7; 1 Cor 2:16).

Bottom line:

We will always pass through valleys and we can succeed if we've trained our minds to seek God first and think like Christ (Phil 2:5-11). Drills often lead to self-discipline. That's the only way to eradicate fear from our lives.

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