

## 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 sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

*1 Peter 5:8-9a (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 31 May 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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Taking up the Shield of Faith  
to extinguish ALL the flaming  
arrows of the evil one.

Eph. 6:16



# 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 Horse Gate*

#### **Text: Nehemiah 3:28**

Today, we'll explore the symbolism of the Horse Gate as part of our study of the gates mentioned in Nehemiah. The Horse Gate may be seen as the gate of spiritual warfare. We've learnt there's a time for everything, including peace and warfare (Ecc 3:8) and the Horse Gate is where the anointed king stands in the place of authority (2 Chr 23:13; in context 23:8-15).

Likewise, as believers, we have a place of authority where the usurpers cannot reach us. Spiritual warfare may strike fear in the heart of some, but whether we like it or not, we're at war. However, the scriptures said we've been delivered from darkness and translated into the Son's kingdom (Col 1:13-14; 3:3). Our lives are hid with Christ in the heavens (Col 3:3). So we're in the place of authority (Rev 12:7-18).

For instance, the ambassador of a foreign country is not subject to the laws of the land they reside in. Neither's anyone seeking refuge in their embassy / environs. As Christ's ambassadors, we've been given authority for spiritual warfare; called to make all necessary preparations so we can stand strong against the enemy (Eph 6:10-13).

But first, we need to understand what spiritual warfare is not, because we sometimes look for spiritual solutions where they can't be found (1 Pet 3:13-14). There are times we must exercise some efforts to get desired solutions (Pro 22:29). There's a principle underpinning spiritual warfare, illustrated by the popular story of David and Goliath (1 Sam 17:4-11).

Goliath's threats and physical prowess as a proven champion warrior terrified the Israelites. No one except David accepted his challenge, but David was physically outmatched and the underdog. What's unseen are the host of army on our side that means we can never be defeated (2 Kgs 6:8-17). Therefore, when it may seem we're the underdog, know we're more than conquerors (Rom 8:37; 2 Kgs 6:16).

We belong to God and we already have victory (1 Jn 4:3-5; Jn 14:12), and more authority and power than we realise. Even demons recognise those who are strong in Christ (Acts 19:13-16; Jn 14:30). As Christians, we carry the name of God who abides forever, with reputation and powers this world cannot comprehend (1 Jn 2:15-17). As enforcers of God's kingdom, we will be delivered from evil and temptation (Matt 6:13).

#### **Bottom line:**

Understand your place of authority. We're not fighting for victory because we already have victory (Col 1:12-14). Paul cautioned us not to conform to this world (Rom 12:2) because we're more important, stronger and powerful than we will ever know.

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