

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

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;

1 Peter 3:15 (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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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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FIGHT
THE
GOOD FIGHT
OF FAITH
I TIMOTHY 6:12

DO NOT
FIGHT
YOUR BATTLES
WITH YOUR
own hands alone.
FIGHT THEM
ON YOUR
KNEES
in prayer,
AND
GOD WILL
LEAD YOU TO
victory.

SOME VICTORIES ARE WON
NOT BY STRENGTH, BUT BY
surrendering every battle to God.

*"The Lord
will fight
for you;
you need only
to be still."*

— EXODUS 14:14 —

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 – Part III

Text: Nehemiah 3:28 / Ephesians 6:10-16

For a while we've been exploring the gates in the book of Nehemiah and their likely interpretations. Of recent, we've been looking at The Horse Gate or the gate of spiritual warfare and concluded this is a time for war. Esau only realised Jacob was an enemy after losing the war (Gen 25:23; 29-34; 27:1-40).

Sometimes we don't recognise our enemies or their deadly intent. The devil's not always after our health, money, children or other things we might think of. He wants to erode our faith and it doesn't happen in one day (Jud 3). For example, we often talk about God as a healer, but do we live as though he is?

Not everything requires spiritual warfare. Poverty may be as a result of laziness etc., and not because someone's waging spiritual warfare against us (Js 1:13). There are established principles / pathways to success. However, when we fight, it's from a place of victory won by Jesus (Col 2:15; 1 Jn 4:4; 6; Isa 8:12). However, we mustn't underestimate the enemy. Understand what the enemy's after and the weapons of war, but we're not left defenceless (Eph 6:10-16).

The devil employs many strategies. For example, the devil's strategy to unravel God's plan for Samson began when he decided to marry a Philistine (Jdgs 14:1-4; 16:4-5). What strategy is the enemy using to undermine your faith? The good news is we can stand our ground against the fiery arrows (Eph 6:16).

Although they may not kill, they can cause pandemonium, panic and distraction, and the arrow strikes when we're unaware or weak. The power of suggestion is another one of the devil's weapons. When we hear something again and again, it starts to shape our world-view and we begin to see problems where there isn't any. So, the battle we need to fight is in our minds (Jn 13:2; Pro 4:23).

How many times have we fallen foul of the strategies of the enemy. How many times have we lost the battle already in our minds, afraid of the enemy? How did you come about the thoughts and patterns you've held dear over the years? When did those thoughts come into your mind? Are they working you into God's plans or are they false thoughts planted by the enemy, eroding away your faith?

Bottom line:

Beware of the flaming darts from the enemy and invest in building your mind. We need to declutter our minds by becoming reflective and examining ourselves. Look for patterns in your life and ensure the devil does not deceive you with flaming arrows of distraction / strategies (2 Cor 13:5; 2 Cor 10:4-6; Rom 12:1-2).

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