

*** 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

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

Colossians 3:16 (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

God is spirit,
and his
worshippers
must
worship him
in spirit and
in truth.
- John 4:24 -



True Worshipers

- Worship in spirit and truth (John 4:23)
- Live for God both inside and outside the church
- Seek transformation, not just attendance
- Are led by the Holy Spirit
- Their lives bear fruit: love, humility, obedience, forgiveness
- Worship is a lifestyle, not a routine



Churchgoers (Only)

- Attend church but may not be transformed
- May know religion, but not relationship
- Focused on appearance not the heart
- Often lack spiritual growth or conviction
- Worship is often emotional or traditional, but not from the heart
- May speak about God, but don't walk with God



Sunday 6 September 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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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

How to worship God in spirit

Text: 2 Samuel 6:1-23

Today's topic is about the posture of worship beyond body, soul and spirit, and we can learn a few things from David's response to Michal (2 Sam 6:20-23). While she thought David's shameless act of worship demeaning and not worthy of a king, David knew there was a greater King who deserves everything he could offer.

When we worship, we're trying to connect to God on a level that isn't physical. It is a show of obedience and not just about the lyrics. David's focus was on God alone. Therefore, nothing else mattered. That suggests our worship must be grounded in our knowledge of who God is and what he deserves in response, as evidence of our discipleship and walk with him (Jn 8:31-32).

That can only come from a transformed life, totally surrendered unto Christ. As Paul puts it, we must live our lives in daily sacrifice and worship to God (Rom 12:1). Jesus told the Samaritan woman it's not about a physical place like a building or mountain either (Jn 4:21-24). It's a reflection of our love for God above all, regardless of the circumstances (Lk 14:26-27).

For example, after Paul and Silas were thrown in prison, their circumstances is not likely to inspire worship. Thus, their spontaneous action defied their status and they were set free, literally (Acts 16:23-26). Likewise, the woman with the alabaster jar of oil didn't care what anyone else thought (Lk 7:37-38). Neither did Mary of Bethany, both anointing Jesus and throwing themselves at his feet in submission (Jn 12:3-8).

In each instance, we see sincerity, vulnerability, humility and a knowledge of God which inspired total submission. By contrast, the Pharisees worship to be seen and to show off their piety. Their worship was about the traditions of men, their heart so far from God they only had time for criticisms and rebuke (Matt 15:1-9).

So, before we begin to worship, we examine our heart first. What do we know about God? Are we set apart and does our lives reflect the transformation that can only come from the Holy Spirit and his word? At our rebirth, the scriptures tell us we've become a new creation (2 Cor 5:17), because our old lives have been crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20; Col 3:3-4). Now we live in conformity to his perfect will (Rom 12:2).

Bottom line:

Worship should be our expressions of a life lived in sacrifice to God and should be spirit-led / inspired. However, when our worship is superficial and about traditions of men, we may gain admirations from men, but it achieves nothing before God.

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