



Now Meeting at New Location for In-person Worship



We thank the Lord for providing us with a spacious office that we can use on a daily basis. Tonight we will have a test run with the usual live stream team and start in-person worship next week, 13th March. Please invite your family and friends.

As we are more settled, we will resume children's Bible class and Care teams.




Final online worship at Alfred's office and David Goh's home (right).



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Ecclesiastes 5:1-7


Focuses on our Faith

Often take it for granted

Like the tip of an iceberg



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Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Guard your steps when you go to God's house; for to draw near to listen is better than to give the sacrifice of fools, for they don't know that they do evil.

Don't be rash with your mouth, and don't let your heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for God is in heaven, and you on earth. Therefore let your words be few.

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Ecclesiastes 5:1-7


*For as a dream comes with a multitude of cares,
so a fool's speech with a multitude of words.*

*When you vow a vow to God, don't defer to pay it;
for he has no pleasure in fools.*

*Pay that which you vow.
It is better that you should not vow, than that you
should vow and not pay.*

*Don't allow your mouth to lead you into sin.
Don't protest before the messenger that this was a
mistake.
Why should God be angry at your voice, and destroy
the work of your hands?*

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1. Guard Your Faith


*Guard your steps when you go to God's house; for
to draw near to listen is better than to give the
sacrifice of fools, for they don't know that they do
evil.*

Seek to do good (rather than evil)

Do not go for sacrifices and elaborate
ceremony

John 4:23 *But the hour comes, and now is,
when the true worshippers will worship the Father
in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such to be
his worshippers.*

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*Don't be rash with your mouth, and don't let your
heart be hasty to utter anything before God; for
God is in heaven, and you on earth. Therefore
let your words be few.*

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 focuses on our speech

- Do not speak rashly
- Let your heart ponder slowly
- Keep your words concise

Know your place when speaking to God -
for God is in heaven, and you on earth.

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For as a dream comes with a multitude of cares, so a fool's speech with a multitude of words.

Another aspect of speaking – vows

Do you consider carefully before we pray?

E.g. "If you deliver me, I will..."

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Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
A time for Everything
A time to be born,
A time to plant,
And a time to kill;
And a time to build up;
A time to weep,
And a time to dance;

3. Be Careful of Your Vows

When you vow a vow to God, don't defer to pay it; for he has no pleasure in fools. Pay that which you vow. It is better that you should not vow, than that you should vow and not pay.

Acts 5:3-4 *But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back part of the price of the land? While you kept it, didn't it remain your own? After it was sold, wasn't it in your power? How is it that you have conceived this thing in your heart? You haven't lied to men, but to God."*

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Don't allow your mouth to lead you into sin.

James 3:8-9 *But nobody can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who are made in the image of God.*

3 layers of protection:

- hands
- (stiff upper) lips
- (clenched) teeth

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Don't protest before the messenger that this was a mistake.

Proverbs 26:18-19
Like a madman who throws firebrands, arrows, and death is the man who deceives his neighbor and says, "I am only joking!"

Do not make excuses for your shortcomings

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Why should God be angry at your voice, and destroy the work of your hands?

James 3:1-6 *Let not many of you be teachers, my brothers, knowing that we will receive heavier judgment. For in many things we all stumble. If anyone doesn't stumble in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also...The world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature, and is set on fire by Gehenna.*

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Ecclesiastes 5:7 *For in the multitude of dreams there are vanities, as well as in many words: but you must fear God.*

Ecclesiastes 12:13 *This is the end of the matter. All has been heard. Fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.*

Luke 6:45 *The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings out that which is good, and the evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart brings out that which is evil, for out of the abundance of the heart, his mouth speaks.*

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Let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith - Galatians 6:10

13th March 2022

Invite Your Family & Friends for In-person Worship



Last Sunday we had a successful dry run in our new premises as we resumed live streaming worship after 3 weeks of pre-recorded online worships. Starting today, we will live stream our in-person worship services from the new location. We will start children's Bible class and Care teams soon. Our appreciation to those who worked so persistently to make this move possible with the help of God's blessing.

**Join us for
worship
every
Sunday at
6pm
at Block 67,
#07-10 Ayer
Rajah
Crescent
(the
Launchpad)
Singapore
139950**



- one-North MRT
- Former meeting place
- New meeting place
- Car enter here



Above left: Map to our new premises at block 67, #07-10 Ayer Rajah Crescent, the Launchpad, Singapore 139950

Left: Last Sunday's test run by the regular crew. Everyone was very impressed with the spacious and conducive premises.




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The Value of a Bible

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All Christians value the Bible


Indispensable belonging

Present in every home

Also in our luggage for every trip

But is it a coffee table book, gathering dust?

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The Value of a Bible


Introduction

1. Antidote To Sin

Psalms 119:9-11 *How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. With my whole heart, I have sought you. Don't let me wander from your commandments. I have hidden your word in my heart, That I might not sin against you.*

- Can't know God apart from His Word.
- Can't love God without His Word.
- Can't stay on the path without the flashlight of God's Word.

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The Value of a Bible

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Antidote against Sin


2. Our Hope

Psalms 119:41-44 *Let your loving kindness also come to me, Yahweh, Your salvation, according to your word. So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me, For I trust in your word. Don't snatch the word of truth out of my mouth, For I put my hope in your ordinances. So I will obey your law continually, Forever and ever.*

Everything is relative except the Bible

- Lovingkindness
- Salvation according to your word
- Trust
- Hope
- Obedience

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3. Understanding

Psalms 119:72-73 *The law of your mouth is better to me than thousands of pieces of gold and silver. Your hands have made me and formed me. Give me understanding, that I may learn your commandments.*

Better than thousand pieces of Gold and Silver

- Understanding
- How we are created
- Learn His commandments

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- Understanding


4. Unchanging

Psalms 119:89-93 *Yahweh, your word is settled in heaven forever. Your faithfulness is to all generations. You have established the earth, and it remains. Your laws remain to this day, For all things serve you. Unless your law had been my delight, I would have perished in my affliction. I will never forget your precepts, For with them, you have revived me.*

God's word is unchanging, eternal

- Faithfulness through all generations
- Laws remain to this day
- Delight in God's word
- Revives the afflicted

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5. Wisdom

Psalms 119:97-100 *How love I your law! It is my meditation all day. Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies, For your commandments are always with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers, For your testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, Because I have kept your precepts.*

Wiser than enemies, all teachers, aged

- Meditate
- Obey

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6. Light


Psalms 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet, And a light for my path.*

In a world of darkness:

- Lamp: stationary
- Light: moving



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7. Tried and Tested

Psalms 119:140-143 *Your promises have been thoroughly tested, And your servant loves them. I am small and despised. I don't forget your precepts. Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness. Your law is truth. Trouble and anguish have taken hold of me. Your commandments are my delight.*

Your word is my delight

- Reliable
- Righteous
- True

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Conclusion

Would you die for your faith?

Would you die for the Bible?

William Tyndale - early Reformer and pioneer Bible translator was subject to police raids on his presses.

Arrested in 1535, William Tyndale was strangled and burned at the stake the following year.

What was his great crime against society?
He translated the Scriptures from the original languages into English!

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Call to Worship
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An Invitation
to You, your family and friends

to join us for
In-person worship
every Sunday @6pm
starting 6th March
2022

at Block 67, #07-10
Ayer Rajah Crescent
(the Launchpad)
Singapore 139950
(opposite one-North MRT)

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Care Teams Resume This Afternoon at 5:30pm



The last time we had Care teams was back in 4th August 2020 at the Metropolitan YMCA. After that we live streamed, at the Alfred Poon for a few weeks, followed by the Launchpad; and then from my office at ppcoc.

It is such a blessing to have a permanent place to meet and hold activities. We look forward to having our members, families, supporters and visitors back again!



Clockwise: Peter leading songs for the first time; worship last Sunday; children's class is ready when families return.



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So many lessons from Proverbs

Tonight's focus is on things that are an abomination to the Lord

The term "abomination", as used in the Bible, means **that an action is wicked, vile, disgusting, and morally wrong.**



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7 Abominations to God

Proverbs 6:16-19 *There are six things which God hates; Yes, seven which are an abomination to him: Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, Hands that shed innocent blood; A heart that devises wicked schemes, Feet that are swift in running to mischief, A false witness who utters lies, And he who sows discord among brothers.*




1. Haughty Eye

Proverbs 16:5-6 *Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to God: They shall assuredly not be unpunished. By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for. By the fear of God, men depart from evil.*

Nothing as distasteful as a braggart
e.g. "self-made" person

All of us limited in more ways than one

James 4:6 *But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble."*



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Haughty eyes,

2. A Lying Tongue


Proverbs 12:22 *Lying lips are an abomination to God, But those who do the truth are his delight.*

All kinds of lies

Recently even an MP

Most people think nothing of speaking falsehoods
eg I will not invade Ukraine

Proverbs 23:23 *Buy the truth, and don't sell it: Get wisdom, discipline, and understanding.*




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Haughty eyes,
a lying tongue,

3. Hands that Shed Innocent Blood


Proverbs 2:22 *But the wicked shall be cut off from the earth, and the transgressors shall be rooted out of it.*

Recent news of father and twin sons

- Suicide bombers
- Invasion of Ukraine



Children's hospital bombed in Mariupol, Ukraine




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innocent blood;

4. A Heart that Devises Wicked Schemes

Proverbs 20:10 *Differing weights and differing measures, Both of them alike are an abomination to the Lord.*

Chinese new year – Indonesian fishermen put weights in fish to inflate their profits



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Internet Scammers

5. Feet that are Swift in Running to Mischief

Secret societies in my childhood

Idle hands are the devil's workshop

1 Corinthians 15:33 *Don't be deceived! "Evil companionships corrupt good morals."*


Romans 10:15 *As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the Gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!"*

6. A False Witness Who Utters Lies

Eg Simon Peter

Matthew 26:69-75 *Now Peter was sitting outside in the court, and a maid came to him, saying, "You were also with Jesus, the Galilean!" But he denied it before them all, saying, "I don't know what you are talking about."*

When he had gone out onto the porch, someone else saw him, and said to those who were there, "This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth." Again he denied it with an oath, "I don't know the man."




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After a little while those who stood by came and said to Peter, "Surely you are also one of them, for your speech makes you known."

Then he began to curse and to swear, "I don't know the man!" Immediately the rooster crowed. Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." He went out and wept bitterly.





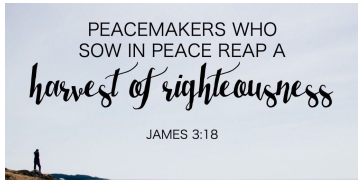
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7. He who Sows Discord Among Brothers

Ephesians 4:2-3 with all lowliness and humility, with patience, bearing with one another in love; being eager to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers, For they shall be called children of God.





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Is there something you hate?

Proverbs 6:16-19

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Every Sunday

**Care Teams
at 5:30pm**

**In-person
Worship
at 6pm**



Singapore to implement streamlined COVID-19 measures from Mar 15 as Omicron wave wanes

Streamlined COVID-19 safety measures to take effect from Mar 15, 2022

Group size

- 5 people max
- 5 visitors per household **at any one time** (previously 5 per day)



Safe-distancing

- Encouraged but not required in mask-on settings
- 1m safe distance otherwise

Mask-wearing

- Required as default

Workplace requirements

- Up to 50% of those who can work from home may return to office
- Safe-distancing not required for workers wearing masks
- Social gatherings allowed to resume, capped at 5 per group
- No restrictions on cross-deployment across workplaces

Capacity limits

- 50% for large settings and event sizes of >1,000 pax, where there is no 1m safe-distancing. These include:

Attractions, cruises, live performances, stadiums, business events, religious gatherings, wedding receptions & solemnisations, funerals



27th March 2022



Over the past 40 months when we were not able to meet because of the pandemic, like most churches, our attendance dropped by half. This is because we were able to provide visitors, foreign members and SIBI students a warm and friendly place to congregate. Also, being the only Church of Christ congregation that meets in the evening, Christians who were unable to attend worship in the morning would join our service.

However, when we resumed Care teams last Sunday, it was as if we were back to pre-covid times as the turnout was as good as when we had our last session on 4th August 2020. The reason for this is because members who are serious about their faith and support of the congregation, put priority on Care teams. As a result, we have a critical core that has allowed us to continue and grow whatever the challenges may be.

If you want to grow in your faith, make Care teams your priority.



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Many lessons from Job
Tonight, focus on 5 lessons from Job

Key: 19:25-27
- *I know that my Redeemer lives,
and at the end He will stand on this earth.
My flesh may be destroyed,
yet from this body I will see God.
Yes, I will see Him for myself,
and I long for that moment!*

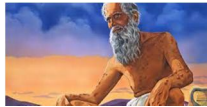
Now, a quick overview...

FOR I KNOW THAT MY
Redeemer lives
 AND AT THE LAST HE WILL STAND UPON THE EARTH

JOBS
 19:25

Introduction

Brief Overview of Job



Job was a very rich and devoted man

Satan accused Job of serving God only because God was blessing him.

God allowed Satan to test Job to see if Job would stay faithful to God.

Job was faithful to the end.

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1 God is there for Us

John 16:33 *I have told you these things, that in me you may have peace. In the world you have oppression; but cheer up! I have overcome the world.*

If all of the troubles in this world is divided equally...

Job 1:20 Then Job arose, and tore his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down on the ground, and worshipped.

- Job was deeply grieved
- Then he turned to God in worship

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2 We can be a Comfort

Job 2:11-13 *Now when Job's three friends heard of all this evil that had come on him... and they made an appointment together to come to sympathize with him and to comfort him.*

2 Corinthians 1:4 *who comforts us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, through the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*

Do something

- Just by being there
- A note or call
- Flowers or even food panda



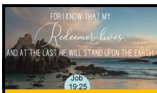
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3 Do Not Accuse

Job 4:1, 7 *Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered... "Remember, now, whoever perished, being innocent? Or where were the upright cut off?"*

Matthew 5:45 *For He makes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust.*

John 9:2-3 *And His disciples asked Him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he would be born blind?" Jesus answered, "It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents; but it was so that the works of God might be displayed in him."*



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4 Only God Knows

Job 15:8 *Have you heard the secret counsel of God? Do you limit wisdom to yourself?*

Deuteronomy 29:29 *The secret things belong to the Lord our God; but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.*

Luke 22:42 *Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.*

So many things are beyond our understanding but like Job, continue to trust God



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5 Easy to Give Up

Job 2:9 *Then his wife said to him, "Do you still maintain your integrity? Renounce God, and die."*

How long can a man keep going?

Especially when friends also accuse you!

Job 10:1 *My soul is weary of my life; I will give free course to my complaint. I will speak in the bitterness of my soul.*

In his pain, Job wanted to let go and be released from his suffering

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Psalm 22:1-2 *"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, so far from my cries of anguish? My God, I cry out by day, but you do not answer, by night, but I find no rest."*

Genesis 16:8-13 *He said, "Hagar, Sarai's handmaid, where did you come from? Where are you going... She called the name of God who spoke to her, "You are a God who sees," for she said, "Have I even stayed alive after seeing him?"*

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Let's Grow Together...

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Care Teams Resumed: After 40 months, we are able to meet for Care team sessions again. It is not surprising that we have as many present as the last session on 4th August 2020.

While attendance has dropped by half, Care teams are the critical core of the church who have seen us through even in the most difficult situations, responsible for our stability and continuity.

Emphasis on Singing: We are happy to welcome brother Fun Kok Shing from the Pasir Panjang congregation who has graciously accepted our request to lead the praises this evening.

Starting in April, sister June Dhanabalan will be assisting our youths for 3 weeks in song appreciation and leading the Youth Care team.



Please Help Yourself: Printed copies have resumed - pocket calendars, invitation cards, Fidelity and Power for Today. Also snacks, drinks and freshly baked buns contributed by members.



Bring a Friend: While it is good to invite your contacts, it is better to bring them along. Our location is not the easiest to find for most people.

To drive home this message, we have modified our logo (below) of people under a roof, to people out of the house. When you go, they will come.

