



2nd April 2023

We Warmly Welcome 3 New Members



Jonathan Goh has been attending church with his parents ever since he was born. In addition to the Sunday services and Bible classes at PPCOC and Household of Faith, he is also regular at the Thursday Bible class at the home of brother Alfred.

Michael Lim has been attending the Household of Faith regularly with his son, Justin. His wife, Emily is already a Christian. He has been sprinkled in baptism and was immersed yesterday morning together with Jonathan.

Jesse Gan was invited by Catherine See and has been attending both the Care team and worship regularly. He was baptized by immersion in Grace Baptist church and wishes to transfer his membership to the Household of Faith.

All three have completed the 15-lesson Personal Bible Course.



INVITATION TO A HEALTH TALK

Below is an invitation from the Pasir Panjang Church of Christ (via Catherine Leow) to the Household of Faith:

TALK ON SELF CARE : GIANTS OF GERIATRIC SYNDROMES

- Instability (falls)
- Iatrogenic (drugs)
- Immobility
- Impaired Cognition
- Incontinence

Free Blood Glucose & Blood Pressure Tests

SPEAKER
DR KALAIMAMANI D/O KANAGASABAI
Senior Consultant, Renci Hospital

SATURDAY, 29 APRIL 2023
2PM - 4PM

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Singapore 308082

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Introduction

1. Generous

Acts 4:36-37 *Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of Encouragement), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race, having a field, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

Levite – religious

Originally from Cyprus

Compassionate and generous

Start the ball rolling



Introduction
1. Generous

2. Ready to Vouch

Acts 9:26-27 *When Saul had come to Jerusalem, he tried to join himself to the disciples; but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple.*

But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared to them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus.

“They were all afraid of him” – new convert

Willing to stand up for a new Christian

Wonder what would happened if Barnabas behaved like the rest



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2. Ready to Vouch

3. Tactful Observer

Acts 11:22-26 *They sent out Barnabas to go as far as Antioch, who, when he had come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad.*

He exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they should remain near to the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith, and many people were added to the Lord.

Open-minded; good positive attitude

A good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith

Many added to the church



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3. Tactful Observer

4. Trusted Messenger

Acts 11:27-30 *Now in these days, prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up, and indicated by the Spirit that there should be a great famine all over the world, which also happened in the days of Claudius.*

As any of the disciples had plenty, each determined to send relief to the brothers who lived in Judea; which they also did, sending it to the elders by the hands of Barnabas and Saul.

John 12:4-6 *Then Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples, who would betray him, said, "Why wasn't this ointment sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?" Now he said this, not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and having the money box, used to steal what was put into it.*



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5. Heart for Missions

Acts 13:2-3 *As they served the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Separate Barnabas and Saul for me, for the work to which I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.*

Acts 15:36-39 *After some days Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's return now and visit our brothers in every city in which we proclaimed the word of the Lord, to see how they are doing."*

Follow-up so important

Secondary mission of the Household of Faith



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The church needs more encouragers like Barnabas

Acts 15:37-39 *Barnabas planned to take John, who was called Mark, with them also. But Paul didn't think that it was a good idea to take with them someone who had withdrawn from them...*

Then the contention grew so sharp that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away to Cyprus

2 Timothy 4:11 *Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministering.*

Without Barnabas, big gap in the early church!

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Birthdays

Poon Paul 12th
Kong Henry 16th
Goh Sarah 23rd



Clockwise: April Birthdays; Pre-baptism interview with regular visitor Michael, Ramesh calling to worship; Large variety of nasi lemak goodies; Delightful dinner fellowship amongst men; Women talk; Desserts to end up the day!



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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

9th April 2023

Importance of House Churches



In our current series on Bible Christians, we observed how churches in the New Testament met in the homes of Christians like Philemon, Aquila and Priscilla. Also we read in Acts 12:12, that these homes were used as gathering places for Christians to come together to pray (*"the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying."*)

While it is good to see churches grow, there is still a pressing need for house churches today. Indeed, if we are to cover the world with the gospel and disciple Christians to observe all things, house churches are definitely the way to go.



The Household of Faith started as a house church to cater mainly to the needs of 2 families - my family and Alfred's.

At that time, my wife Nat was diagnosed with dementia and I imagined the day that she would not be able to attend worship with me. Alfred has 3 growing children who need to be nurtured in an environment that is positive and will present them with opportunities to serve and grow.

I was very surprised and encouraged that when we started, my family and Nat's good

friends threw in their hats to join us in this endeavour.

I am grateful that my previous congregation, the Pasir Panjang Church of Christ, allowed me to retain my spacious office (until it was demolished for rebuilding) to use.

House churches are easy to organise as groups under 50 do not require a lot of organisation and it is easy to communicate one with another. It is the most enjoyable period of a growing congregation.

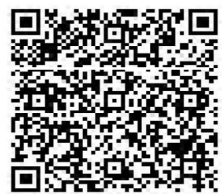


It has been 5 years since the establishment of the Household of Faith. The pandemic required us to register with the authorities which in turn, blessed us with a regular meeting place. We are thankful for the recent additions to the congregation, hence the logo evolving to that of a growing church.



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Bible Christians – John Mark



Introduction

Introduction

Last Sunday we examined the character, Barnabas

Such an exemplary Christian:

- Faith
- Generosity
- Encouragement
- Missions
- Trustworthiness...

Bible Christian very close to Barnabas: John Mark

So much depended on Barnabas



Introduction

1. Wealthy Christian

Acts 12:12-16 Thinking about that, he came to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose surname was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

When Peter knocked at the door of the gate, a maid named Rhoda came to answer. When she recognized Peter's voice, she didn't open the gate for joy, but ran in, and reported that Peter was standing in front of the gate.

They said to her, "You are crazy!" But she insisted that it was so. They said, "It is his angel." But Peter continued knocking. When they had opened, they saw him, and were amazed.



Introduction

1. Wealthy Christian

Interesting to note that a prayer meeting was held for Peter's release but no one expect God to answer

Mary, the mother of John was wealthy to have a large home with servants (slaves).

Some suggested that the last supper was held at her house

Also that the garden of Gethsemane belongs to her family



Introduction
1. Useless to Useful

2. Mission-minded

Acts 12:25 *Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their service, also taking with them John whose surname was Mark.*

Acts 13:4-5 *So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia. From there they sailed to Cyprus. When they were at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. They had also John as their attendant.*

Acts 13:13 *Now Paul and his company set sail from Paphos, and came to Perga in Pamphylia. John departed from them and returned to Jerusalem.*



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1. Useless to Useful
2. Faithful and Beloved

3. Barnabas Fought for Him

Acts 15:37-39 *Barnabas planned to take John, who was called Mark, with them also. But Paul didn't think that it was a good idea to take with them someone who had withdrawn from them...*

Then the contention grew so sharp that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away to Cyprus

What happened during the first trip?

Colossians 4:10 -My fellow prisoner Aristarchus sends you his greetings, as does Mark, the cousin of Barnabas. (You have received instructions about him; if he comes to you, welcome him.)



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1. Wealthy Christian
2. Mission-minded

3. Writer of Mark's Gospel

Disciple of Peter
1 Peter 5:13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, greets you; and so does Mark, my son.

Not an eye-witness, but rely on Peter for information

Co-worker with Barnabas
Acts 15:39 Then the contention grew so sharp that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away to Cyprus,

Associate of Paul
Philemon 1:23-24 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.



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4. We all make Mistakes

Acts 15:38 But Paul didn't think that it was a good idea to take with them someone who had withdrawn from them in Pamphylia, and didn't go with them to do the work.

Various versions of the Bible use these words:
- *departed* – KJV, NKJV
- *withdrawn* - ESV
- *deserted* – NTL, NASB, NIV

Barnabas must have reasons to take Mark along



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5. We can become Useful

Became a co-worker with Paul
Philemon 1:23-24 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, greets you, as do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

2 Timothy 4:11 *Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with you, for he is useful to me for ministering.*

Missionary to Africa





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Conclusion

The Christian race is a marathon; not a sprint

Some started well, but dropped out eventually
2 Timothy 4:10 *for Demas left me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.*

Others falter along, but did well
-eg Onesimus and Mark

Hebrews 12:1 *Therefore let us also, seeing we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us*



- Call to Worship
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Next Week:
Timothy

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Clockwise:

The congregation preparing for worship; Ramesh calling the church to worship; Our minister interviewing with regular visitor, Jesse; Michael and Jonathan who were baptized on 2nd April, receiving their baptism certificates; Jesse receiving his certificate of transfer; members enjoying the potluck.





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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

16th April 2023

Resources available to Members of the Household of Faith



Although the Household of Faith is a new and small congregation, there are many resources available to her members. Let's list them...

1. There is the Sunday worship where you can benefit from the biblical sermons. These are also live streamed with archives on our website (www.hofsg.com).
2. A weekly bulletin, Fidelity is published every week with the PowerPoint of the Sunday sermon. Members get the softcopy delivered to them on Friday via <https://www.hofsg.com/submit>.
3. The care teams that meet before worship for members to bond, review the past week's lesson and ask questions.
4. The potluck every Sunday after worship is a great time to get to know one another socially and help visitors feel at home.
5. The mobile-friendly website is a treasure trove of information, resources and helpful links. This is where you can get the link to live streaming as well as current and past bulletins and sermons.
6. There is a public Facebook group with over a thousand members that is updated with photos, PowerPoints, videos and bulletins weekly to encourage supporters and friends.
7. Members are added to the Whatsapp men and ladies group to interact with each other, celebrate birthdays and pray for one another between Sundays.
8. Members are also added to the Household of Faith Accounts group and receive a monthly statement of accounts, and can surface any questions or comments.
9. For all new members, these booklets are required reading:
 - First 40 Days
 - Joy of Christianity
 - Now that I am a Christian
10. There is a 15-lesson Personal Bible Course for visitors who want to be baptised or transferred to the congregation. It presents a comprehensive view of the Bible.

There are other resources available. If you are a member and have not availed yourself of these, please contact me or brother Alfred for more information.



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Bible Christians - Timothy



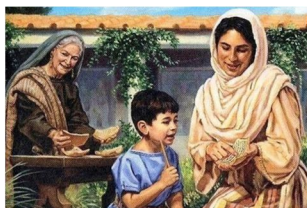
Introduction

Last Sunday we looked at John Mark

Some traits that we all can relate to

Tonight we look at Timothy, probably the most well-known young person in the Bible

Many parents like to name their boys Timothy





Introduction

1. Good Stock

The name Timothy means "honoring God" or "precious to God."

Timothy's mother was Jewish and his father was Greek

Acts 16:1-2 He came to Derbe and Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess who believed; but his father was a Greek. The brothers who were at Lystra and Iconium gave a good testimony about him.

2 Timothy 1:5 Having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in you; which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, in you also.



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1. Good Stock

2. All things to All men

Acts 11:2-3 When Peter had come up to Jerusalem, those who were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, "You went in to uncircumcised men, and ate with them!"

Acts 16:3 Paul wanted to have him go out with him, and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews who were in those parts; for they all knew that his father was a Greek.

Acts 15:24 Because we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, 'You must be circumcised and keep the law,' to whom we gave no commandment

1 Corinthians 9:22 To the weak I became as weak, that I might gain the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I may by all means save some.



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3. Good Example

1 Corinthians 4:16-17 I beg you therefore, be imitators of me. Because of this I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways which are in Christ, even as I teach everywhere in every assembly.

Philippians 2:19-22 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered up when I know how you are doing. For I have no one else like-minded, who will truly care about you. For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ. But you know the proof of him, that, as a child serves a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the Gospel.



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3. Good Example

2 Timothy 2:15-16 *Give diligence to present yourself approved by God, a workman who doesn't need to be ashamed, properly handling the Word of Truth.*

1 Timothy 4:12 *Let no man despise your youth; but be an example to those who believe, in word, in your way of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.*





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4. Son in the Gospel

Philippians 2:22 *But you know the proof of him, that, as a child serves a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the Gospel.*

1 Timothy 1:18-19 *This charge I commit to you, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to you, that by them you may wage the good warfare; holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust away made a shipwreck concerning the faith*

1 Timothy 4:14-16 *Don't neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy, with the laying on of the hands of the elders. Be diligent in these things. Give yourself wholly to them, that your progress may be revealed to all. Pay attention to yourself, and to your teaching. Continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and those who hear you.*



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5. A Man of God

1 Timothy 6:11-12 *But you, **man of God**, flee these things, and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Fight the good fight of faith. Lay hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and you confessed the good confession in the sight of many witnesses.*

'Man of God' is a biblical title of respect applied to prophets and beloved religious leaders.

Moses - Joshua 14:6 *You know the thing that Yahweh spoke to Moses the **man of God** concerning me and concerning you in Kadesh-barnea.*

Elijah - 1 Kings 17:18 *She said to Elijah, What have I to do with you, you **man of God**? You have come to me to bring my sin to memory, and to kill my son!*




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What an inspiration Timothy is to all of us

1 Timothy 4:12 *Let no man despise your youth; but be an example to those who believe, in word, in your way of life, in love, in spirit, in faith, and in purity.*




show
 yourself
 an example
 OF THOSE WHO BELIEVE



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Next Week:
 Bible Christians:
 Silas



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JOIN US FOR A

FELLOWSHIP DINNER

Assorted Dishes:
 “Henry’s Favourites”

All are welcome to bring a dish!

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Clockwise: Our minister holding a 1-on-1 study with Jonathan; Men's Care team meeting; Worship last Sunday; Catherine serving her delicious spaghetti; Visitor from Perth, Khong Bee, brother of our minister.



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23rd April 2023

May Sermon Series on Keep on Keeping On



We recently welcomed 4 new members to the Household of Faith. As our current series comes to an end, we will be sharing 4 sermons in May on Keep on Keeping on. Although they are prepared with the new members in mind, they will serve as a good refresher course for older members and visitors.



7th May: How to be a Christian, what it means, the challenges, responsibilities and blessings.



21st May: Sin will keep you from walking with God and living with Him in Heaven. What to do about Sin?



14th May: Do you know what the gospel is and how to share it with your family and friends?



28th May: What are the Christian Services that you do as a Christian? Here are 5 most important ones to get you started.



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Bible Christians - Silas



Introduction

Last Sunday we looked at a young Christian,
Timothy

What an inspirational example he is to all

Tonight look at Silas, probably the least-known
young person in the Bible

The name Silas is derived from "*Silvanus*"

He was an Hellenistic (Greek) Jew.

He was also a Roman citizen and enjoyed the same
legal protections as Paul.



Introduction

Silas was a leader with the church in Jerusalem

He was sent to Antioch (now South-Central Turkey), to assist in the growing international congregation there (Acts 15:32)

He remained in Antioch until he was chosen to join Paul on his second journey to replace Barnabas, with whom Paul had a big dispute (Acts 15:38-41)

Sometime later he joined Peter, whom he served as secretary (1 Peter 5:12)



Introduction

1. Select Christian

Acts 15:22 *Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole assembly, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, chief men among the brothers.*

Acts 15:39-40 *Then the contention grew so sharp that they separated from each other. Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away to Cyprus, but Paul chose Silas, and went out, being commended by the brothers to the grace of God.*

Silas was ready and willing to serve as needed. His selection to Antioch indicates his open-mindedness, believing that Gentiles should be brought to Christ.



Introduction
1. Good Stock

2. Fearless Missionary

In Philippi, Paul cast a demon out of a female fortune-teller. Paul and Silas were severely beaten and cast into prison.

But Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God.

Acts 16:25-30 *But about midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were loosened.*

The jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Don't harm yourself, for we are all here!"



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2. All things to All Men

3. Soul Winner

Paul and Silas not only explained the gospel to the jailer, but to the others in his house.

That night the entire household believed and was baptized.

Acts 16:25-30 The jailer, being roused out of sleep and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped.

But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Don't harm yourself, for we are all here!" He called for lights and sprang in, and, fell down trembling before Paul and Silas, and brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"



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3. A Good Example

4. Roman Citizen

Acts 16:36-39 The jailer reported these words to Paul, saying, "The magistrates have sent to let you go; now therefore come out, and go in peace."

But Paul said to them, "They have beaten us publicly, without a trial, men who are Romans, and have cast us into prison! Do they now release us secretly? No, most assuredly, but let them come themselves and bring us out!"

The sergeants reported these words to the magistrates, and they were afraid when they heard that they were Romans, and they came and begged them. When they had brought them out, they asked them to depart from the city.

Ready to exercise their rights



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5. A Servant of God

2 Thessalonians 1:1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

1 Peter 5:9-13 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus...

By Silvanus, a faithful brother unto you, as I suppose, I have written briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God wherein ye stand.

Acts 17:9-13 And when they had taken security of Jason, and of the other, they let them go. And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night unto Berea: who coming thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.



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Conclusion

Sometimes in life, when everything seems to be going right, things suddenly start to sour.

Silas and Paul had this experience on one of their successful missionary journeys.

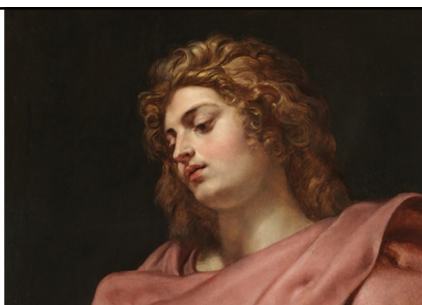
Abruptly, things changed. The men were beaten, thrown into prison, and bound with stocks on their feet. How did they respond to their troubles?

They trusted God and began to sing praises. When things take a bad turn in your life, how do you react?

Can you sing in times of struggle, trusting that God will lead and bless you even on your darkest days?



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Bible Christians:
The Apostle John



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Hot Dogs

*All are welcome to bring a dish!
See June*

BACK PAGE NEWS



Clockwise: Ramesh calling the church to worship; April Birthday guys - Paul, Henry and Ronald; Good spread of food and desserts; Enjoying food and fellowship.





30th April 2023

What Does a Minister Do at the Household of Faith?



For a young congregation with 20-30 in attendance, some may wonder why there is a need for a minister, and what does a minister do at the Household of Faith? Here are some of the activities I perform, please feel free to approach me if you have further questions.

1. Ensure the activities of the congregation are prepared and ready to go, a month ahead. It is good to have someone responsible 'where the buck stops'.

I also organise and promote special dates like Mother's Day and important events like Missions Sunday, baptisms and HoF's anniversary.

2. One of the key responsibilities of the minister is to teach. At the Household of Faith, sermons are prepared a month in advance and posted on our website, on the Household of Faith Facebook group and delivered weekly to those who request it via whatsapp. The sermon is discussed by the Care teams each week.

3. The minister runs and updates our mobile-friendly website (www.hofsg.com) and uploads the sermons, videos and bulletins by noon every Saturday.

4. The minister is the editor of our weekly church bulletin, Fidelity. A copy is delivered every Friday to all who request it. It is also available on our website and Facebook group.

5. The minister works with a team in preparing the scriptures, songs and worship every Monday so the men-to-serve can

prepare for the weekly worship.

6. The minister reaches out to regular visitors and people with questions who have an interest in Christianity. He studies with them before baptism and transfer of membership and guides them through a 15-lesson personal Bible Course.

He keeps a record of the membership and publishes a directory that is periodically updated.

7. We are fortunate to have members who are willing to look after the church accounts. The minister keeps up with the financial health of the church and updates members and contributors of the monthly statement of accounts.

There are many other miscellaneous responsibilities of a minister such as counselling those in need, visiting members in hospital, taking care of baptism and funeral arrangements and services.

It is difficult for churches which do not have a full-time minister to grow and be nurtured.

Please let me know if I may be of service in your spiritual journey as your minister.



Welcome to the
Household of Faith
30th April 2023



Bible Christians – Apostle John



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Last Sunday we examined the fearless Christian, Silas. Such an inspiring Christian:

- Leader in the church in Jerusalem
- Teacher in the church at Antioch
- Missionary with the apostle Paul
- Worked with Timothy at Berea
- Fellow labourer with the apostle Peter

People whose lives were touched by Silas:

Chloe (1 Cor 1:11)
Crispus (Acts 18:8)
Phoebe (Rom 16:1)
Sosthenes (1 Cor 1:1)
Stephanas (1 Cor 16:15)
Tertius (Rom 16:22)
The Jailer (Acts 16:30-31)...



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Tonight – apostle John

Brother of the apostle James
Son of Zebedee
One of the “inner circle” – with Peter, James

Most beloved and well-known apostle
Best known as the apostle of love

After Paul, he wrote most NT books:
Gospel of John
I, II, III John
Revelation



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1. Willing Apostle

John 1:35ff *The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, ‘Look, the Lamb of God!’ When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus.*

Matthew 4:21–22 *Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.*



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1. Willing Apostle


2. Son of Thunder

Mark 3:17 *James the son of Zebedee; John, the brother of James, and he surnamed them Boanerges, which means, Sons of Thunder*

Luke 9:51-55 *The people there did not welcome him, because Jesus was heading for Jerusalem. When the disciples James and John saw this, they asked, “Lord, do you want us to call fire down from heaven to destroy them?” But Jesus turned and rebuked them.*

Mark 8:39-40 *“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”*

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us.”



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3. Jesus' Favourite Apostle

In the Gospel of John, the author uses “the one whom Jesus loved” five times to refer himself - John 13:23, 19:26, 20:2, 21:7, and 21:20.

John 13:23-24 - *One of them, the disciple whom Jesus loved, was reclining next to him. Simon Peter motioned to this disciple and said, ‘Ask him which one he means.’ Leaning back against Jesus, he asked him, ‘Lord, who is it?’*

John 19:26 - *Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold your son!”*



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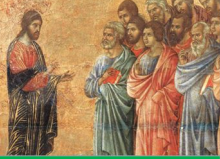
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4. Jesus' Inner Circle

Every group has an inner circle like an executive committee

Jesus' three closest disciples were Peter, James, and John who were with him at key events

- Jesus raises Jairus' daughter from the dead, (Mark 5:37).
- Jesus' transfiguration (Matthew 17:1–11, Mark 9:2–8, Luke 9:28–36).
- On the night of his betrayal, in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus takes them with him to pray (Matthew 26:36–46).



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5. Writer of 5 Books

Revelation 1:9–11 - *I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus.*

Before Jesus died on the cross, he entrusted his mother Mary to John's care (John 19:26–27).

When Mary died, John went to Ephesus and wrote his three epistles.

Then he was exiled to Patmos where he received the revelation from Christ and wrote Revelation.

He returned to Ephesus and died an ordinary death sometime after 98 AD.



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Conclusion

The gospel of John is a good introduction to the life of Christ

The epistles of John are simple, but contain the fundamentals of the Christian life

Revelations was written to encourage early Christians who were suffering for their belief in Jesus

How did a 'son of thunder' become an 'apostle of love'?

Hebrews 4:12 - *Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*



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Keep On Keeping On



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Rice & Dishes

*All are welcome to bring a dish!
See June*

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