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3 Ways the HoF Attempts to Follow the Biblical Pattern



It is easy to be confused when looking for a church home as many churches are either adapting to modern innovations or chasing after the latest trends. Right from the start, the Household of Faith has endeavoured to follow the Bible in everything that we do.

In Name: Galatians 6:10 - *So then, as we have opportunity, let's do what is good toward all men, and especially toward those who are of the household of the faith.*

We adopted the Biblical name, Household of Faith when we were told that the Registrar of Societies would no longer register the name, Church of Christ. Both are Biblical names for the Lord's church.

In Doctrine: 1 Timothy 4:6 - *If you instruct the brothers of these things, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which you have followed.*

All the sermons preached faithfully every Sunday are based on the word of God. Over 80% of the slides consist of Bible verses. This is done so that members will go away with the Word of God rather than the opinions of men.

Jesus reminds us in Matthew 15:9 - *And in vain do they worship me, Teaching as doctrine rules made by men.*

In Practice: Acts 2:42-47 - *They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and prayer... Day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God, and having favor with all the people. The Lord added to the assembly day by day those who were being saved.*

The church in the New Testament met for worship, communion, fellowship and to study the Word of God.

They had small groups like our Care teams and meals together like our dinner fellowship.

The Household of Faith is a simple congregation that is friendly, heartfelt and Biblical. It is easy for visitors to feel at home, and members to grow in faith.

All are welcome and no one will be forced to comply in any way. Members give freely and cheerfully, serve as they are able, and work together for the glory of God.



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Women in the New Testament



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The gospel of John highlights several women

Usually, Bible character studies focus on men e.g. Moses, Elijah, David

Will be profitable for us to look at some women from John

Beginning with Mary, mother of Jesus

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Family



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Husband: Joseph
Sons: Jesus, James, Joses, Simon and Judas
Daughters: Salome and Mary
Relatives: Elizabeth and Zacharias
Nephew: John the Baptist

Matthew 13:55-56 *Isn't this the carpenter's son? Isn't his mother called Mary, and his brothers, James, Joses, Simon, and Judas? Aren't all of his sisters with us?*

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Angel Gabriel

Luke 1:26-33 *Now in the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.*

Having come in, the angel said to her, "Rejoice, you highly favored one! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women!...Don't be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb, and bring forth a son, and will call his name 'Jesus.' He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High.

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Birth of Jesus

Matthew 1:18-21 *Now the birth of Jesus Christ was like this; for after his mother, Mary, was engaged to Joseph, before they came together, she was found pregnant by the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, intended to put her away secretly.*

But when he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, don't be afraid to take to yourself Mary, your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. She shall bring forth a son. You shall call his name Jesus, for it is he who shall save his people from their sins."

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Seeking Jesus

Luke 2:41-49 *When he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast, and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem.*

Joseph and his mother didn't know it, but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey, and they looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances.

When they didn't find him, they returned to Jerusalem, looking for him

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It happened after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them, and asking them questions. All who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

When they saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? Behold, your father and I were anxiously looking for you."

He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I must be in my Father's house?"

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At the Wedding

John 2:1-11 The third day, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee.

Jesus' mother was there. Jesus also was invited, with his disciples, to the marriage. When the wine ran out, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no wine."

Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does that have to do with you and me? My hour has not yet come."

His mother said to the servants, "Whatever he says to you, do it."

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At the Cross

John 19:25-26 But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

Therefore when Jesus saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved standing there, he said to his mother, "Woman, behold your son!"

Luke 2:34-35 Simeon blessed them, and said to Mary, his mother, "Behold, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which is spoken against. Yes, a sword will pierce through your own soul, that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

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At the Upper Room

Acts 1:14 *All these with one accord continued steadfastly in prayer and supplication, along with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.*

Last mention of Mary in the Bible

Tradition places her death in Ephesus

The Roman Catholic church revered Mary and teaches that she was taken to heaven after the course of her earthly life

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Conclusion

Luke 1:46-48 *Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord. My spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior, For he has looked at the humble state of his handmaid. For behold, from now on, all generations will call me blessed.*

Much more

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 Exhortation
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 Closing Prayer



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Clockwise: Father's Day pizza fellowship announced; fathers posing with pizzas, members and visitors enjoying the fellowship; more than enough for seconds. PS. Pizzas were sponsored by Annie, served with chicken drumsticks from June and fruits from Phai.