



Praise God that the Household of Faith has resumed regular worship for a month. Although there were many rules and regulations, our worship team was able to make the transition seamlessly, working tirelessly behind the scenes, anticipating every need. Thank you for your devoted service that made it possible.

As expected, worship sessions started with two Sundays of full attendance. Then it consistently fell with only regulars attending.

We are pleased at the interest and responses from members and visitors. Now we are ready to welcome our friends and supporters as well with several empty slots each week.

### If it is Your first time

We advise those coming to our new place of worship for the first time, to plan to arrive 15 minutes before 6pm, whether you are driving or coming by MRT.

When driving, take the AYE and exit at the Buona Vista flyover (NUH) into Ayer Rajah Road.

We recommend taking the train - connect to the circle line and hop off at one-north station.

### Directions by MRT


From the one-north MRT,  
go to exit A (Ayer Rajah Ave/INSEAD)  
cross the street (Ayer Rajah Avenue)  
head to the Timbre+ food court  
Block 73 (red and white building) is next  
next to Timbre+.

### All Are Welcome

We are rebuilding the Household of Faith after more than a year of not assembling together. Members need to return to worship, at least once a month to encourage the body of Christ.

We now look forward to receiving visitors and supporters at our worship services. Although there are restrictions, many are enjoying the fellowship at Timbre+ foodcourt next door after the worship.

Looking forward to seeing you this Sunday!




## Join Us on Sundays at 6pm for In-person Worship

There is always an empty chair for you  
- A warm welcome awaits You!



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## WHAT HAPPENED TO US?

Introduction

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Last week gave a clear report of the current situation of the Household of Faith, one year after the pandemic

Pandemic hit us at the end of 2019

5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 HOF started live streaming

12<sup>th</sup> July 2021 HOF's 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary; new website

4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 HOF resumed in-person assembly

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO US?

Introduction

### What We Did

5<sup>th</sup> April 2021 – no in-person worship for a year

- started live streaming
- provided Lord's Supper kits
- weekly mailing of Fidelity hardcopies
- quarterly Power for Today devotional booklet

Communicate through

- Facebook Group
- WhatsApp Group
- Mass Text/Sermon delivery
- mobile-friendly website

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO US?

Introduction  
What We Did

### What Happened

Worship continued online every Sunday at 6pm

Most kept up with contribution

Worship team active

Some joined worship team

Many used the website

Members look forward to Fidelity

Kept up with devotion using Power for Today

Broadcasted Missions Sunday in December

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO US?

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- What Happened

## What We Will Do

April: Start in-person worship – Goal for all to be regular

May: Stop mailing hard copies of Fidelity

- Will have a few hardcopies at the worship
- Incorporate with weekly powerpoints delivery
- Upload to our website before Sunday

June: End delivery of communion kits

- Will be available for collection on request

July: Celebrate our 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary - Resume Care teams

In Future:

- When larger premises available – Children BC
- When restrictions relaxed – Potluck fellowship

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO US?

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## After A Year

Some has not kept in touch

Back to in-person worship

Relocated to a central premises near a MRT

Many have come back, including visitors

Friends have been invited

Church is on a solid foundation, core group coming regularly

Applying for larger premises

Financially, stronger than ever

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## WHAT HAPPENED TO US?

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## Bible Exhortation

Hebrews 10:19-27

*Having therefore, brothers, boldness to enter into the holy place by the blood of Jesus, by the way which He dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh; and having a great priest over the house of God,*

*let's draw near with a true heart in fullness of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and having our body washed with pure water,*

*let us hold fast the confession of our hope unyieldingly.*

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## Bible Exhortation

*For He who promised is faithful.*

*Let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good works,*

*not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is,*

*but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the Day approaching.*

*For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remains no more a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which will devour the adversaries.*

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## Conclusion

If you have kept up with your faith

- Keep on keeping on
- Encourage those who have not

If you have not...

- Return to worship
- Restore your contribution
- Walk daily with Jesus
- Reach out to others

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How we regard our worship to God indicates the strength of our faith and relationship to God. This is because the key of our faith is wholehearted, sacrificial worship. This is why the apostle Paul says in Romans 12:1 *Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service.*

We read in the Bible of some of the deepest and most holy scenes of heaven and human experiences - all of these culminate in worship.

The climax of our daily walk is the weekly worship. We are exhorted not to forsake it in Hebrews 10:25.

In Isaiah chapter 6, we read of the prophet's vision of heavenly worship, and how it affected him in his call to discipleship. Read the chapter, it will give you a glimpse of heaven.

So it is when the apostle John was taken to heaven and commissioned by God to write what he saw. He could find no scene more stirring than the worship scenes which he selected to document in the book of Revelations.

It is important for Christians to wake up each day and end the day with prayer and to renew devotion to God. In a sense, every day, our lives are a spiritual service to God as we live sacrificially, in a manner that is holy and acceptable to God.

### Audience of One

Worship is not a spectator event, like going to a concert. We are there to worship God and He expects us to give of our best to Him and each other. This is because Jesus said in John 4:24 that *God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*

### Examine Yourself

How have we been worshipping God so far? Is it the highlight of our week that we anticipate? Do we prepare and give it our very best? Or do we whine when the service is too long and give it a miss when we have something on our schedule? 1 Corinthians 11:30 *For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few sleep.*



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Mother's  
Day to the

**BEST MOMS  
EVER**



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Free and Free Will

### Introduction

There are 2 concepts unique to Christianity which are often misunderstood:

- Free Salvation
- Freewill Service



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Free and Free Will

Introduction

### We cannot save ourselves

Romans 3:10-12 *As it is written, "There is no one righteous. No, not one. There is no one who understands. There is no one who seeks after God. They have all turned aside. They have together become unprofitable. There is no one who does good, No, not, so much as one."*

Ecclesiastes 7:20 *Surely there is not a righteous man on earth, who does good and doesn't sin.*

James 2:10 *For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he has become guilty of all.*

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Free and Free Will

ONE WAY

ONE WAY

Introduction

We cannot save ourselves

Salvation is Priceless

Titus 3:5-7 *Not by works of righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy, he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, which he poured out on us richly, through Jesus Christ our Savior; that, being justified by his grace, we might be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.*

Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, that no one would boast.*

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Salvation is Free

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Isaiah 55:1 *Ho, everyone who thirsts, come you to the waters, and he who has no money; come you, buy, and eat; yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.*

Revelation 22:17 *The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" He who hears, let him say, "Come!" He who is thirsty, let him come. He who desires, let him take the water of life freely.*

Luke 23:43 *Jesus said to him, "Assuredly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise."*

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Free and Free Will

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Free but Not Cheap

Acts 8:18-20 *Now when Simon saw that the Holy Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, saying, "Give me also this power, that whoever I lay my hands on may receive the Holy Spirit." But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!"*

Luke 14:26-27 *If anyone comes to me, and doesn't hate his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he can't be my disciple. Whoever doesn't bear his own cross, and come after me, can't be my disciple.*

Acts 20:28 *Take heed, therefore, to yourselves, and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the assembly of the Lord and God which he purchased with his own blood.*

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## Only God can Save Us

A craftsman can take material that is worth only \$5.00 and make it worth \$50.00—*that's skill*.

The Singapore Mint can take blank paper, stamp a seal on it, and make it worth \$100—*that's currency*.

Paul McCartney could sign his name to a piece of paper and make it worth a thousands of dollars—*that's celebrity*.

Jasper Johns could take a worthless sheet of paper, draw on it, and make it worth hundreds of millions — *that's art*.

God can take a sinful life, wash it in the blood of Christ, put His Spirit in it, and make it a blessing to humanity—*that's salvation*.

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Joshua 24:15 *If it seem evil to you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom you will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.*

Matthew 19:22-23 *But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sad, for he was one who had great possessions. Jesus said to his disciples, "Most assuredly I say to you, a rich man will enter into the Kingdom of Heaven with difficulty."*

Revelation 3:20 *Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, then I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with me.*

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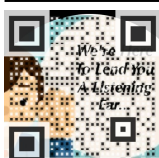


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Essential Information

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- <---- Reserving a slot for in-person worship is quick and easy
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<p><b>Pandemic Reflections</b> <small>Faith, Hope and Love in a Time of Crisis</small></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Introduction</b></p> <p>In the course of a year, our faith has undergone an enormous strain</p> <p>The physical support of church and brethren was taken away</p> <p>Suddenly we found ourselves alone in a virtual world</p> <p>Churches struggled to reach out to members</p> <p>Some just did not know how to cope</p> <p>Many Christians were affected</p> <p>Some just allowed the new norm to overtake and defeat them</p>
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# Pandemic Reflections

Faith, Hope and Love in a Time of Crisis

Introduction

## Married to Christ


Our baptism is like a marriage to Christ

2 Corinthians 11:2 *For I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy. For I married you to one husband, that I might present you as a pure virgin to Christ.*

Many things can happen in a marriage

How does a marriage survive in a crisis?

How does your faith hold up during a pandemic?



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## Consequences

Hebrews 3:12 *Beware, brothers, lest perhaps there be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God.*

James 1:13-14 *Let no man say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God," for God can't be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each one is tempted, when he is drawn away by his own lust, and enticed.*

2 Timothy 4:10 *For Demas left me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.*



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1 Timothy 4:16 *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.*

Philippians 2:12 *So then, my beloved, even as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.*

Luke 22:32 *I prayed for you, that your faith wouldn't fail. You, when once you have turned again, establish your brothers*



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## Faith

Acts 17:11 *Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so*

John 11:9-10 *Jesus answered, "Aren't there twelve hours of daylight? If a man walks in the day, he doesn't stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if a man walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light isn't in him."*

1 Timothy 4:7-8 *But refuse profane and old wives' fables. Exercise yourself toward godliness. For bodily exercise has some value, but godliness has value for all things, having the promise of the life which is now, and of that which is to come.*

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## Hope

Mark 4:15-19 *These are the ones by the road, where the word is sown; and when they have heard, immediately Satan comes, and takes away the word which has been sown in them.*

*These in like manner are those who are sown on the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy. They have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. When oppression or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they stumble.*

*Others are those who are sown among the thorns. These are those who have heard the word, and the cares of this age, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.*

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## Love

Ephesians 3:17 *that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that you, being rooted and grounded in love*

Ephesians 5:2 *Walk in love, even as Christ also loved you, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling fragrance.*

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 *The Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we also do toward you, to the end he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.*

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## Conclusion

1 John 5:4 *For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world: your faith.*

1 Corinthians 10:13 *No temptation has taken you except what is common to man. God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able, but will with the temptation also make the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.*

Revelation 2:10 *Don't be afraid of the things which you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested; and you will have oppression for ten days. Be faithful to death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

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Please help yourself to a pack of HoF masks from the basket at the entrance  
 – one pack per person each week

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Postal mailing of weekly Fidelity Bulletin has ended in April

Delivery of communion kits will end in June

If you need either, please request it from our minister

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## Helping the Poor In these Difficult and Trying Times



Most of us in Singapore are weathering the current pandemic rather unscathed, but it is not so in many countries. The Household of Faith continues to help churches with benevolent efforts during the pandemic, the most recent, a \$1,000 agape gift to the Pantry Project, by brother Chito Cusi from the Philippines.



The project is an opportunity to show love to our neighbors. It is a community pantry that targets specific indigenous families.

Starting May 10-14, in Banilad, the church will be serving its poorest neighbors during these pandemic times.

We are accepting cash or kind. A tray of eggs cost \$5 (30 medium to large eggs), a can of sardines is \$0.50, a kg of rice is \$1.40, 1/4 kg of bulad (dried fish) is \$0.70, odong noodles is \$0.40 per pack (each pack good for 3-4 families), a kg of squash is \$0.55/

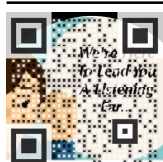
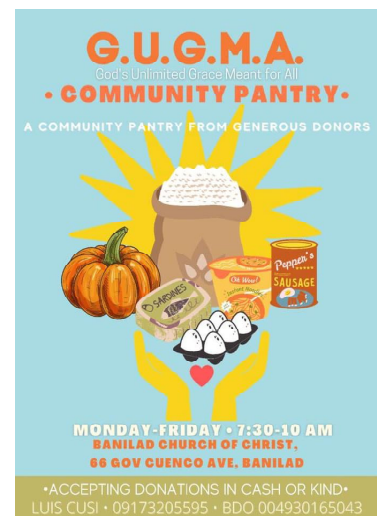
kg, etc.

They have identified 500 of the poorest families from 5 mountain areas. Daily from Monday to Friday they will serve 100 families.

We pray for more donors so we can support and sustain the Pantry Project.

Poverty is real especially at this time when businesses/stores have closed, restaurants down-sized, and construction projects slowed down.

- Luis Chito Cusi  
Philippines



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CHOOSE TODAY  
WHOM YOU WILL  
SERVE

Joshua 24:1-21


## Introduction

Every day we make decisions

Big decisions like education, career, friends, spouse

Small decisions like what to eat, buy, do

Key: how do we choose?



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Joshua 24:1-21

Introduction

## Motivation

What criteria do you apply?

Personal interest

Spur of the moment

Long-term plans

Accommodating family and friends

How about the Lord?

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CHOOSE TODAY  
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## 1. Personal Interest

Most of our decisions are centered around our own benefit

2 Timothy 4:10 *for Demas left me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica*

Luke 9:23 *He said to all, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."*

Mark 4:17 *They have no root in themselves, but are short-lived. When oppression or persecution arises because of the word, immediately they stumble.*

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1 Personal interest

## 2. Spur of the Moment

Sometimes we make decisions on the spur of the moment like impulse purchases at the supermarket

Luke 12:16-19 *He spoke a parable to them, saying, "The ground of a certain rich man brought forth abundantly. He reasoned within himself, saying, 'What will I do, because I don't have room to store my crops?' He said, 'This is what I will do. I will pull down my barns, and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry."*

Usually based on lifestyle or value system

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CHOOSE TODAY  
WHOM YOU WILL  
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2 Spur of the moment

## 3. Long-term Plans

Do you have strategic long term plans?

Genesis 50:19-20 *Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save many people alive.*

James 1:6-8 *But let him ask in faith, without any doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, driven by the wind and tossed. For let that man not think that he will receive anything from the Lord. He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

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## 4. Accommodating Others

Many of us make decisions based on what our families and friends want, so as not to rock the boat or upset them

John 5:44 *How can you believe, who receive glory from one another, and you don't seek the glory that comes from the only God?*

Family upbringing is so important

Be careful of the people with whom you associate - 1 Corinthians 15:33 *Don't be deceived! "Evil companionships corrupt good morals."*

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## 5. With God In Mind

Joshua 24:15 *And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve Jehovah.*

1 Corinthians 10:31 *Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.*

1 Peter 3:15-17 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts; and always be ready to give an answer to everyone who asks you a reason concerning the hope that is in you, with humility and fear: having a good conscience; that, while you are spoken against as evildoers, they may be disappointed who curse your good manner of life in Christ. For it is better, if the will of God should so will, that you suffer for doing well than for doing evil.*

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Christian decision-making  
(1 Corinthians 8 – 10)

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    A[Does the Bible allow it?] -- NO --> B[Don't do it!]
    A -- YES --> C[Does my conscience allow it?]
    C -- NO --> D[Don't do it!]
    C -- YES --> E[Three further questions:  
1. What is the effect on other Christians?  
(Love is more important than knowledge.)  
2. What is the effect on non-Christians?  
(The gospel is more important than rights.)  
3. What is the effect on my spiritual life?  
(Spiritual health is more important than freedom.)]
    E --> F["DO IT ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD" (10:31)]
        
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Area of freedom

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## Conclusion

1 John 2:15-17

*Don't love the world, neither the things that are in the world.*

*If anyone loves the world, the Father's love isn't in him.*

*For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, isn't the Father's, but is the world's.*

*The world is passing away with its lusts, but he who does God's will remains forever.*

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## Move of Location of the Household of Faith Live Stream



The months of April and May were exciting months for the Household of Faith as we resumed in-person worship after a year of live streaming. It was a great learning experience and so good to assemble together again.

Because of the worsening covid situation in Singapore and new regulations that came into effect on 16th May, we are no longer able to use the Launchpad for in-person worship.

Since the 23rd May 2021, the live streaming has returned to my office at Pasir Panjang. We do not know what the Lord has planned for us, but we will continue to give of our best under the current situation and are certain that the Lord has better things for us, if we do not give up.

Although the Pasir Panjang office is not as convenient as the Launchpad, we are all familiar with the location, and will also feel more at ease and at home. With a minimum of furniture, we were able to arrange 22 chairs, 4 more than at the Launchpad.

We not only want to cooperate with the authorities, but also want to keep our members safe.


Let us continue to trust God and keep doing what we need to do, whatever the circumstances may be. Thank you for your support and understanding.



Above: Last in-person worship at the Launchpad.



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## Introduction

1 Corinthians 1:17 *For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel—not in wisdom of words, so that the cross of Christ wouldn't be made void.*

1 Corinthians 1:14 *I thank God that I baptized none of you, except Crispus and Galus.*

Why?

To make the point that baptism is not a passport to heaven

And to emphasize that preaching the gospel is the key

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## Clarification on Baptism

Matthew 28:19-20 *Therefore go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I commanded you.*

Mark 16:15-16 *He said to them, "Go into all the world, and preach the Gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who disbelieves will be condemned.*

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## Clarification on Baptism



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## Our Failure

Focused on baptism; lagging in discipleship training

Past evangelism camps

Mega church

Too eager, bending backward to accommodate

Matthew 23:23 *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint, dill, and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy, and faith. But you ought to have done these, and not to have left the other undone.*

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## A More Excellent Way

1 Corinthians 12:31 *But earnestly desire the best gifts. Moreover, I show a most excellent way to you.*



**Teach Well**

Romans 10:17 *So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*

Acts 17:11 *Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of the mind, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.*

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Mark 4:16-17 *These in like manner are those who are sown on the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy. They have no root in themselves, but are short-lived.*



**Make sure they understand cost**

Mark 8:34 *He called the multitude to himself with his disciples, and said to them, Whoever wants to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.*

3 Questions:

1. Why do you want to be baptized?
2. What will you do after baptism?
3. How will you practise discipleship?

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## A More Excellent Way



Baptise after study and interview

Better to invite family and friends as witnesses

Baptism is the believer's marriage to Christ  
Revelation 21:9 *He spoke with me, saying, "Come here. I will show you the wife, the Lamb's bride."*

The beginning, not the end; not an guaranteed ticket to heaven

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## A More Excellent Way



Like a bicycle – keep going

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

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## Conclusion

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.*

Hebrews 10:25 *Not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as you see the Day approaching.*

2 Corinthians 8:12 *For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what you have, not according to what you don't have.*

Matthew 5:16 *Even so, let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.*

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