

4th September 2022

New From September 2022



With new relaxation of Covid-19 rules, the Household of Faith will be making these changes from September 2022:

- 1. Mask wearing will be optional although members are encouraged to keep them on when indoors.
- 2. Men-to-serve will not be wearing masks so as to communicate clearly.
- 3. We will do away with the contribution box and resume using the contribution bag again. Members are encouraged to use Scan to Pay (see illustration on the right).



HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH, SINGA



Masks optional in most indoor settings from Aug 29



Goh David

8th

Dhanabalan June 17th

Cheang Doreen 20th

Goh Jonathan 27th

Mask not needed

- Private taxis and buses Includes school buses. Passengers should check with private operators as they may still require masks as part of company policy
- · Flights and ferries to and from destinations that don't need mask-wearing onboard
- · Retail areas in MRT, LRT stations
- · Naturally ventilated bus interchanges
- · Retail pharmacies within a mall

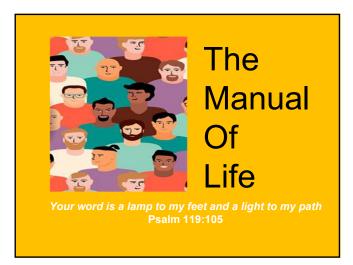
Mask needed

- Public buses Includes boarding areas of indoor bus interchanges
- MRT/ LRT services Includes underground platforms
- Flights, ferries to and from places that require maskwearing onboard
- Healthcare facilities. ambulances Includes indoor premises. retail, eateries and common areas in hospitals, national specialty centres and polyclinics
- · TCM, specialist, GP, dental clinics & care homes



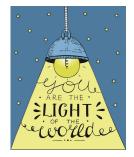
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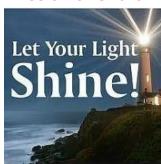
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Neither do you light a lamp, and put it under a measuring basket, but on a stand; and it shines to all who are in the house.



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



Our Mission

Brightly beams our Father's mercy From His lighthouse evermore; But to us He gives the keeping Of the lights along the shore.

Refrain:

Let the lower lights be burning! Send a gleam across the wave! Some poor fainting, struggling seaman You may rescue, you may save.

2 Dark the night of sin has settled, Loud the angry billows roar; Eager eyes are watching, longing, For the lights along the shore.



The Manual of Life

We have focused on the manual of life for young people, workers, parents...

Tonight will focus on 7 things the Bible says for retirees

Up to 1/3 of your life



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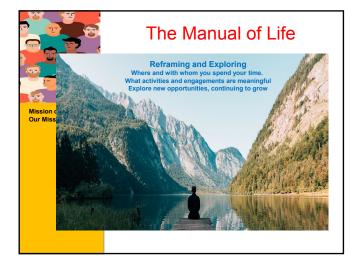
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Problems of Retirement:

- 1. Inadequate preparation
 - 2. Loss of purpose/routine
 - 3. Decline in health

Stages of Retirement:

- 1. Vacation/honeymoon year
- 2. No reason to get out of bed
- 3. Reframing and Exploring
- 4. Fitting in family and community





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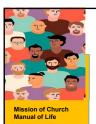
Bible has much to say about Retirement

Psalms 37:25 I have been young, and now am old, Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his children begging for bread.

Psalms 71:9 Do not cast me away when I am old; do not forsake me when my strength is gone.

Can be the best years of your life

Think about the alternative to not growing old – die young!



1. Enjoy Your Old Age

Ecclesiastes 7:10 Do not say, "Why were the old days better than these?" For it is not wise to ask such questions.

Isaiah 46:4 Even to your old age and gray hairs I am He, I am He who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Keep on keeping on...





2. Be Wise

Job 12:12 Is not wisdom found among the aged? Does not long life bring understanding?

Job 32:7 I thought, 'Age should speak; advanced years should teach wisdom.'

Easy to behave foolishly like the rich farmer - Luke 12:19-20 I will tell my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry."" "But God said to him, 'You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared—whose will they be?'



3. Set the Example

Titus 2:3 Likewise, teach the older women to be reverent in the way they live, not to be slanderers or addicted to much wine, but to teach what is good.

Psalms 90:12 Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

This is why God chose older men to be shepherds of His church





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4. Continue to Grow

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Psalms 92:12-14 The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon; planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green...

God will continue to empower you



3. Set the Example
4. Continue to Grow

5. Share Your Experiences

Proverbs 20:29 The glory of young men is their strength, gray hair the splendor of the old

Proverbs 23:22 Listen to your father, who gave you life, and do not despise your mother when she is old.

Be a mentor to your peers or some young people





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6. Don't Become Weary

Isaiah 40:29 He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

Deuteronomy 34:7 Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died, yet his eyes were not weak nor his strength gone.

Do what you can - especially overcome emotional weariness



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7. Keep the Faith

Leviticus 19:32 Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the LORD.

Genesis 25:8 Then Abraham breathed his last and died at a good old age, an old man and full of years; and he was gathered to his people.

Like the apostle Paul, Fight the good fight until the end



Conclusion

Good to have old people in the church

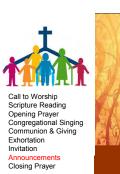
Timothy: 3 generations: 2 Timothy 1:5 having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in you; which lived first in your grandmother Lois, and your mother Eunice, and, I am persuaded, in you also.

Among all the things you can do, continue to serve God in your retirement

Think about your legacy



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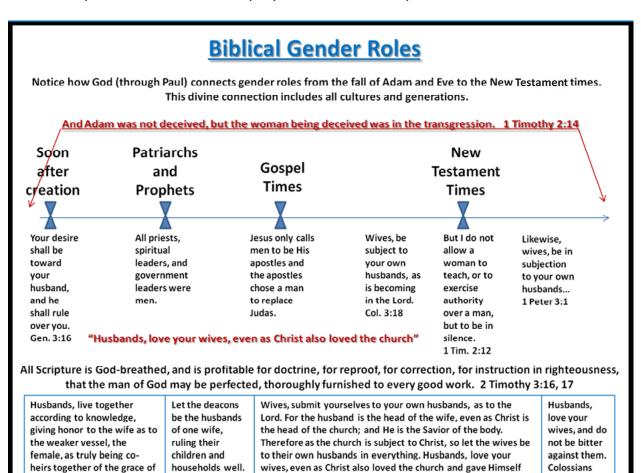
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Roles of Men & Women in the Church



Tonight, our Manual of Life focuses on the Bible's instructions for men. Although men and women are created equal, God has assigned each different roles of each one. Following tonight's lesson, next week we will share instructions for women.

The difference started at the creation when women was formed from man. This was further emphasized when Eve fell prey to the devil's temptation - refer to chart below.





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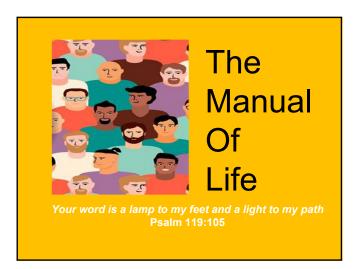
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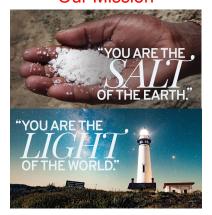
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Looking Back

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The Manual of Life

Bible: clear differences between men and women

God has a place in His service for all

Important to see what God has in mind for both sexes





1. Created in God's Image

Genesis 1:27 God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them.

Genesis 2:7 Yahweh God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

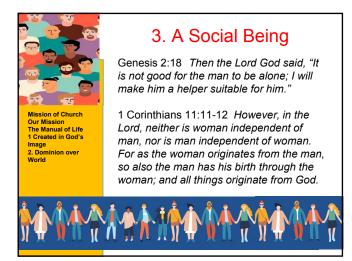




2. Dominion over World

Genesis 1:26 God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."







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4. Leads the Family

Ephesians 5:22-24 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything.

Ephesians 6:4 You fathers, don't provoke your children to wrath, but nurture them in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.



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5. Supports the Family

Ephesians 5:31 For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh

1 Timothy 5:8 But if anyone doesn't provide for his own, and especially his own household, he has denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever.



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6. Leads the Church

1 Timothy 3:1-4 This is a faithful saying: if a man seeks the office of an elder, he desires a good work. The elder therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible, modest, hospitable, good at teaching; not a drinker, not violent, not greedy for money, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not covetous; one who rules his own house well, having children in subjection with all reverence...

1 Timothy 3:8-9 Deacons in the same way, must be reverent, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for money; holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience.



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7. Manhood Qualities

1 Corinthians 16:13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, act like men, be strong.

1 Timothy 4:8 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.

2 Corinthians 4:16 Therefore we don't faint, but though our outward man is decaying, yet our inward man is renewed day by day.



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Conclusion

God has used men in His plan and purpose

Hebrews 11 list some of them

God has a plan for every man James 4:13-15 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, and spend a year there and engage in business and make a profit." Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Instead, you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that."

BACK PAGE NEWS





Visitors

We warmly welcome Kumar, Michael and Justin to our worship last Sunday

Vacation

We will be missing these members as they will be away on vacation in September - cover them with travel mercies: June and Ramesh; Doreen and Andy.

New Home

Congratulations to the David Goh family who have moved into their new home at Choa Chu Kang Avenue 5, last week. They have sold their apartment and purchased one closer to David's mother. Just in time to celebrate David's and Jonathan's birthdays!

Thank You

We enjoyed an overflowing of delicious mee rebus prepared by June and Elaine last week. Also fruits from Phai.

Covid-19

Paul Poon was the latest member to recover from Covid-19 (infected 12 days ago). Praise God for taking care of more than half our members who have recovered.



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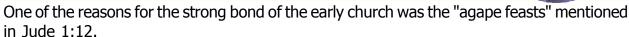
Abundance of servings; Happy diners and good fellowship!

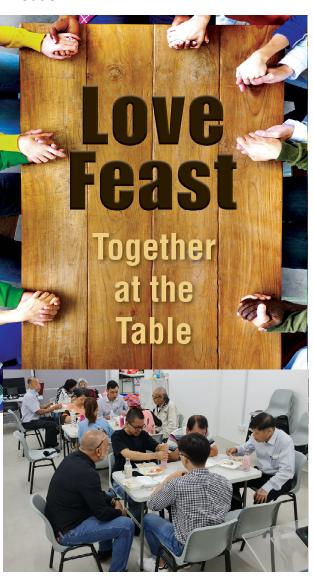


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The Weekly Agape Feast

Or Fellowship Dinner





The Household of Faith is blessed with ladies who put in much time, effort and money in making possible our weekly fellowship dinner.

If you want to help or know what the menu is, please get in touch with sister June.

All of us can help by bringing a dish or dessert to supplement the goodies already prepared.

Special thanks to sister Phai who continues to bring fruits every week.

Invite your family and friends to join in our worship. Encourage them to stay back to get to know us better as we enjoy fellowship around the food lovingly prepared by our ladies.

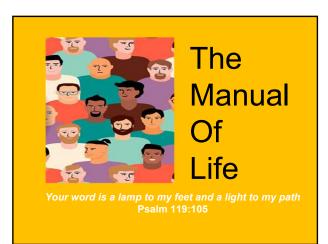




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Most of us are aware that the Bible teaches that women are not to lead in worship

1 Corinthians 14:34 Women should remain silent in the churches. They are not allowed to speak, but must be in submission, as the law says.

1 Timothy 2:11-13 A woman must learn in quietness and full submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, and then Eve. And it was not Adam who was deceived, but the woman who was deceived and fell into transgression. Women, however, will be saved through childbearing, if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.



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Luke 8:1-3 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God.

And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager,

and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means.



1. Equal in Value

Galatians 3:28-29 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed and heirs according to

Genesis 1:26-27 God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." God created man in his own image. In God's image he created him; male and female he created them.



2. Complementary Function

Genesis 3:16-17 To the woman he said, "I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth. In pain you will bring forth children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.

1 Timothy 2:11-15 Let a woman learn quietly with all submissiveness. I do not permit a woman to teach or to exercise authority over a man; rather, she is to remain quiet. For Adam was formed first, then Eve; and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor. Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.



3. Submit to Husband

Ephesians 5:24 Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands.

Ephesians 5:22-23 Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife even as Christ is the head of the church, his body, and is himself its Savior. Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit in everything to their husbands. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her ...



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4. Builds Her House

Proverbs 14:1 The wise woman builds her house, But the foolish tears it down with her own hands.

The heart of every household – the most important piece in chess

Titus 2:3-5 Older women likewise are to be reverent in their behavior... teaching what is good, so that they may encourage the young women to love their husbands, to love their children, to be sensible, pure, workers at home, kind, being subject to their own husbands, so that the word of God will not be dishonored.



5. Lead by Behaviour

1 Peter 3:1-2 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behaviour of their wives, as they observe your chaste and respectful behaviour.

Many men has been bought to the church because of the example of wives





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6. Clothed in Godliness

1 Timothy 2:9-15 Likewise, I want women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, not with braided hair and gold or pearls or costly garments, but rather by means of good works, as is proper for women making a claim to godliness. A woman must quietly receive instruction with entire submissiveness.

Many godly women – sisters Polly Lee, Baby Tan



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7. Worth More than Rubies

Proverbs 31:10-29 A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies. Her husband has full confidence in her and lacks nothing of value... She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy... She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come. She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all."



Conclusion

Women have played a major part in God's plan throughout the Bible

Heroes of faith - Hebrews 11:35 Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection.

Jesus' ministry

The church today



Call to Worship
Scripture Reading
Opening Prayer
Congregational Singing
Communion & Giving
Exhortation
Invitation
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Closing Prayer



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Announcements
Closing Prayer







25th September 2022

3 Goals for Starting

the Household of Faith



After my retirement, I want to set up a congregation that would be independent and free from the traditions or opinions of any existing groups. Instead, I wanted to draw from my experiences to start something fresh from ground up, reflective of the church in the Bible. These are the three goals in mind:

1. The Household of Faith must stay consistent to the Bible and follow God's instructions for living and worshipping.

There are so many trends and developments among the churches of Christ around the world during the past 50 years that I have served as minister. Among them are the use of musical instruments and women serving at worship.

It is so important that the church should not leave the membership and introduce new trends and doctrines to be fashionable.

2. The Household of Faith must grow to become a supportive, loving congregation. Like Jesus. we ought to be tough on sin, but forgiving to sinners.

I have observed that the focus of the churches of Christ is based on a certain interpretation of the Bible rather than a living relationship with the Lord.

Over the years, we have become legalistic, dogmatic and even judgmental of anyone

who does not subscribe to our interpretation of the Bible. We must understand that the Bible is perfect but our understanding is at best, relative. It is always a work in progress which evolves as we devote ourselves to, and become better students of the scripture.

I have observed that some members have been ostracized by the church, leaving their family in spiritual peril without hope of restoration. We must do better, remembering that we are all recipients of God's grace.

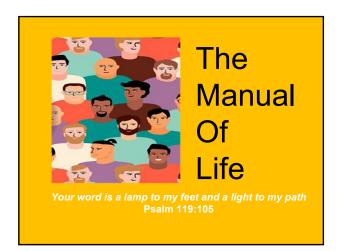
3. The new congregation has to start afresh and build our own core of members, without poaching members from other congregations. This is the reason we chose to meet in the evening and have never invited anyone to transfer membership.

A Facebook group was started in May 2017, a week after my retirement. We had the first gathering on 24th June, and the first worship on 16th July. Several were baptized during the first 5 years. Let us work together to be the light in our community and build each other up as we do so.



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Our Mission





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So far discussed Youth Parents Working Retirees Men Women



So important we follow the Bible

To put it all together – end with Christians



Our Mission The Manual of Life

1. God's Eternal Purpose

Ephesians 3:8-11 To me, the very least of all saints, was this grace given,

to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make all men see what is the administration of the mystery which for ages has been hidden in God.

who created all things through Jesus Christ; to the intent that now through the assembly the manifold wisdom of God might be made known

to the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places, according to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord



2. Living Relationship

John 1:10-13 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Hebrews 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.



3. Not a Club

Hebrews 10:24-25 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.

Lord's Supper



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4. Family Affair

Joshua 24:15 but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord

Romans 16:5 Greet the assembly that is in their house. Greet Epaenetus, my beloved, who is the first fruits of Achaia to Christ.

Acts 16:30-32 and brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." They spoke the word of the Lord to him, and to all who were in his house.



5. Lifelong Bible Student

1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the Word, that you may grow thereby,

2 Peter 3:18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and forever. Amen.

The Bible will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from the Bible



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6. Return of Christ
rews 9:28 So Christ, having been offered to bear the sins of many, will appear a and time, not to deal with sin but to save the who are eagerly waiting for Him. wws 9:28
elation 22:20 He who testifies these things , "Yes, I come quickly." Amen! Yes, come, Jesus.



6 Return of Christ

7. Personal Commitment

2 Corinthians 9:7 Let each man give according as he has determined in his heart; not grudgingly, or under compulsion; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Matthew 19:22 But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sad, for he was one who had great possessions.



Conclusion

We are placed in this world for a limited time

We will go when our life is over or when Christ returns

God has allowed us to remain in this world to do His will

John 4:35 Don't you say, 'There are yet four months until the harvest?' Behold, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and look at the fields, that they are white for harvest already.



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Commitment

Conclusion

Heaven is our goal - 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







Top to Bottom: Alfred leading the men's Care team and Henry leading the youths; Men getting ready to lead in worship, Peter leading the congregation in praises - an extra row was added to accomodate the growing attendance; A good spread of chicken rice, veggies, fruits, cakes and dessert for the fellowship dinner - it is good to see many lingering later than usual; after we have enjoyed the food, let us simmer down with the fellowship!

Travel mercies for Andy and Doreen

Travel mercies for Andy and Doreen to Australia.

Thanksgivings for the safe return of June and Ramesh from Adelaide.

Text/Whatsapp your prayer request to +65 9326 0669.