



Strict Covid-19 Guidelines



With the current infection-free record among the community and the rapid rollout of the vaccine, there is every likelihood that religious worship restrictions will be further relaxed. Until then, we are abiding by the strict Covid-19 Guidelines at the Launchpad.



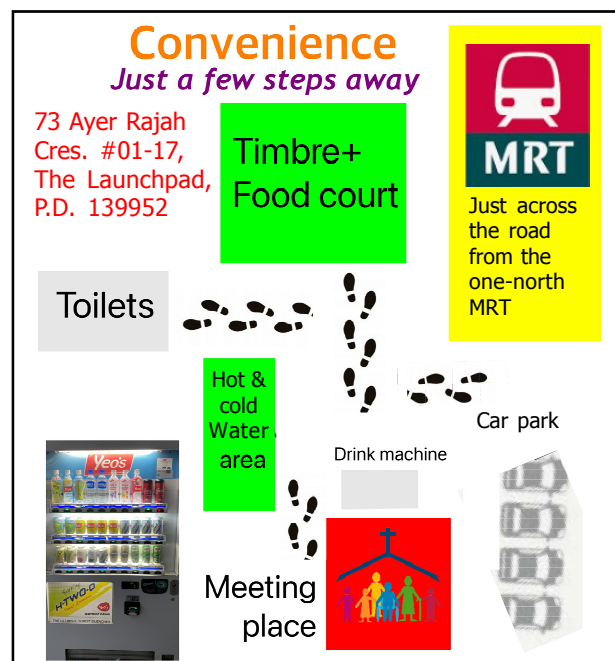
1. QR Code Scan:
All present will be required to scan the QR code to record the attendance.

2. Your temperature will be taken to ensure you do not have a fever.

3. Masks will be required and only the worship team can take them off while serving. No singing is permitted, but you can follow the songleader silently.

4. Only family/one household can sit together. All others will sit a metre apart.

5. No fellowship after worship, but up to 8 can enjoy the food at a table at Timbre+.



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7-Lesson Expository Series – Revelations 2-4
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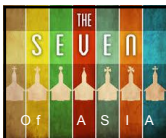
All located in modern day Turkey along the trade route at that time

- Specific location
- Clear summary of the church's condition
- Encouragement to do better
- *He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.*

Church in Sardis

Capital of ancient kingdom of Lydia
 Highly fortified but overtaken twice
 Greek, Persian and Roman cultures

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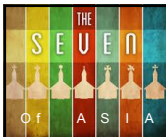
Revelation 3:1-6 "And to the angel of the assembly in Sardis write: He who has the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars says these things:

"I know your works, that you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

Wake up, and keep the things that remain, which you were about to throw away, for I have found no works of yours perfected before my God.

Remember therefore how you have received and heard. Keep it, and repent.

If therefore you won't watch, I will come as a thief, and you won't know what hour I will come upon you.



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Nevertheless you have a few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments. They will walk with me in white, for they are worthy.

He who overcomes will be arrayed in white garments, and I will in no way blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.



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None

Exception – a few

-Did not defile their garments.

- Walk with me in white

- For they are worthy.

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Vain reputation of being alive, but you are dead.

Keep the things that remain, which you were about to throw away

No works of yours perfected before my God.

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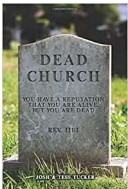
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- Wake up - *Ephesians 5:14 Therefore he says, "Awake, you who sleep, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."*
- Keep the things that remain
- Remember therefore how you have received and heard.
- Keep it, and repent.



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God sees and knows everything

Sardis is a dead church with a reputation of being alive

Galatians 6:7 *Don't be deceived. God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap.*

What we do when nobody is watching is who we really are





The "New" Household of Faith



We recently returned to the Metropolitan YMCA to remove the belongings stored at the Upper Room. Not only was our cabinet stuffed with all kinds of things (including an oven toaster), more boxes were piling on top of that too.

I have always been impressed with how our Lord Jesus, given His all-important mission, was able to travel light. No complicated organisation, no immovable assets, no months-in-advance schedules.

Even though the Household of Faith is a brand new congregation, in the short space of 3 years, we have accumulated so much stuff. While keeping proper accounts, we have organised activities, published books and literature, set up websites, Facebook groups and WhatsApp chats, responded to appeals etc.

I can go on and on, but now is a good time to start afresh, in a new location with less stuff and baggage. You can call this the Household of Faith Lite.

1. New location: We started out in 2017 renting Sunday meeting slots from the Salvation Army, and then the Metropolitan YMCA. Although these non-profit Christian organisations had the best rates in town, for a new church with an average attendance of 30, it cost us \$25 per pax just for the Sunday 4-hour rental.

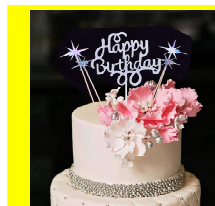
We are now given free rental in the new location and full access during the week. We want to start paying rent when we move into larger premises, but even the rent will be a small percentage from what we used to pay.

2. New setup: Instead of publishing and storing leaflets, books and materials, we will post softcopies of 90% of our materials on the www.hofsg.com website for members and visitors to access 24/7 from anywhere. We will only publish in hardcopies a weekly bulletin and a quarterly devotional guide.

3. Activities: We have already started in-person worship last Sunday in our new location and will continue to live stream the worship. In the works are the resumption of Care teams and Bible classes when restrictions are further eased by the government.

Currently, we are calling on all members and visitors to return to in-person worship at least once a month. When restrictions are further eased, we look forward to accomodating more people in our current meeting place and resuming the weekly potluck. There is a fellowship area right outside the door, with a drink machine and hot/cold water dispenser.

Let us return to worship and rebuild the Household of Faith.

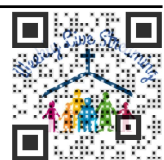


APRIL BIRTHDAYS

16th Henry Kong
21st Paul Poon
23rd Sarah Goh



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Church in Philadelphia

Prosperous city known as "little Athens"

Founded in 150 B.C. by King Attalus

Named in honour of his brother, Eumenes - City of brotherly love

Pagan society, large Jewish community

Introduction

Revelation 3:7-13

Revelation 3:7-13 *To the angel of the assembly in Philadelphia write:*

He who is holy, he who is true, he who has the key of David, he who opens and no one can shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says these things:

I know your works (behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut), that you have a little power, and kept my word, and didn't deny my name.

Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of those who say they are Jews, and they are not, but lie. Behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

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Because you kept my command to endure, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, which is to come on the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

I am coming quickly! Hold firmly that which you have, so that no one takes your crown.

He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will go out from there no more. I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my own new name.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies.

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Positive Qualities


1. Works

2. Kept my word

3. Did not deny my name

4. Kept my command to endure

The best of the 7 churches of Asia



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Positive Qualities

Shortcomings

None

Even though it had little strength

- Small congregation

- Little power, influence

- Accomplished little – “open door”

Revelation 3:8 *I know your works (behold, I have set before you an open door, which no one can shut), that you have a little power, and kept my word, and didn't deny my name*

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Just 1 – Keep on keeping on

I am coming quickly! Hold firmly that which you have, so that no one takes your crown.





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- Behold, I give of the synagogue of Satan, of those who say they are Jews, and they are not, but lie. Behold, I will make them to come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Psalms 23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil. My cup runs over.

- Because you kept my command to endure, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, which is to come on the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.

1 Peter 3:20 who before were disobedient, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, while the ark was being built. In it, few, that is, eight souls, were saved through water.




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- He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he will go out from there no more. I will write on him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from my God, and my own new name.

- Pillar in the temple

-Write on him God's name, city of God and my own new name




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Nothing wrong with little faith

Even though it has little strength – Philadelphia was the little church that could

You have a little power, and kept my word, and didn't deny my name.





The Joy of Worshipping in Person



Every since we started to broadcast and then worship in-person at our new location, I have observed that people really like the change, enjoy getting back to worship and have kept coming back. Praise the Lord for the joy of an hour with God!



Sisters Elaine and Lillian joined us on our first live streaming at the Launchpad and have been coming back ever since. Lillian says, "The location is just a few stops from my home. No need to take a bus. So convenient".

Andy and Doreen came for our second session and not only returned but brought a neighbour along. They enjoyed dinner at the food court next to our meeting place, Timbre+.

Convenience
Just a few steps away

73 Ayer Rajah
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**Timbre+
Food court**



Opposite the
one-north MRT

Toilets






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June and Ramesh attended the first in-person worship and will be coming regularly as long as there are slots available.

Selvarajah came for the first in-person worship and already reserved a slot for the next Sunday. Richard has informed us that he will be coming on the 11th April. We are also looking forward to seeing visitors Tracie and Steven again.

There are so many reasons why those who came, keep coming back. We can attribute it to the location, food court and convenience, but I believe that the key motivating pull is the joy of worship.

It has been so long since we have been permitted to get together for in-person worship. Coming back again fulfills a basic need and sets the right tone to a week for the Lord. There is nothing in this world as satisfying and wonderful as an hour spent with His people and the word of God.


We are looking forward to seeing everybody back at the Launchpad at least once a month!

*In-person worship at 73
Ayer Rajah Crescent
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Singapore 139952 on
Sundays 6pm and live
streaming @
<https://tinyurl.com/HOFstream>*

**Click here to
reserve your slot
for in-person
Worship**

*Reserve your place in advance
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website, www.hofsg.com*






Church in Laodicea


Laodicea was a prosperous industrial and commercial center

Laodicea is mentioned four times in Paul's letter to the church in Colossae (Col. 2:1; 4:13,15,16)

Paul instructs the Colossians to exchange his letter with one he has written to the Laodiceans (4:16).



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Revelation 3:14-22

Revelation 3:14-22 To the angel of the assembly in Laodicea write: "The Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Head of God's creation, says these things:

I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will vomit you out of my mouth.

Because you say, 'I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing;' and don't know that you are the wretched one, miserable, poor, blind, and naked;

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I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich; and white garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.

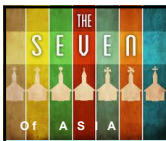
As many as I love, I reprove and chasten. Be zealous therefore, and repent.

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.

He who overcomes, I will give to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father on his throne.

He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the assemblies."

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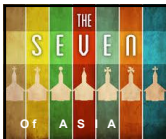
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Positive Qualities

None

- Apathy and spiritual blindness
- Thought that since they were rich in material things, they were blessed, and self-sufficient.
- But the Laodiceans were in a wretched, pitiful condition, and could not see their condition and need.

This was a church filled with deluded hypocrites.



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1. Lukewarm - *I will vomit you out of my mouth.*
2. Self-sufficient - *'I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing;'*
3. Wretched
4. Miserable
5. Poor
6. Blind
7. Naked



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1. *I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, that you may become rich;*
2. *White garments, that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed;*
3. *Eye salve to anoint your eyes, that you may see.*
4. *Be zealous therefore,*
5. *Repent.*





Since 5th April 2020, when the Household of Faith were no longer permitted at the Metropolitan YMCA, we started immediately to live stream our worships, first from the home of the Alfred Poons, then from my office at Pasir Panjang. In recent weeks, we live streamed from the Launchpad.

While the transition appears seamless and well executed, I want to thank brother Barnabas Thng for devoting his time, expertise and equipment to help us in our hour of need.

The pandemic took us all by surprise, and there were many things that we needed to adjust, in order to comply with the new guidelines. Brother Barnabas was there for us and assisted us each step of the way.

Now that we have resumed in-person worship, we are thankful to brother Barnabas for the use of his office, and the effort he put in to set it up for the maximum number of worshippers, keeping his own furniture to the minimum.

While the new location will serve the needs of the Household of Faith for the time being, brother Barnabas has applied for a larger office, two blocks away. When it becomes available, we will be able to accomodate many more and not restrict the number of worshippers.

Sermon Videos

I had always wanted to make our sermons available on our website but until the pandemic have not made the effort to record them during our worships. Live streaming gave us the opportunity, and a new mobile-friendly website provided the platform to share them.

All recent sermon videos are linked to the Facebook posts as it allows for more interactive responses. The videos are not only available for viewing at any time, but anyone can comment and look at comments that have been left by others.

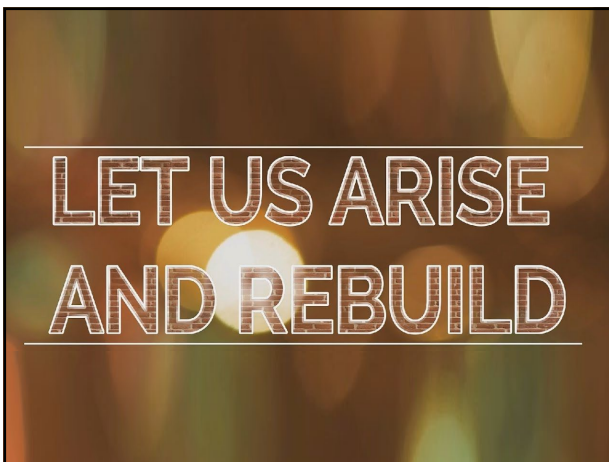
However, Facebook does not keep videos for long, and older content may no longer be available. Because of this, we have included a link to a 2-page text file on our website where you can find the links to Boxcast's full year's video sermons.

We will be adding links every month of recent sermon videos, so no matter what Facebook does, viewers can always view the sermon videos from the links at the Boxcast storage.



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LET US ARISE
AND REBUILD

Introduction

Just concluded a 7-Lesson Expository Series on Jesus' letters to the 7 churches in Asia – Revelations 2-3

Reason for this series is for the Household of Faith to

- See what Jesus desires of us
- Learn from His encouragement
- Rebuild the congregation

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Our Situation

Household of Faith

Started in July 2017 with 10-20 in attendance

Second year, grew to 20-30

Third year, 30-40

6 months into 3rd year Covid pandemic overtook the world

What if : 50-60 is a self-sustaining number for a small church

Experiencing a year of not assembling

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What We Have Been Doing

During the pandemic:


- > Continued worship through live streaming
- > Provided communion kits & publications
- > Started mobile-friendly website
- > Kept in touch with men and ladies Whatsapp groups
- > Active Facebook Household of Faith, Supporters and Friends Group
- > Hospital, funeral and visits by Minister

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Consequences

Our current situation:

- Some have dropped off
- Several have stopped sending their contributions
- Others are not responding to call for resumption of in-person worship




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Return to in-person worship in April

- Members contacted and informed
- Location secured – next to MRT
- In compliance with all Covid-19 guidelines
- Room for anyone who wants to come
- Even if everyone comes, possible to attend every other week
- Learn from some of the lessons Jesus taught the 7 churches of Asia




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Ephesus: Do Not Lose Your First Love

Important lesson that truth and love must go hand-in-hand.
You cannot have one without another.

Ephesians 4:15 *but speaking truth in love, we may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, Christ*

A church may have many strong points of doctrine, but without love, it is just an empty shell.



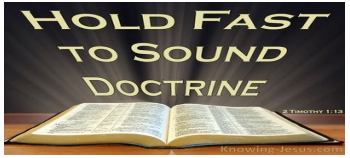


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Thyatira: Stay True to Doctrine

Proverbs 23:23 *Buy the truth, and don't sell it*

2 Timothy 4:1-2 *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.*





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Pergamum: Do not Be Conformed

Christians live in an anti-Christian religious world and in the minority

Romans 12:1-2 *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. Don't be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good, well-pleasing, and perfect will of God.*





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Sardis: Are We Dead or Alive?

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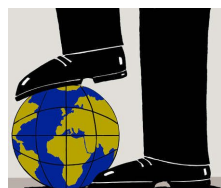




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Laodicia: Do not be Lukewarm

1 John 3:8-10 *Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning... No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God.*



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Philadelphia: Even with Little Strength

Nothing wrong with little faith

Even though it had little strength – Philadelphia was the little church that could

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

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