



## Importance of Family

Some weeks ago, I had an epiphany while I was watching a cheesy chick flick. The main character's father spends his entire life's savings on a RV, his lifelong dream, before he finds out that his daughter is in a ridiculous amount of debt. When he offers to sell the RV to help her out, the daughter cries out, "Dad, the RV defines you!" The determined looking father replies back, "No, you and your mother define me." Although this would not be earth shattering news, something inside hit me as I heard these words. Whether we like it or not, we are defined by those around us, and family definitely takes the biggest part in defining who we are as people.

Most of us have a tendency to take things for granted. I most certainly took my family for granted

during the time I was with them. Now that I am thousands of miles plus an ocean away, and not able to spend time with them during birthdays, holidays, graduations, etc., I am reminded everyday of the importance of my family. Yes, there were days when I could not wait to get out and be on my own, but strangely enough, I mostly remember only good memories now that I do not have them near me. No matter what circumstance I am in, no matter how good or bad I am, my family provides me stable, emotional, and spiritual support. Without a family, the world's best house, status, reputation, money, or job all become meaningless.

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## Submissions

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# upcoming events

June - July

June 1 - June 28  
STEP Session 1

June 6, Saturday @ 6:30pm  
Couples Gathering

June 7, Promotion Sunday

June 13, Saturday @ 6:30am  
Men's Prayer Meeting

June 20, Saturday @ 6:30am  
Women's Prayer Meeting

June 25 - June 27  
Vacation Bible School

June 21, Sunday  
Father's Day

June 24, Wednesday @ 7:00pm  
Pathway (Singles) Gathering

July 7 - August 2  
STEP Session 2

June 28 - July 4  
Yucatan SMT English Camp

July 29, Wednesday @ 7:00pm  
Pathway (Singles) Gathering

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There is another family that defines us and that is the community of the church. Ephesians 2:19 says, "Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household." God allowed us the privilege to become fellow citizens and members of God's household, His family. Acts 17:26 also says, "From one man He made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and He determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live." Some of us may be struggling to understand why we are in a certain place with certain people. Or maybe some of us are taking things for granted thinking that we deserve to be where we are with certain people. Whatever your situation may be, it is important to remind ourselves that God has a precise purpose in positioning us to be where we are with the people around us.

God gave us the gift of time, but this time is limited and we do not know how much is given to us. Why not make the best of this time by enjoying, appreciating, and loving those that God has graciously allowed in our lives?

- Grace Choi ❖

## 2009 Budget/Offering Snapshot

(Details have been removed for our online version).

# Celebrations

This month, *Connections* wanted to highlight and celebrate the birth and baptism of David and Haley Kim's daughter, Taylor. Here's what they had to share.

## 1. How is it like having your first child?

You never know what to expect no matter how much you try to prepare for a child. We feel that being parents is the hardest job on the planet. Your priorities and your perception of life change drastically. Things that you were okay with before aren't so okay any more. The weirdest things run through our heads before we do anything. For example, this past weekend we visited family out of town. David and I have never thought about using bathrooms at gas stations along the highway. However, I couldn't imagine taking Taylor in to expose her to who knows what type of germs! Having Taylor is also the best thing that has happened to us. We feel truly blessed and we are having so much fun seeing the world through her eyes. We are enjoying every milestone with her...her first smile, her first big poop, her first coo, her first laugh/giggle, the first time she rolled over, etc. We are having a blast with her everyday!!



## 2. What are some unexpected surprises, good or bad, that come with having a child now? How do you accommodate?

Everyone told us how tired we would be...and we never anticipated how truly tired we are ALL the time! We waited a few years to even consider starting a family because we wanted to selfishly enjoy our lives together first. But now, we can't imagine our lives without Taylor. She completes our relationship as husband and wife.

## 3. Please share a funny moment/story about Taylor!

We have too many that I can't even possibly narrow it down, but I think that is only because we are her parents and we think everything she does is hilarious! The funniest thing that I can remember is all the different noises she makes. She has entered into a stage where she will scream at the top of her lungs for about 20 minutes straight! Then she will make a low growl...kind of like a bear. We love watching her find her voice, and most of all, can't wait to see what she looks like with hair! ❖

## What Do You Love Most About Your Family?

For our family issue, we talked to some of the EM children and asked them this question. Here are the answers they gave.

I like to go swimming with them. - *Emma Choi*

I like spending time with them whenever we can since we're all so busy. - *Kailey Chung*

We like to explore around everywhere. - *Lauren Kim*

I like to go fishing with them. - *Chad Kim*

I like to spend time with them because they are my snuggle buddies. - *Katherine Yu*

We play fun games. - *Jeremy Hsu* ❖

# May Event Pictures



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