

YOUTH CONNECTION

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FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

Nurturing Families, Growing Believers | Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Today marks the Chinese Annual Conference (CAC) Family Sunday of the Methodist Church in Singapore, a special occasion dedicated to reaffirming the significance of the bond between believers and their families. A strong family serves as the cornerstone of a vibrant church and a flourishing nation. Indeed, the family is the nurturing cradle of human life and growth, an indispensable foundation of both the church and society. Throughout the Bible, we find great emphasis on the vital role of family education and the cultivation of sound values.

Deuteronomy 6 recounts Moses's reiteration of God's commandments to the Israelites in the plains of Moab, just before their entry into the Promised Land of Canaan. He fervently stressed the imperative of obeying God's commandments to receive His abundant blessings.

Verses 4-9 highlight for believers the importance of spiritual growth and the worship of God in one's family. First and foremost, we called to listen to God, worship Him alone, and love Him with unwavering devotion. Secondly, we are commanded to embed God's teachings deep within our hearts, reflect upon them ceaselessly, proclaim them, and diligently pass them on to our children, ensuring their transmission to future generations. May God's words permeate our hearts, our homes, and every facet of our lives — let us inscribe them on our hearts and on the doorframes of our households, regarding God's word as the bedrock of our personal lives and family relationships.

The book of Genesis reveals that the family is the first institution established by God, it also illustrates God's profound interest in the creation and management of family life. For instance, the scripture "... a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.", stands as a cornerstone teaching on spousal relationship. Genesis further explores the relationships between parents and children, as well as between siblings. In essence, believers are entrusted with nurturing all relationships with care, fostering a harmonious, stable, and blessed family environment.

Crucially, the family is neither parent-centered nor child-centered but rather God-centered. "Write on the doorframe" symbolizes a family rooted in reverence and devotion to God. The family is also a place where individual character is molded. A God-centered family embodies love, warmth, and health — spouses cherish one another, children honour their parents, and all members foster mutual respect and intimacy, guided by wholesome family and marital values, and blessed by God across generations.

As the foundational unit established by God, the family bears the weighty responsibility of fulfilling His commandment to govern the world. Indeed, it is through the family that we are called to be "fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it." Beyond imparting God's truths, the church also serves as the spiritual home for believers. "Family Sunday" provides an opportune moment for believers to impart and uphold the concept of family grounded in biblical principles. A God-centered family, guided by His word, embodying and living out the teachings of the bible on family life, and loving God with unreserved fervour, is assuredly bound for divine blessing!

by Ps Rebecca Kwok

HELLO & WELCOME



Youth Connection (YC) and Junior Youth Connection (JYC) are Kum Yan's community of students and young adults who love God and doing life together!

We believe in Jesus, and are committed to grow and mature in His likeness, and cheer each other on as we journey together in faith, a community led by the Holy Spirit, a missional family that thrives in God's presence.

We sincerely invite you to join us for our Worship Services and Cell Group Meetings. If you'd like to find out more about Jesus or Church, or if you'd like some prayer or someone to talk to, please reach out!

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WORSHIP MINISTRY RECRUITMENT

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Sign ups are now open and will close TODAY. Auditions will be held on 5th and 12th May (after Combined Services). Register NOW at forms.gle/XEXM2wNLUXXzJ2Qb7

NB: The recruitment process includes both an audition and an interview! Contact Ronice if you have any questions!

MAY SCHEDULE

- 3 MAY, 8PM KY MISSIONS COMBINED PRAYER
- 4 & 5 MAY KY MISSIONS CONFERENCE (Registration: tinyurl.com/KYmissions24)
- 4 MAY, 3PM YC POWER HOUR
- 5 MAY, 9AM EC-YC-JYC MISSIONS COMBINED SERVICE
- 12 MAY, 9AM EC-YC-JYC MOTHER'S DAY COMBINED SERVICE
- 18 MAY, 3PM YC POWER HOUR
- 24 MAY, 8PM WORSHIP GATHERING

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Calling all YA and YA+! Let us all seize this opportunity to intentionally make time to be with the Lord, behold and seek Him, and be pruned to better run the race set out for us, both as a community and as individuals.

Sign up today! We look forward to a time of reflection and relaxation, of fun and games, and also deep transformative work of God, to catalyse YA/YA+ towards what He has in store for us.

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