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EDITORIAL

Did you know that the family is the foundation of society? And that the family is where we should be nurtured and given the tools to go out into the world? We cannot over-emphasize the importance of the family and so we encourage you to instill moral values and principles in your children. Moreso, we encourage you to live out these principles so that our society will be a better place to live.

Dahlia Palmer, Chairperson,, Communications Committee

UPCOMING EVENTS:

MAY - FAMILY MONTH

- 28th - Exchange of Vows
- Special evening services covering some of the following issues:
 - Coping with separation and divorce
 - Nutrition
 - Youth, sex, pregnancy, abortion
 - Fostering adoption

THE JACKSON FAMILY

Michael, Andrea and Joel are the members of this household. Our family is a God-given family and we are special because we think on things together even when we are not together.



God plays a central role in our family. God is our strength. He is always in our midst. We believe that if we don't trust Him we will always fail.

We do some things together such as having devotions and taking care of the house chores.

Of course we face challenges. One of the major challenges that we face is job crisis. We always tell ourselves that God says the birds don't toil and He provides for them; how much more about us? We seek to always provide for Joel and we say that we can do without some things. With God though, through man, something always work out.

It is not easy to work through the difficulties at times as sometimes we argue about who and what causes it to be so difficult but in the end we put God in and say "Lord, if it is your will God, let it be done whether we are going to be victorious or not!



Joel shares some information about his family:

I like my mummy because she tells me about Jesus.

I love my daddy because he plays with me.

**Remember to pray
for the sick and
shut –in members
of the church.**

Did you know that each Sunday sermons are tape recorded? You can order a copy of a sermon from the Music & Arts Department.

**Use the opportunity this evening
to renew your
vows with your
wife/ husband**

ARE YOU SINGLE? YOU CAN WAIT!!

OF COURSE IT IS HARD TO WAIT BUT YOU CAN WAIT. Don't you have to wait until the exam results are out to know what subjects you got? Don't you wait until you're of age to get your driver's license? Don't you wait in line until it's your turn? Of course it's hard to wait – nobody said it was easy.



The Bible says, "The Lord is good to those who wait for Him, to the soul who seeks Him" (Lamentations 3:25 NKJV). Sometimes it is difficult to wait on God for the things that we want or need. During the teenage years, hormones seem to rage wildly and it appears as if sexual thoughts are often on the minds of some young persons. The idea of waiting until marriage to enjoy sex just does not seem to sit well many persons. **BUT HEY, WHAT'S THE RUSH ANYWAY? YOU CAN WAIT!**



Waiting on God is perhaps most difficult when you're hoping and praying that the right person will come across your path for marriage. Whether you're young and fighting hormones, or older and fighting depression, trusting that God will meet your needs for companionship and affection is a challenge. Our faith in God can weaken when we face questions like, "Will I be single all my life?," or "Why do the married people get to enjoy the gift of sex and I have to do without?," Or "Has God forgotten about me?"

God has good plans for you. Jeremiah 29:11 says "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" (NIV). It takes a **STEP OF FAITH** to believe that God has **GOOD** plans for you.

MARRIAGE VOWS

Marriage is a gift of God.

We live in a time when the married life is becoming increasingly difficult for many people. Nevertheless, it is reassuring to know that there are many marriages which endure happiness for many years.

It is so important that we (Christian or not) take time to celebrate marriages which are examples of love and commitment.

As male/female couples renew your vows today:

*May the vows you make be unbroken;
May the love you share be true. Let the
Lord be the first in the union, happy an-*

WHAT DOES FAMILY MEANS TO YOU?

Use the letters in the word family to create an acronym. Submit it to the church's office with your name and we will print it for all to see!

F -

A -

M -

I -

L -

Y -

We welcome your ideas and suggestions

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**BE A FRIEND TO A
SICK OR SHUT-IN
MEMBER TODAY! IT
WILL BE WORTH IT!!**

