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Blessed Family Newsletter

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HEARTbeat

True love as its axis.



"The kingdom of heaven is a world filled with the air of true love, where everyone breathes true love. Its life throbs with love, everywhere and all the time."

- True Father

Greetings!

Welcome to this first edition of "HEARTbeat," our new monthly Enewsletter from the Blessed Family Ministry. You'll find it chock full of news, events, testimonies and inspiration each month. We are confident you will find meaning and value in these pages this month, and every month. With True Parents guidance, and the inspired leadership of True Family, let us strengthen the "HEARTbeat" of our Blessed Families.

*With love and prayer,
Rev. Phillip Schanker*

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October 10, 2010 Blessing Testimony

Read a heartfelt, inspiring testimony given by Benjy Uyama, a young 2nd Gen brother who attended a very unique matching and Blessing in Korea.

[Click here for the full testimony.](#)

Parent Matching Meeting

District 1

Parents met together on March 5, 2011 to discuss matching strategies, networking tools, and to go over our new Matching Handbook. The meeting was a great success, with 44 parents in attendance. Parents expressed immense gratitude at being able to learn more about the matching process and the various tools available to them, including the international matching website.



7 Powerful Ways to Make Your Marriage Last

Sharon M. Rivkin, Marriage and Family Therapist, and author of "The First Argument: Cutting to the Root of Intimate Conflict"

"You *can* live happily ever after, not with magic, but with work, awareness and knowledge of yourself and your partner."

[Click here for the article.](#)



Losing Control and Liking It: *How to Set Your Teen (and yourself) Free*

Tim Sanford, M.A.

We generally think of losing control as a negative thing, and can hardly imagine enjoying the process. However, that is just the theme of *Losing Control and Liking It* by Tim Sanford. Sanford is the director of counseling for the Focus on the Family ministry. This Christian book uses the analogy of the Fall and the heart of the Parent as He sees His children making choices that will have long-term implications.

[Click here for the full report.](#)

Does preparing for marriage help lower the likelihood of divorce?

Relationship expert Dr. Bill Doherty talks about preparing for marriage and how it can help lower the likelihood of divorce.



WHAT'S COMING UP...



We are pleased to announce "24 Plus," a retreat and Blessing Workshop for Blessed Children aged 24 and older who would like to consider and prepare for the matching and Blessing.

Where & When

Morning Garden in Gloucester, Massachusetts
May 20-22, 2011

"Mastering the Mysteries of Love"

Webinar Presented by Bento Leal



GET TRAINED AND EQUIPPED TO HELP COUPLES!

Learn communication skills for great relationships!

Join us Wednesday, May 18th
from 9:30-11pm

[Click here to register](#)

Check out our next class:

"Healthy Marriages...Healthy Families"
Our next training opportunity with Mr. Leal is from
June 27-30 in Houston, TX.

Register at www.narme.org



Parents Matching Convocation

Parents, welcome to our first PMC of
2011!

We encourage eligible candidates to
register on "Matchbook," our online
matching site at www.blessedfamilies.org

Where & When
Hayward, CA
June 3-5

A second PMC will be held on the East Coast on November 18-20, 2011. Details and registration for this convocation will be available later this year.

Level II Blessing Workshop 18+



Participants can register online at the BFD webpage in the members' area on the Familyfed website, at www.familyfed.org/bfd, or directly by [clicking here](#)

Where & When
4 West 43rd St
June 17-19th