

WestRock Family News

Andrew Compton
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Motto

Let us become true owners of Cheon il Guk who practice true love in resemblance to our Creator, the Heavenly Parent!

Family Federation Worldwide

- Be sure to visit (click on this link) www.familyfed.org to check on the most recent recording of True Mother.
- Next Ahn Shi Il is on Thursday, December 11

In America

- View the latest messages from Dr Kim and Dr Balcomb in the WEEKLY UPDATE at www.familyfed.org
- True Mother is hosting 2 special events in Las Vegas this December: a conference for young professionals on the weekend of Dec. 20-21, and a Christmas party/Sunday service on Dec. 21. You can get all the info at www.familyfed.org (in the upper right – “Christmas with True Parents” PLEASE NOTE- the 14 day Witnessing program for College-age youth has been postponed.
- You can still make an offering towards building the International Peace Education Center in Las Vegas.

In WestRock

Divine Principle 1-Day workshop: Saturday, December 13, at the White House,
9:30 am – 4:30 pm

The Sermon this Week

Andrew Compton gave the sermon this week at Belvedere. Topic: “Making Plans.” You can hear it (sorry, the video did not work this time) if you go to: <http://vimeo.com/114049521>

Pastor’s Weekly Greeting

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

This week we sent our beloved sister Christine Kung off to be with True Father in the spiritual world. It was a beautiful Seong Hwa ceremony, held in Queens, with over 200 brothers and sisters (including members of her extended family). I was inspired by the example that John and his daughter Diane demonstrated. They truly embraced True Parent’s perspective on life and death. And, I was especially happy to see that, even though there was a steady rain, many members came to participate in the Won Jon ceremony.

John Kung asked me to post this:

*We are so grateful to all those who prayed and donated for Christine Kung's transition to the spirit world. We, and I am sure Christine also, feel the love and support from all our friends and family members.
God bless you and your family!*

The Kung Family

John Kung,

Diane, Young Joon, and Taebin and Yoobin Jeon

I have found over the years that the Seong Hwa ceremony (what others call a funeral) is one of the most beautiful and deeply moving experiences that our church community offers. As we all know – each of our own Seong Hwas is coming. In a sense, it is in preparation for that moment that we are living our lives in this physical world – learning how to love and be loved.

In this week’s sermon I shared from Jacob’s story with Esau. The key point is the importance of setting goals and making plans to achieve those goals. Time is passing us by so quickly. This year is going to end in just a few weeks. So let’s consider True Parents heart and will and then let’s make clear goals and plans that we can carry out. Jacob’s goal

was to win over Esau. Let us each pick someone in our life that we want to win over through God's love and truth. That will make our New Year start the best that it can be.

Make it a great week!
God Bless You and your Family,
Andrew Compton

Blessing & Family Ministry Corner

Marriage Blessing: March 3, 2015!

Blessing Travel Grant: True Mother has encouraged couples to make every effort to attend the main Blessing Ceremony in Korea. To make the trip more affordable the National BFM will be offering a special Korea Travel Grant. Check the national BFM website for more information at bfm@familyfed.org.

Developing a Local Blessing Committee: WestRock is planning to have a local celebration for our couples who are getting Blessed. We are looking for volunteers to help make it festive and meaningful. If you are interested in helping with decorations, music, or any aspect of the preparation, contact Debby.

Level 3 Blessing Workshops: Two will be held in January; one in San Leandro on Jan. 10 – 11, and one at UTS on Jan 24-25th. These are mandatory! And awesome!

Testimonies/Reports

If you have a testimony or report to share please send it to Rev Compton.

Light Thought for the Day

Driver's Permit

A young man had just gotten his driver's permit and inquired of his father, an evangelist, if they could discuss the use of the car. His father took him to the study and said to the boy, "I'll make a deal with you, son. You bring your grades up from a C to a B- average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut and we'll talk about the car."

Well, the boy thought about that for a moment and decided that he'd best settle for the offer, and they agreed.

After about six weeks the boy came back and again asked his father about the car. Again they went to the study where his father said, "Son, I've been real proud of you. You've brought your grades up, and I've observed that you've been studying your Bible and participating a lot more in the Bible study class on Sunday morning. But I'm real disappointed seeing as you haven't got your hair cut."

The young man paused a moment and then said, "You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Sampson had long hair, Moses had long hair, John the Baptizer had long hair, and there's even strong argument that Jesus Himself had long hair."

To which his father replied, "Perhaps, and they WALKED everywhere they went!"

Sunday Bulletin

Outreach

DP Monday night study at the White House: 7:30 pm

Divine Principle 1-Day Seminar: Saturday, Dec. 13 at the White House. Fee \$20 Time: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm

UPF event in NY City: *Building a Nation of Peace*, Dec. 19, 1-Day seminar at 43rd st. Contact Cynthia Shibuya for more information.

Community

Christmas Service: on the last Sunday of December (28th) we will have a Christmas service. To make it wonderful, we need everyone's participation (food, ushering, preparation, decorations, entertainment, etc.) Please sign up after service with Rev Compton

Cheon Seong Gyeong and Pyeong Hwa Gyeong sets are now available. They can be ordered directly from national HQ or through Rev. Compton.

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Other

Ken Weinstein would like to start, or be a part of, a **small support group** for couples and singles dealing with issues ranging from illness in the family (or a spouse), and how we reach the goal of becoming true men and woman. If you are interested please contact Ken

Prayer

Members are invited to come for prayer –On **Tuesdays**, 7 am, at the Central Park Holy Ground (call Rev Compton if you want a ride)

Jiau-Lan Weinstein – is in Taiwan, her condition has grown worse

Make it a Great Week!