

## FAMILYMPICS 2023: TOGETHER IN UNITY AND LOVE

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**W**hat is a **family**? According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, a family is **"a group of people who are related to each other."** In social science, a family is the smallest unit of society and is very integral to any culture, society, or country. In the Bible, we see God as the creator of a family, starting with Adam and Eve. And as we delve deeper into His Word, we see how important a family is to our Heavenly Father. In fact, He chose to put Jesus in a family and gave Him earthly parents and even siblings. Jesus was part of an earthly family.

Focus on the Family, a Christian website, has a feature entitled "The Purpose of Family", and has emphasized the following key points: **(1) the family is a masterpiece of God's Creation; (2) marriage and parenthood reveal God's character; and (3) God put children in families so they could experience His love and learn how to love others.** Truly, the family is important to our Heavenly Father.

As a masterpiece of God's creation, focusing on the family is something that should not be neglected. And that is the core intent of this year's Familympics activities: to focus on the families of GCFSM.

Of course, we had been cooped up for the past three years, so this is a good venue to go out and enjoy the summer weather, much like many companies that have gone all-out in their summer plans and sportsfests. But more than having fun, the essence of this year's Familympics lies in its theme – **Familympics 2023: Together in Unity and Love.** Through the Familympics, we hope to provide families, from the tiniest unit composed of the father, mother, and children to the extension of grandparents, uncles, aunts, and cousins, an opportunity where they can participate in various activities every week.

Our **Growth Groups** are also an extension of our family. And through the weekly Familympics activities, there is an opportunity beyond the usual weekly meetings where we could bond and have fun and fellowship through the games and various activities lined up. The intention of stronger, tighter bonds within our church family, working together as a team through the activities, reflecting sportsmanship and competition, and being cradled in love and respect for others are the underlying intent of Familympics 2023.

Since its launch on March 18, the Familympics have had ongoing tournaments in basketball, volleyball,

table tennis, and badminton. Board games and even movie viewing have been made available so any member of the family can be part of the Familympics activities. Everyone who signed up has been assigned to various teams, represented by various colors: blue, green, orange, red, and yellow. The teams have been competing in the various tournaments for the past several weeks, and during the culminating event, there will be a friendly competition in the fun games that will be held.

The culminating event, **FAMILYMPICS DAY**, will be held on **May 1 at the Muntinlupa Sports Center.** There will be games for everyone in the family! It will be a time of fellowship with each and every family of the GCFSM. The whole day event aims to see the various families in friendly competition, from inter-generational games and fun activities to the finals of the sports activities. There will be various food and refreshment booths. And if you have completed all **12 stickers** on your **Familympics Participation Card**, you can enter the raffle for a chance to win prizes. Truly, it is a time to **have fun, be energized, and be united in love for the Lord.**

We hope to see you on our Familympics Day on May 1. Come and celebrate God's masterpiece, the family, as we gather **TOGETHER IN UNITY AND LOVE!**

*"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!"*  
-Psalm 133:1✠

### FAMILYMPICS REMINDERS

Familympics Day:

**May 1, 2023 / Monday**

Venue: **Muntinlupa Sports Center**

Assembly Time: **8:00AM**

What to bring:

- \*Bible
- \*Pen and Paper
- \*Extra clothes
- \*Towels
- \*Water bottle

Exciting Things To Expect:

- \*Early Bird Prize
- \*Team Shout/Cheer
- \*Sports Finals
- \*Raffle
- \*Food booths
- \*Fun and Fellowship in Unity and Love

### FAMILYMPICS SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

8:00-8:45 AM

- Opening Ceremony
- Team lineup
- National anthem
- VIP acknowledgement
- Devotion (Rev. Lito Villoria)
- Prayer (by team)
- Testimony

8:45-9:15 AM

- Intergenerational Game 1

9:15-10:30 AM

- Basketball Battle for 3rd

• Badminton Finals

- Scrabble and Chess Tournament

10:30-11:00 AM

- Intergenerational Game 2

11:00 AM-12:15 PM

- Basketball Finals
- Word Factory Tournament

12:15-1:15 PM

- LUNCH BREAK
- Team Shout/Cheer presentation

1:15-1:45 PM

- Intergenerational Game 3 & 4

1:45-3:15 PM

- Volleyball Finals

3:15-4:00 PM

- Awarding Ceremony
- Major Prizes
- Closing Ceremony

4:00 PM onwards

- Clean-up/Pack up