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When I was young, I was fascinated by H.G. Well's book *The Time Machine*. What a cool idea it is to go back in time or visit the future! You can change the past or take a peek at what will happen in the future by using the time travel apparatus. But, alas, as we grow older, we learn that we are bound by the linear progression of time. Sadly, we can never go back in time nor jump ahead to the future.

The existence of time-space continuum tells us that there must have been a starting point of everything we see and know, that is, the entire universe. Genesis 1:1 says, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." That sums up the creation account which modern astrophysics and cosmology support. Some people call it the "Big Bang" or the "Singularity." It really doesn't matter what we call it. What matters is that the

"unmoved mover" put the universe in motion. We call that being "God."

Sure, some in the science-camp do not want to credit God for the beginning, but there is a general consensus among scientists that someone or some *transcendent being* put the whole things in motion. Christians call that being God because that being has to be unfathomably powerful, intelligent beyond comprehension, transcends time and space, incredibly creative, and personal enough to leave His fingerprint so that His creation can seek and find Him.

Now, what does that have to do with finishing strong? Well, the same God who created the universe (space-time) tells us to "make the most of every opportunity" (Ephesians 5:16), finish strong (run the race purposefully to win the prize, according to 1 Cor. 24-27), keep our eyes on Christ who is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), and remember that God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end (Rev. 1:8). These Bible verses--and many more--reference the concept of time. In short, the God who created time tells us to make the most of it because we're bound by it--we must operate within the confines of time, and that means we should use it wisely and purposefully, as we would with precious metals or finances or resources.

So, how are you doing with your time? Are you spending your time wisely? Are you making the most of every opportunity? Are you making good progress towards the finish line? Are you going to finish strong? We need to answer these questions honestly.



As NCA is wrapping up the 18th year of school ministry, there have been great moments as well as difficult times. But, we began each school year in faith, and each year we finished strong due to God's grace, presence, and providence. He is faithful, reliable, and trustworthy.

For all you students, finish the school year strong. Especially the graduates of 2017, finish strong and get ready for the next leg of your journey. Use what you've learned to prepare for the future, and run the race to win the prize. Make the most of every opportunity. He who began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it in you. You can bank on that!

GRAD TRIP PICS



The seniors spent 6-days at the beautiful Big Island of Hawaii enjoying snorkeling, kayaking, surfing, luau, parasailing, and more. The 8th graders spent 3-days in a nice beach house in Pismo Beach, ATV-ing, bowling, and fishing in Santa Barbara. The 5th graders spent 3-days in Palm Desert, CA, swimming, eating, hiking, zoo-visiting, tram-riding, and movie watching. Thank you parents and chaperons for your support!

Introducing.....



Mr. Jonah Kang

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MR. JONAH KANG

Hello NCA family, my name is Mr. Jonah Kang and I am one of the front office staff here at NCA. Apart from my duties in the office, I also manage technology, coach basketball, deliver chapel messages, and as you know, I am the face you see in the daily announcement videos!

Many of you already know me as I graduated from NCA back in 2012. I went on to finish my B.A. in Computer Information Systems at Azusa Pacific University and have now come back to serve the NCA community. In addition to being a staff here, I serve as the young adult leader and English ministry worship director at Christ Community Church in Glendale. I felt the Lord's call at a young age that I would spread the gospel and I plan on pursuing my Masters in Divinity very soon.

Some of my hobbies include fishing, basketball, golf, and singing. You can bet that if I'm not playing golf on a Saturday, I'm definitely somewhere catching fish! (Or at least trying to.)

I've been working at NCA for only a year now, but after interning here for several summers during my undergrad years, I've come to know, and more importantly, cherish all of you!

I hope that in the coming years I will get to know you all more and more.

Calendar

Items

May 2017



- 8th Grade Graduation Trip to Pismo Beach (4/30-5/2)
- 5th Grade Graduation Trip to Palm Desert (5/3-5/5)
- IB Testing (5/3-5/5)
- Middle School Dance (5/4)
- Teachers Appreciation Week (5/1-5/5)
- SAT Administration (5/6)
- Final Exams (5/15-5/17)
- Senior Week Events (5/16-5/18)
 - Senior Breakfast (5/16)
 - Senior Beach Day (5/17)
 - Senior Night at Six Flags (5/18)
- HS Prom (5/17)
- Commencement & End-of-the-School-Year Celebration (5/18)