Adoption Knowledge Affiliates (AKA) Presents:

Being Adopted, Meeting the Birth Family & Adopting: One Man's Life Experience and Knowledge of Adoption
By FCC Member, Michael Davolt

Monday, February 21, 2011, 7:00 pm–9:30 pm

Every wonder how much to talk about adoption, if your child will wonder about their birth family, or how they feel about you and being adopted? Being open with your child, letting them be the guide to those questions and answers as well as dwelling on the future, not the past, have been my life lessons. In this meeting we will discuss my experiences to these questions and more.

Born in 1970, Michael Davolt was adopted into his family as a baby. He was raised by his mother with an older sister, who was also adopted at birth, and a younger brother that was born from his adoptive parents just a year after he joined the family. It was in 1996 that a strange phone call was received one morning at work and led to the meeting of his birth family and birth sister, who was born just a year after he was adopted. In 2002 Michael was married to Denise Hernandez and with the desire to adopt their first child they adopted Zoey from China in February of 2006. Having loved this experience and wanting to help as many children as possible, Michael and Denise decided to adopt from China again. Well, adoptions from China have changed dramatically and led to the adoption of their son Ty from Ethiopia in November of 2009. Today they live happily in Round Rock, TX and following in the footsteps of Michael's family, are expecting a child in June 2011, but still hold hopes of adopting from China… well some day.

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All meetings are held at the **Westover Hills Church, 8332 Mesa, Austin, TX** on the third Monday of each month. Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m., followed by discussion groups for birth families, adopted people, and adoptive/ prospective adoptive parents. If you have a topic that you would like to see presented at a future meeting, please let us know.

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