

APRIL 2018

GRACE MONTHLY

*"For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing,
but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."*

1 Corinthians 1:18



Living on a Firm Foundation

by Nicole Kwon

In the last week of March, GEM and CLAY Youth came together for their annual Student Discipleship Retreat. It was three days filled with lots of fun and blessings. I took advantage of being cut off from all my external distractions to take the time to reflect on myself and my personal walk of faith. I've personally struggled with my faith, especially in the last month. I was being pulled in every which way with dance, school, and universities. I was being spread out thin and found myself becoming overcome with stress and exhaustion. During our morning devotional, we meditated on Ephesians 6:10-13. I felt that God really put verses 10 and 11 on my heart: "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil." My prayer is that I will be able to put my trust in God and truly find physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual strength in our Father.

The bridge of the song, "Build My Life" by Housefires says, "I will build my life upon Your love, it is a firm foundation. And I will put my trust in You alone and I will not be shaken". Ultimately, this is my goal. Instead of building my life around my wants, my desires, my goals, I want to build my life upon God's love. There is no firmer foundation than God's amazing and unconditional love. My hope and prayer is to live with the kind of spiritual discernment that would lead to me live my life for God.

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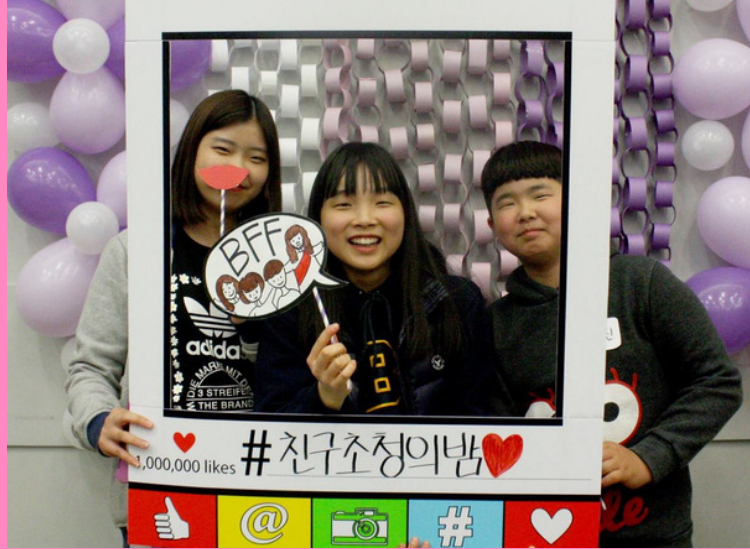
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MARCH HIGHLIGHTS

On Friday, March 16th, CLAY and GEM Youth hosted two separate events. Both events involved inviting students outside of Grace Youth to join our Friday Youth Night. Through these events, many students were challenged to step out of their comfort zones to greet and welcome new people into our Grace Youth family.

FRIENDS' NIGHT OUT!

CLAY Youth held a special event titled, "Friends' Night Out". For this event, students were encouraged to bring at least one friend from outside of Grace Youth to join them for a night of fellowship. They had a pizza dinner, played a few games, and watched several performances prepared by the leaders as well as the students. It was a special evening for students to spend time with friends whom they normally wouldn't spend time with at church.



"BLESSED"

In GEM Youth, the grade 6s from His Transformers were invited to join our Praise & Prayer Night for the first part of their annual "Choice" event. They spent the time together in worship, as well as blessing one another through prayer.

STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

GEM and CLAY Youth had a joint Student Discipleship Retreat from March 26-28. The theme of the retreat was, "The Power of God". Through the messages given by Pastor Phil and Pastor Josh, the students reflected on how the power of the cross and the power of God in us should impact our lives, as well as the lives of those around us,

They also had times for team building, sharing, and brainstorming new ideas to implement in the youth group. We look forward to sharing these ideas with you soon!



Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for the parents who continue to provide delicious snacks for our Friday Youth Nights! We are extremely grateful for the parents who support our ministry in different ways.
- **Praise** God for the many students that joined our "Friends' Night Out" and "Blessed" events! **Pray** for good follow-up for any students that may have joined us for the first time.
- **Praise** God for an amazing time that many students had at KOSTA! **Pray** that these students will take the time to process what they learned, and that the Word of God will bear fruit in their lives.
- **Praise** God for a fruitful Student Discipleship retreat! Continue to **pray** for these students who have made the commitment to serve their peers in Grace Youth, that they will serve out of an overflow of their love for God.
- **Pray** for the 24 students who are getting baptized and/or confirmed on Easter Sunday. **Pray** that their faith will grow deeper and that they will continue to be transformed and renewed in Jesus Christ.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sunday, Apr 1st Easter Baptism

Friday, Apr 6th (GEM) Fellowship Night
(CLAY) Praise & Prayer Night

Friday, Apr 13th Friday Youth Night

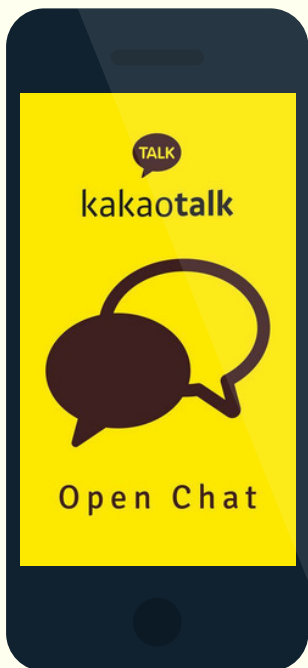
Friday, Apr 20th Friday Youth Night

Friday, Apr 27th Friday Youth Night

New!

JOIN GEM and CLAY Youth's

OPEN CHAT



Grace Youth is using **Kakaotalk open chat** as a "notice board".

By joining the chatroom, you will be notified about Grace Youth's upcoming events and important alerts on your mobile device. You can join or leave the room at any time.

TO JOIN:

1. Open your Kakaotalk app to the "chats" section.
2. Under the option to create a **new chatroom**, select "**Open Chat**".
3. **Search** "GEM Youth" or "CLAY Youth".
4. **Select** the chatroom that appears, and click "Join Group Chat".
5. Enter the **room code***

**For security, we will not provide the room access code here.
Please ask a leader, or come ask for it at the Welcome Booth.*

REMARKS:

- *As these chatrooms involve many participants, we kindly request that you keep responses to a minimum, unless it is a question.*
- *The notices will be posted mostly in Korean only.*