

APRIL 2019

# GRACE MONTHLY

*"We live by faith, not by sight"*  
*2 Corinthians 5:7*



## Re-fueling My Faith

by Ted Byun

My faith is like a car. From time to time, I would "re-fuel" my faith by going on the Lummi mission trip, summer retreat, Kaleo, and other activities. I have many opportunities where I am reminded again about the purpose of my life and what my faith is for. For many of us, too, these are the times we often take to assess what our faith is dependent on, and decide whether we will continue pursuing our faith, or strive after our personal desires and goals.

Last month, I had the opportunity to attend the GEM Student Discipleship retreat. I was privileged to learn how to "walk by faith" (the theme of the retreat). It helped align my faith to the Word of God and understand the relationship between faith and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

One particular thought that I pondered upon during the retreat was that our faith does not need to be perfect and cannot be perfect. Before the retreat, I had a different perspective about faith. I had thought that a constant reminder of who Jesus is and what He did for us can lead to having perfect faith. The retreat provided me with an environment with minimal distractions; our electronics were taken away, which prevented us from browsing through social media, playing games, or communicating with our friends, to solely focus on God. In my attempt to walk by faith during the 3 days of the retreat, I came to the recognition that faith simply starts from my attitude and simultaneously relying on the Gospel.

Perhaps, God is more evident in these kinds of times, but ultimately we are in control of our own steering wheel deciding which paths to drive on. I pray that we will grasp the importance of faith, how it impacts our everyday life, and make the right choices to fight the good fight against any distractions and struggles that hinder us from growing in our faith.

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# MARCH HIGHLIGHTS



## NEWCOMER WELCOME EVENT

To welcome and get to know the newcomers that joined GEM Youth in the last few months, the GEM Youth student discipleship Care team hosted a Newcomers Welcome Event on Friday, March 1st. A total of 8 newcomers came out on the night of the event! They had dinner together, played some games and activities, and also got a brief introduction to who we are as Grace Youth and how to get more involved.

To all the newcomers, thank you for joining us! We are glad to have you as a part of our family!



## PRAISE & PRAYER NIGHT

On Friday, March 8th CLAY and GEM Youth came together for a joint Praise and Prayer Night, led by GEM Youth. The focus for the night was on the verse Matthew 7:7.

Students were asked to think about three different kinds of prayers:

1. Prayers that they've prayed before, but God never answered.
2. Prayers that they've wanted to pray, but forgot to pray for.
3. Prayers that they have on their hearts, but haven't yet prayed to God.

Students spent some personal time to pray these prayers, as well as some time to pray for their friends' and peers' prayer requests.

*"Ask and it will be given to you;  
seek and you will find;  
knock and the door will be opened to you."  
Matthew 7:7*

## GENDER-SPLIT FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT

3월 15일 금요일 CLAY 학생부 친구들은 여학생들과 남학생들이 따로 모여 다양한 액티비티를 통해 서로에 대해 더 알아가는 시간을 가졌습니다. 여학생들은 함께 slime도 만들고 게임도 하고 대화도 나누며 교제를 나눴습니다. 남학생들은 같이 다양한 게임을 하면서 우정을 쌓았습니다. 앞으로도 우리 학생들이 하나님 안에서 서로 더 친해지며 믿음의 동역자로 성장해 갈 수 있도록 함께 기도해주세요.





# MARCH HIGHLIGHTS cont'd

## STUDENT DISCIPLESHIP RETREATS

During the spring break weeks, GEM and CLAY Youth discipleship students went on a retreat from March 18-29 and March 25-27, respectively. The theme for the GEM discipleship retreat was "Walking by Faith" (2 Corinthians 5:7). Through the morning devotionals, general sessions, and discussions in accountability groups students learned and unpacked what it means to "live by faith and not by sight".

The theme of the CLAY retreat was "Loving the Lord with Heart and Mind", focusing on John 16 and 21. They did an inductive Bible study on those two chapters to learn and meditate on what it means to love God with our heart and with our mind.





## Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for the fruitful time that the discipleship students had at the retreats! Many students came back challenged to live out their faith and share what they learned with others. Please continue to **pray** for the students that, through their continued involvement in student discipleship, they will continue to grow and mature in their faith.
- **Pray** for the students who will be getting baptized this year on Easter Sunday. **Pray** that, as they declare their faith in Jesus and commit their life to Him, they will be faithful in living by God's Word personally as well as in community with a family of believers.
- **Pray** for the sign-up for summer missions trips that will soon begin, that God would move in the hearts of the students to serve at Lummi and Duncan this year.

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR APRIL

### Friday, Apr 5th

(GEM) Grade 7-9 Friday Youth Night  
(CLAY) Friday Youth Night

### Friday, Apr 12th

(GEM) Grade 10-12 Friday Youth Night  
(CLAY) Board Game Night

### Sunday, Apr 14th

(GEM) Parents Meeting

### Friday, Apr 19th

Good Friday (No Friday Youth Night)

### Sunday, Apr 21st

Easter Baptism

### Friday, Apr 26th

(GEM) Friday Youth Night  
(CLAY) Outing

*Events are subject to change. Make sure to keep up with our latest updates on our **website** or join our **Kakaotalk open chatroom**.*

# LUMMI MISSION TRIP

## JUL 6-13, 2019

For students who are interested in going on the mission trip to Lummi this year, they must **register and submit the full payment (\$430 USD) by Sunday, April 21st.**

Registration Deadline: **APR 21st**