

DECEMBER 2017

# GRACE MONTHLY

*"For we live by faith, not by sight."  
2 Corinthians 5:7*



## Living by Faith

by Peter Kim

Has anyone been feeling lost in their school life, family life, and even in your walk with God? For me, I can say that I have felt this way several times already in this new academic year. When we feel like we are walking through a foggy road with nothing in sight, I urge you to think about this:

Pastor Josh talked about faith and strength throughout the 'Selah' sermon series. In Psalm 84:5 it says, "blessed are those whose strength is in you," showing that our faith should be in God, and that we can be confident in His power. We do not need to be anxious about our future because we know no one is greater than God, and He is always in control.

This faith is where our strength comes from, and you can be assured that it is the best place to put your faith. Although it may sometimes seem that God is not working in your life and you feel it's difficult for you to put your faith in Him, just remember 2 Corinthians 5:7, which reads, "For we walk by faith, and not by sight." Even if we feel like we can't see where we are going, by putting our complete trust in God, we can still continue moving forward.

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# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

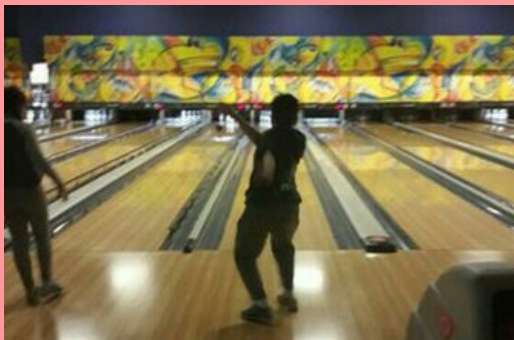


## SMALL GROUP OUTINGS

A few of the GEM Youth small groups went on an outing in November! On Friday, November 3rd, the grade 7s had a sleepover at church, where they spent time in fellowship through games and food. They also spent some time in worship and praying for one another.



The grade 8 boys went bowling on Sunday, November 12th. Their bowling lane stopped working after the first game, but they still had a great time!



## NEWCOMER WELCOMING

CLAY Youth는 11월 3일에 새신자 환영회를 했습니다. 학생들이 새로 온 친구들을 위해 이벤트를 꾸몄습니다. 학생들이 새친구들을 초대하고 데코레이션, 영상과 음악, 게임을 열심히 준비했습니다. 학생들이 이번 이벤트를 준비하면서 섬김에 대해 많이 배웠습니다. 하나님의 은혜로 13명의 새친구들이 왔고 함께 맛있는 저녁을 먹고 재밌는 게임들을 통해 많이 친해지는 계기였습니다.



## A STUDY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

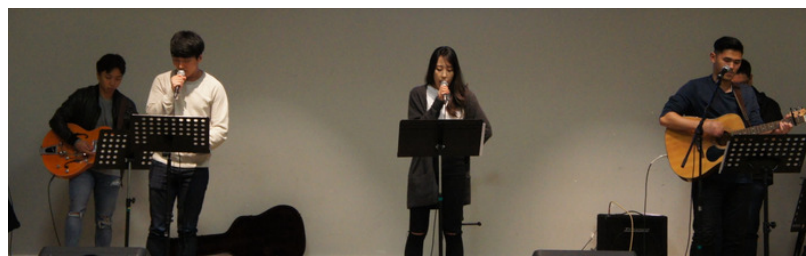
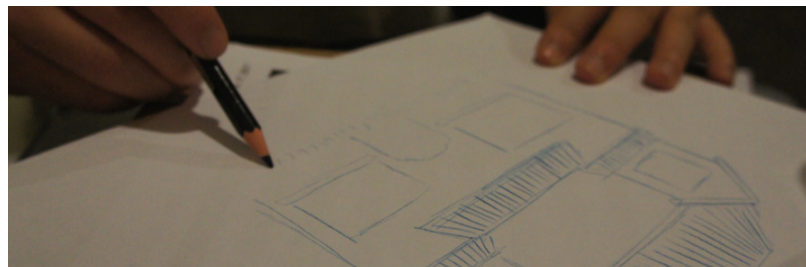
10월에 이어서 11에도 CLAY 학생들은 성경에 쓰여진 대표적인 이야기들을 배웠습니다. 아브라함과 이삭 그리고 10가지 재항에 대해 듣고 배우며 우리를 향한 하나님의 사랑을 확인하는 시간이었습니다.



# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D

## LEADER-LED FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT

GEM Youth's Friday Youth Night on November 17th was planned and led entirely by the small group leaders. The leaders divided their roles to prepare for the games, worship, and spiritual activity. With a focus on the sermon series, "Selah: Responding to the Presence of God", students had a chance to do an inductive Bible study on Psalm 84 and respond through a creative medium such as letter-writing, sculpting, and drawing.



## Praise & Prayer

- Congratulations, Pastor Phil and Selena! Their baby boy, Ian, was born on Wednesday, November 29th. **Praise** God that the mom and baby are both healthy and well. **Pray** for Pastor Phil and Selena for wisdom and joy as they enter this new life stage as first-time parents.
- **Pray** for the GCC Christmas Celebration Night and Kaleo events that will be happening during the Christmas season. **Pray** that God will be praised and glorified as we celebrate the birth of our King and bless the local community.



# In the Manger

## ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

This year's Advent begins on December 3rd. Beginning on December 4th, we will be going through a daily devotional reading from a book titled, "In the Manger" by Max Lucado.

Each day's devotional will be posted on the Grace Youth website.

- 4th **Isaiah 9:6** "God Came Near"
- 5th **Luke 1:30-31** "With God, Nothing is Impossible"
- 6th **Matt 1:20** "Who Would Believe it?"
- 7th **Luke 1:38** "Christ in You"
- 8th **Matthew 1:18** "Conceived by the Holy Spirit"
- 9th **Luke 2:4-6** "Pacing Outside the Stable"
- 10th **Matt 1:22-23** "Searching the Night for a Light"
- 11th **Luke 2:8-9** "God Dances Amid the Common"
- 12th **Luke 2:10-11** "Linger Near the Manger"
- 13th **Luke 2:13-14** "The Face of the Infant-God"
- 14th **Gal 4:4-5** "Mary's Prayer"
- 15th **Luke 2:34-35** "Joseph's Prayer"
- 16th **John 1:10-11** "Too Busy to Notice the Impossible"
- 17th **John 3:16** "How Long His Love Lasts"
- 18th **Luke 2:15** "Seeing Jesus"
- 19th **Matt 1:21** "Too Majestic for Words"
- 20th **Eph 3:17-19** "What Love Does"
- 21st **John 1:14** "Be Numbered Among the Searchers"
- 22nd **Luke 2:19** "Bloodstained Royalty"
- 23rd **2 Cor 8:9** "A Sacred Delight"
- 24th **1 John 3:1** "Come and Behold Him"
- 25th **2 Peter 1:16** "A Glimpse of His Majesty"

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

- Friday, Dec 1st** Christmas Celebration Practice
- Friday, Dec 8th** Christmas Celebration Practice
- Friday, Dec 15th** Christmas Banquet
- Friday, Dec 22nd** GCC Christmas Celebration Night
- Thursday, Dec 28th** Kaleo



### TICKETS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET



can be purchased for \$2 at the Welcome Booth on Dec 3rd & 10th  
(\$5 at the door)