

DECEMBER 2018

GRACE MONTHLY

"He must become greater; I must become less."

John 3:30



Less of Me, More of You

by Annie Hong

As many of us are wrapping up our first semesters in school, Christmas is right around the corner. Through our Friday Youth Night's discussion on "Building My Life in Christ" we learned that we were made to bring worship to God, and through the Sunday sermon series on "True Friendship" we realized the importance of having committed, sacrificing, and encouraging friendships in God.

Nowadays, we spend the majority of our time focusing on academics and striving towards our own successes. And with all the busyness in our lives, it's so easy to get wrapped up in life, to the point where we're not deepening our faith. But I believe that the Christmas season is the best time for us to shift our focus back on God. He has His arms wide open waiting for us to run back to Him. When we think of God more than ourselves, we start to ask questions such as, "What does God want me to do," and "How does He want me to shine His light to those around me?"

When I set aside time to really think about my relationship with God, it helps me immensely to focus more on God and less on myself. By listening to His voice we find hope and true purpose in life that is more than just about ourselves. As we strive towards the new year of 2019, I hope that we will continue to walk in Christ and sing like the saved, for Christ has already come and we are living in the day of salvation. So as children of God, let us become more aware of His heart, keeping Him first in our daily lives.

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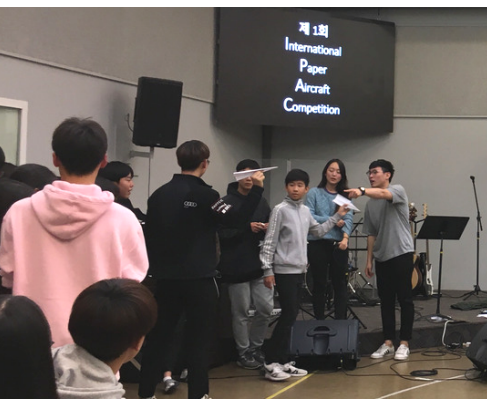
PRAISE & PRAYER NIGHT

CLAY and GEM Youth had their first joint Praise & Prayer Night on Friday, November 2nd, led by CLAY Youth. We had an extended time of praising through song, a short sermon, and a time to share and pray with one another.

The next joint Praise & Prayer Night will be on March 8, 2019, led by GEM Youth.

ONE-NIGHT RETREAT

금요일 11월 9일에 CLAY 친구들은 교회에서 One Night를 했습니다. 금요일 6시반부터 토요일 오전 8시까지 학생들은 맛있는 밥을 먹고, 하나님께서 1년동안 보내주신 선생님들을 더 깊이 알아가는 시간을 갖고, 하나님을 열정적으로 예배하고, 재미있는 액티비티들을 하는 시간을 가졌습니다. 우리 학생들이 날마다 더 하나님을 사랑하고 열린 마음으로 선생님들의 가르침과 조언들을 마음에 세기고 실천하는 친구들 될 수 있도록 함께 기도해주세요.



SMALL GROUP OUTINGS

A number of small groups in GEM had an outing in the past month. Here are some photos showing how they spent their time together!



NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS cont'd

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PRACTICES

We started practicing for our Christmas Celebration Night performances! Grace Youth will be doing three performances at the Christmas Celebration Night on Friday, December 21st: worship dance, choir, and skit.



Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for the parents and leaders who support our Grace Youth ministry by providing snacks! We are grateful to be able to begin each of our Friday Youth Nights with a time of fellowship through food.
- **Pray** for the preparation and execution of the Christmas Celebration Night performances, that students will glorify God through their acts of celebration and worship!
- Please **pray** for the Kaleo outreach that is planned for the end of December. **Pray** that students will become the active hands and feet of Jesus Christ to provide hope and help to those who are in need of physical as well as spiritual restoration in their lives.

GEM YOUTH
CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Bethlehem Homecoming

DEC 14, 2018 @ 7PM IN VISION HALL
DRESS CODE: NATIVITY-THEMED

Tickets are being sold at a minimum of **\$2 each**.

All proceeds from the ticket sales will go towards supporting a family in need through the Surrey Women's Centre.

CHRISTMAS
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BANQUET
FOR CLAY

Dec 14, 2018 @ 6:30pm in Shalom Hall

For students who want to do a **performance** for the banquet, please **sign up!**

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR DECEMBER

Friday, Dec 7th Christmas Celebration Practice

Friday, Dec 14th Christmas Banquet

Friday, Dec 21st Christmas Celebration Night

Friday, Dec 28th Kaleo

Events are subject to change. Make sure to keep up with our latest updates on our [website](#) or join our [Kakaotalk open chatroom](#).

Advent Devotional

Waiting Here For You

In the month of December during the season of **Advent**, we take a few minutes each day to reflect and meditate on Jesus, the Messiah. Journey with us through this devotional! The full devotional is posted on our website.

WEEK ONE *hope*

3rd Galatians 4:4–5

6th Isaiah 61:1–3

4th Lamentations 3:26

7th Isaiah 53:3–6

5th Isaiah 30:15, 18

8th Psalm 27:7–14

WEEK TWO *peace*

10th Psalm 27:1–6

13th Isaiah 40:27–31

11th Isaiah 43:18–19

14th Psalm 46:10–11

12th Psalm 135:13

15th Ps 23:4, 1 Cor 15:55–56

WEEK THREE *joy*

17th Ps 127:1–2, Js 1:71

20th 2 Peter 3:8–9, 13–16

18th Psalm 40:1–5

21st Philippians 2:5–11

19th Romans 8:1–4

22nd Isaiah 9:2–3, 6

WEEK FOUR *love*

24th Psalm 8:9