

FEBRUARY 2020

GRACE MONTHLY

"Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings."

Psalm 17:8



Apple of My Eye

by Emma Kim

As the first month of the year has come to a close, I look back to see just how quickly it flew by. Although we've already entered into the new year, I'm still finding myself reflecting on what 2019 was like and quite frankly, the past few months have definitely been a challenge. I struggled with setting my priorities straight and in the middle of a busy season, I found myself doing everything else except trying to fix my distanced relationship with God. However, in the back of my mind, I always knew that something had to change.

During the past few weeks, I've been meditating on Psalm 17:8 and here, David lifts up a prayer to God while he is in great distress. He writes, "Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings." Through this verse, God showed me that I must shift my focus and keep Him as the apple of my eye, just as David asked God to do so. This phrase, "apple of my eye," means to cherish someone or something above all others.

So, here is my question to you - **what are you cherishing the most, above all others** in this season of your life? Is it your family? Friends? Academics? Well, regardless of what it may be, I hope that God will become our number one because once we learn to fix our focus on Him, everything changes. Our attitude begins to change and we become more aware of how He is moving in each of our lives. Through this, He shapes us and ultimately, we enter into a beautiful, loving, and more intimate relationship with our God.

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GODLY PRAYER

To start off the new year, CLAY Youth had a Praise & Prayer Night for their first Friday Youth Night of 2020. They focused their prayers and praise around the theme, "Godly Prayer". Students had a reflective time meditating on what that means and what that looks like.

NEW YEAR REFLECTIONS

GEM Youth started their first 2020 Friday Youth Night by reflecting on the year 2019, and looking forward to the year 2020 based on the GCC's annual theme: "Let all the ends of the earth fear Him". Some of the questions they pondered on were, "Thinking about the year 2019, list some things that you are thankful for" and, "This year, what will it take for you to become someone who loves and fears God?"



Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for protecting us through the icy cold weather conditions in early January. Please **pray** for healing and recovery for those who are still feeling ill from the flu and various cold symptoms.
- The leaders serving in CLAY and GEM Youth will be attending a leaders retreat this month. **Pray** that they will enjoy a Spirit-filled time of worship, learning, sharing, and resting.
- Now that we are in the month of February, the students have entered into the latter half of their school year. **Pray** that God would give them strength and wisdom to finish the school year well, in a way that honours Him through their studies as well as in their relationships.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Friday, Feb 7th (CLAY) Board Game Night
(GEM) Friday Youth Night

Friday, Feb 14th (CLAY) Gender-split Friday Youth Night
(GEM) Bro & Sis Appreciation Night

Friday, Feb 21st (CLAY) Friday Youth Night
(GEM) NO Friday Youth Night

Friday, Feb 28th Friday Youth Night

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

F A Q



"What is Brothers & Sisters Appreciation Night?"

Our ideas about "love" is largely affected by the things we see in media. And more often than not, the sacred and intimate aspects of a love relationship is dramatically blown out of proportion. At GEM Youth, we want students to gain a healthy perspective about what it means to love someone of the opposite gender. Our desire is that students will first and foremost learn to love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, before they see each other in any other way. With this aim, every year near Valentine's Day, GEM Youth holds a "brothers and sisters appreciation night" to bless one another and "appreciate" the relationships that God allows us to have as brothers and sisters, and as His beloved children.

Enjoy some photos of this event from past years, on the right!

from the archives



THE GOD WE KNOW

Can we ever know God fully? The answer is, no. As finite, limited human beings, it is impossible for us to grasp or even describe who God is to its full magnitude. However, God possesses attributes by which we can know about Him, even if it's only in part.

An "attribute" is something that God has revealed to be true about Himself. He holds attributes that are both *incommunicable* (qualities possessed by God alone) as well as *communicable* (qualities that humans can also possess). It is essential for us, as Christians, to have the right knowledge about God because everything we do stems from our understanding of who God is; it is the basis of our practical Christian living.

The following is a list of some of the **incommunicable** attributes of God. *Can you match each of them with its correct definition?*

SOVEREIGN ●

- Above and beyond all things. Unlike any other thing we know.

OMNISCIENT ●

- Ruler of all things. Everything that exists, exists under God's rule and authority.

TRANSCENDENT ●

- Unchanging.

IMMUTABLE ●

- Not bound by time; has no beginning and no end.

ETERNAL ●

- Knows all things perfectly, and all things past, present, and future.

The answers will be revealed in our next newsletter!