

JANUARY 2020

GRACE MONTHLY

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Colossians 3:23-24



The Bigger Picture Perspective

by Christina Park

Each day consists of time to fill up; people to meet; applications to complete; church to go to; a club to take care of. I thought about how burnt out I had felt, as if there was no purpose in the daily actions of life when all they culminated in was stress and trouble. Yet, looking back upon this past year, I realize that it was not the doing that mattered - the outward appearances of going to places and serving - it was about how I affected people, and the intention I had when doing these things.

Colossians 3:23-24 says, "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward." Thinking deeper about my experiences, I realized that they had actually turned out well. Even though I made mistakes, through the incidents I encountered and the people I met, I have been encouraged, forgiven, and have not fallen short in anything that I need. I guess this is what it means by "grace".

When the clock strikes twelve for the new year, I often think about what "I" have achieved and what "I" will achieve. But I remind myself that in doing my best to live for God, strength comes from believing that "He" will turn everything beautiful in its time. As I continue pursuing things in 2020, this is the trust that I carry, and I challenge you to do so as well. You do not need to worry where you will end up because you will be right where He wants you to be, both in the world and in the larger scheme of things - with Him.

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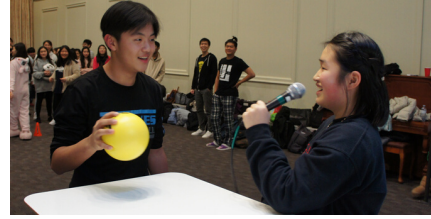
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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

THE COMFORT EXPRESS

GEM Youth held their annual Christmas Banquet on Friday, December 13th. Themed, "The Comfort Express", students came dressed in their pajamas, and shared a time of fellowship over a hot meal and activities. A total of \$223 was raised from the ticket sales, which was sent to Pastor Joey to support his missionary work in Duncan.



CLAY CHRISTMAS BANQUET

CLAY Youth also held their Christmas Banquet on the same evening. After a meal, they performed various presentations that they put together for one another to enjoy.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY WORSHIP NIGHT

On Friday, December 20th GCC celebrated Christmas as one body by coming together for worship. Pastor Kevin shared a message from Nehemiah 8:9-12, titled, "The Joy of the LORD". The joy of the Lord strengthens us when we abide in His Word!



DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS cont'd

KALEO

On Friday, December 27th Grace Youth held Kaleo, their annual year-end outreach event. GEM Youth partnered with 3 different organizations to distribute care packs and serve the people in the neighbourhood in various ways. CLAY Youth served by helping clean the church building.

In doing these outreach activities, we are reminded that missions began with God Himself; God is on mission to redeem the lost and broken, and because we were made in His likeness, we were made to join God on His mission.



Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for using us to bless the community! This past Christmas, GEM Youth collected donations to provide Christmas gifts for 2 women and their 3 children receiving support from the Surrey Women's Centre. Continue to **pray** that God will use Grace Youth to help others experience His love and care, especially to those who are hurting and broken.
- **Praise** God for the new year! **Pray** that we will all gladly receive God's blessings to love and fear Him, so that all the ends of the earth will fear the Lord!
- **Pray** for the Friday Youth Nights that will be starting up again in mid-January. **Pray** that students will engage with God's Word in a way that transforms them into Christ's likeness.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR JANUARY

Friday, Jan 3rd, 10th NO Friday Youth Night

Friday, Jan 17th (CLAY) Praise & Prayer Night
(GEM) Friday Youth Night

Friday, Jan 24th Friday Youth Night

Friday, Jan 31st 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**.*

*"God will **ble**ss us,
and all the ends of the earth will **fear** Him."*

Psalm 67:7

Let All the
Ends of the
Earth Fear
Him

God's dream is to see **all the ends of the earth fear Him** - and God desires that our dreams become one with His. *Do you desire to see all the ends of the earth fear and worship God?* This dream will come to fruition only when we first, individually, become people who fear and love God.

How do we become people who love and fear God? By first receiving the blessing that God gives to us: the blessing of knowing Him. So let us receive God's **blessing** of knowing, loving, and revering Him, so that He will be praised throughout all the earth!

Father, grant us this day a heart that reverently fears You. Anoint us with your holy oil, that we may experience the joy and blessing of knowing You, and to see all the ends of the earth worshipping You.

- A summary of Pastor Park's message shared with GCC for the year 2020