

MARCH 2022

GRACE MONTHLY

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."

Colossians 3:23-24



Serving God in Whatever We Do

by Sungjin Chung

The biggest highlight from February for me was that we finally got to go to church in person!! I'm sure I speak for all of us when I say that having events online are just not the same as having them in person. Not only that, but I also had the privilege to help lead this year's Brothers and Sisters Appreciation Night, which was fun and went very well. The only downside was that due to the covid restrictions, we were not allowed to have any snacks. Nevertheless, it was a personal highlight for me in February.

Something that I learned from helping lead the Brothers and Sisters Appreciation Night is the fact that just because I am standing on the stage, it does not make me any more important or better of a person than anyone else. I am simply acting as a servant for God and helping glorify His name. As it says in Colossians 3:23-24, "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Even people like Pastor Bessie and Pastor Park are aware that they are not any better than us just because they are preaching or looked up to; but they serve simply for God and to help us in our walks with Christ. In the same way, I believe that God has called all of us to serve others and share God's name whenever we have the chance.

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FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

"ONE BODY, ONE HEART!"

On February 11th, GEM Youth's Brothers and Sisters Appreciation Night took place! Planned by the Care Team, we all wore pajamas and the event's theme was "One Body, One Heart!" Many mini games were played like writing out the books of the Old Testament backwards, speed texting, and guessing songs. Some of the grade 12 boys ended up planking for 3 minutes in these games! The night ended off with the building of a marshmallow body. Each team was tasked with building a body part using marshmallows and toothpicks. The parts were put together, and a whole body was made. This symbolizes how we are all a part of the Body of Christ and that together we build up the church to praise God with a heart of love and thanksgiving.



CLAY WINTER OLYMPICS 2022

On Friday, February 11th CLAY Youth held their own "Winter Olympics" event! Each team represented a country and they competed at various winter games created with common household products.



FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT

Did you miss us? Being able to gather in-person again for Friday Youth Night, GEM Youth gathered in Vision Hall on the 18th and 25th of February. Both nights began with some long-awaited snacks. On the first week, the students had a time of learning about Joseph's life. They drew out snapshots of his life in panels which were beautifully displayed onto the walls of Vision hall the following Sunday. In the second week, students were grouped together into their cohorts and put together an outline of their own life. It was followed by a time of sharing to get to know their cohort members better and reflecting on the ways that God had been present in their life.

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS cont'd

LEADERS RETREATS

GEM and CLAY leaders went a retreat in the month of February, where they were able to spend time together to worship, rest, and fellowship. Considering that the last time they were able to go on a retreat was 2 years ago, it was a blessed time to connect with each other and rest in God's Word.



Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for our GEM and CLAY leaders' retreats last month; despite the current circumstances, **praise** the Lord for blessing our leaders with the time to connect, rest, and reflect in Christ.
- Let us **pray** for the upcoming GEM and CLAY student discipleship retreats coming up in March. Please **pray** for the students' and the leaders' health. Also **pray** that the students would be able to focus on God and grow deeper in their personal walk with Him.
- **Pray** for safety around the world in the midst of unpredictable hardships and trials. Please **pray** for peace as people see God's help and presence. At the same time, let us also remember to **praise** God for continuing to guide and comfort us during these times.
- The season of Lent begins this month; **pray** that we would nurture our faith as we meditate on the Word and remember Jesus' love for us. **Pray** that we may be able to reflect on the purpose of Lent and **praise** God for this opportunity to develop our intimate relationship with Him.

Lent

40 Days in Matthew

Join us as we meditate and reflect on the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus this Lent season through the reading of the gospel of Matthew.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			3/2	3	4	5
			MATTHEW 1	MATTHEW 2	MATTHEW 3	MATTHEW 4
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	MATTHEW 5:1-20	MATTHEW 5:21-48	MATTHEW 6	MATTHEW 7	MATTHEW 8	MATTHEW 9
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	MATTHEW 10	MATTHEW 11	MATTHEW 12:1-32	MATTHEW 12:33-50	MATTHEW 13:1-23	MATTHEW 13:24-58
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	MATTHEW 14:1-21	MATTHEW 14:22-36	MATTHEW 15:1-20	MATTHEW 15:21-39	MATTHEW 16	MATTHEW 17
27	28	29	30	31	4/1	2
	MATTHEW 18	MATTHEW 19	MATTHEW 20	MATTHEW 21:1-22	MATTHEW 21:23-46	MATTHEW 22:1-22
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	MATTHEW 22:23-46	MATTHEW 23	MATTHEW 24:1-28	MATTHEW 24:29-51	MATTHEW 25	MATTHEW 26:1-25
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	MATTHEW 26:26-46	MATTHEW 26:47-75	MATTHEW 27:1-23	MATTHEW 27:24-44	MATTHEW 27:45-66	MATTHEW 28

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MARCH

Friday, Mar 4th Friday Youth Night

Friday, Mar 11th Friday Youth Night

Mon-Wed, Mar 14-16th GEM Discipleship Retreat

Mon-Wed, Mar 21-23rd CLAY Discipleship Retreat

There is no Friday Youth Night on March 18th and 25th.

Events are subject to change. Make sure to keep up with our latest updates with your small group leader, on our website, or Instagram!