

MAY 2018

GRACE MONTHLY

"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

Ephesians 3:16-17



Full of Conviction

by Brandon Bae

The month of April has been a challenging time of asking ourselves about where we are at in our faith journey: Is our faith shaping the way we live? Are we tuning ourselves to God's heart? Are we having the right posture of worship? And most importantly, do we understand how much we need God in our everyday lives?

For many, these past few weeks have been stressful as AP/IB finals are coming up. There's just "no time" for God and we've been setting Him aside. Our faith journey is going through a dry season and we aren't relying on Him for strength. We need to understand that we gain strength from God's love for us (Ephesians 3:14-21). Christian hope gives us the strength to face and to overcome obstacles each day.

Lately, I've been focusing on worship and examining how my posture of worship is at church, home, school, and even during my leisure times. I'll have to admit that it's been pretty bad. If I cannot worship God in His sanctuary, how can I worship God as His sanctuary? If we tried to tune our heart to God's heart, wouldn't we encounter Him more in every aspect of our lives? I believe that to have a good posture of worship is to accept and allow God's love to compel us to live by our faith.

So, how is the Holy Spirit convicting you in your walk with God these days? In what way(s) does it show in your life?

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APRIL HIGHLIGHTS

EASTER BAPTISM

24 Grace Youth students got baptized and/or confirmed on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Congratulations! They were recognized and presented with their certificates in their respective ministries on the following Sunday, April 8th.



FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

On Friday, April 6th GEM Youth kicked off the spring season with a fellowship night. Students were divided into 8 teams to first come up with a team name and cheer, and then competed in a "Huddle-up Relay" race and "Battle Royale" games. There was lots of energy throughout the night, with much laughter and cheers. The competition for first place was fierce, but in the end two teams outmatched the rest and was rewarded with freezies!



For more photos and details from our events, check out the [blog](#) page on our website!



WORLD RELIGIONS

GEM Youth started a Friday Youth Night series on "World Religions". The series is focused on learning about (1) where our Christian faith comes from and (2) where others are coming from (ie. their faith backgrounds) in order to understand some of the different world views that people live by and how we can meaningfully interact with them. In light of this series, we watched the movie, "Risen" on Friday, April 27th. We will be continuing this series throughout the month of May.

APRIL HAPPENINGS

4월에 CLAY Youth 학생들은 다양하게 하나님에 대해 배웠습니다. 4월 첫째주에는 Praise & Prayer Night이 있었습니다. 학생들이 예배를 통해 하나님과 1:1로 만나는 귀한 시간이었습니다. 우리 학생들 삶 가운데서 매일 하나님을 더욱 더 사랑하고 하나님과의 교제가 있기를 기도해주세요. 그리고 4월 둘째주랑 셋째주에는 기드온과 다윗과 골리앗에 대해 배웠습니다. 4월 마지막 주에는 CLAY Youth 전체 아우팅으로 영화관에 갔습니다. 학생들은 교회 밖에서 교제를 나누며 세상에서, 이웃에게 조금이나마 예수그리도의 빛과 향기가 될 수 있는 기회를 가졌습니다.

Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for the 24 students who got baptized and/or confirmed on Easter Sunday! **Pray** that their faith will grow deeper and that they will continue to be transformed and renewed in Jesus Christ.
- **Pray** for the Lummi and Duncan mission teams that will begin meeting to prepare for their trip. **Pray** that the teams will grow in unity and develop a heart to serve the First Nations people with God's love.
- **Pray** for the pastors and leaders who will be preparing for the summer events and mission trips. **Pray** for effective planning, and that the administrative details will be handled smoothly.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR MAY

Friday, May 4th Friday Youth Night

Friday, May 11th Friday Youth Night

Saturday, May 12th Lummi Orientation Meeting

Friday, May 18th Friday Youth Night

Friday, May 25th (CLAY) Leaders' Appreciation Night
(GEM) Friday Youth Night

Saturday, May 26th Lummi & Duncan Team Meeting

Get ready...
for **summer!**



The summer months are approaching real quick! Are you ready?

From the end of June to August, Grace Youth takes a break from regular Friday Youth Night meetings. (June 22nd will be the last Friday Youth Night for this education year.) In the next issue of Grace Monthly - the Summer 2018 edition - we will provide you with a list of all of the summer events that we'll be hosting. For some, you will need to register in advance. If you are going on the Lummi or Duncan mission trip, **don't miss these deadlines!**

Lummi

If you registered to go on the mission trip to Lummi, your **remaining payment (\$380 USD)** is due **Sunday, May 13th**.



Trip Dates: July 7-14, 2018
Total Cost: \$430 USD

Duncan

Registration for the Duncan mission trip is open until **Sunday, May 20th**. If you are interested, make sure to register soon!



Trip Dates: July 8-14, 2018
Total Cost: \$350 CAD

*Participants are required to attend the weekly **training and prep sessions**. They will be held **every Saturday from May 26 - July 7th from 1:00 - 4:00pm**.*