

GRACE MONTHLY

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“How lovely is your dwelling place, LORD Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.”

Psalm 84:1 - 2



SELAH: RESPONDING TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD

As we near the holiday season, it's easy for us to get caught up in the busyness of school, work, or our extracurriculars. As for myself, I can definitely relate as I enter my senior year. With that said, it's not uncommon for us to push God aside at these times. Pastor Josh talks about “our dwelling place” and the presence of God during one of his sermons in the Selah series.

In Psalm 84:2 it says, “my

heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.” So even though our physical selves might be burnt out or even turned away from God, our souls actually crave the very presence of Him. It's important to not disregard this and to integrate more of God into our daily lives.

We may pursue worldly accomplishments and materialistic things, but the kind of fulfillment that God satisfies us with is incomparable. Amidst all

the noise that enters our lives today, God still speaks and moves. Sometimes, all we need is to step back and just rest in His presence. In Psalm 107:9, He promises to fill our souls with good things and all we need to do in return is seek Him.

We may feel overwhelmed or anxious, but the dwelling place of and in God is always open and available to us. Whether it be good or bad, it's comforting to know that

He extends His serenity and goodness to us in every season of our lives.

Jenny Cho, grade 12

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

BAPTISM

A total of 9 students were baptized or confirmed on Thanksgiving Sunday, October 8th. Congratulations!

The following students were presented with a certificate and gift in their respective ministries for their baptism or confirmation:

GEM

- Jihye Choi (gr 12)
- Alex Yoo (gr 12)
- Jennifer Kim (gr 12)
- Lisa Lee (gr 12)
- Brandon Kim (gr 11)

CLAY

- 방연준 (11학년)
- 도정엽 (12학년)
- 김선우 (12학년)
- 조동혁 (12학년)



“If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”
Romans 10:9

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL

This year, GCC's youth and young adults ministries hosted a Family Fall Festival for the Children's Ministries. It was an enjoyable afternoon full of carnival games, activities, and tons of food for everyone!



OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS CONT'D



Here and There for **PRAISE & PRAYER**

- **Praise** God for the 9 students who were baptized and confirmed last month! We give thanks to God for opening their hearts to receive His grace and proclaim their faith in Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
- **Praise** God for a successful Family Fall Festival event! More than 200 children came out to the event, and we are grateful for the 150+ youth and young adults who volunteered their time to make this event possible.
- **Pray** for the 80+ students in Student Discipleship. They began their first meeting and orientation on the first week of October. Pray that they will learn to serve their fellow peers with humility and the love of Christ.
- **Pray** for the Friday Youth Nights that has begun. Pray that the Spirit will equip the leaders to effectively teach the Bible study material, and that students will learn more about God and what it means to live a Christ-centered life.

UPCOMING EVENTS for NOVEMBER

Friday, **Nov 3rd** : Friday Youth Night

Friday, **Nov 10th** : Friday Youth Night

Friday, **Nov 17th** : Friday Youth Night

Friday, **Nov 24th** : Christmas Performance Practice

*Please note that these scheduled events are subject to change.
Be sure to keep up with the latest updates on Sundays or on gccyouth.weebly.com/!*

FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT

GEM and CLAY youth have begun their Friday Youth Night meetings on Friday, October 6th. This is a special time during the week where students can come together in their small groups to go deeper into God's Word, as well as develop meaningful relationships with their leader and peers. Read below to find out what each of the ministries have been learning about.

GEM YOUTH #STRUGGLES

Throughout the month of October, GEM Youth has been going through a study titled, "#Struggles", based on the book written by Craig Groeschel. The goal is to help us understand the biblical principles that life with Christ brings - contentment, intimacy, authenticity, compassion, etc. - amidst today's self-centered, social media driven world.



FRIDAY YOUTH NIGHT is held
EVERY FRIDAY from **7:30 - 9:30pm** in
Vision Hall (GEM) and
Bethel Hall (CLAY).

See you there!

CLAY YOUTH DISCOVERING GOD through the OLD TESTAMENT

저희 CLAY Youth는 올 한 해동안은 저희 학생들이 선생님들을 통해 성경에 나오는 대표적인 이야기들 더 깊이 알아갈 계획입니다. 10월에는 노아의 방주와 소돔과 고모라 이야기를 통해 하나님의 세심하심, 사랑과 죄를 싫어하시는 성품을 알아가는 시간이었습니다.



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