

NOVEMBER 2019

GRACE MONTHLY

"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart."

1 Samuel 16:7



Give Us Eyes That See

by Elizabeth Wang

At school, we have morning devotions and every day someone in my A block will share a devotional. In my class, I've known most of my classmates since the second grade and so, in my opinion, I would think that I know some of them well. Right? But - oh boy - was I wrong. A guy in my class that I've known since grade 7 went up one day to do his devotional, and what he said that day shocked me. What I didn't know was that, 10 years ago, he had broken both his legs in a car accident and unfortunately also lost his mother. Upon hearing that, I felt God rebuking me, and it was something that was on my heart for the rest of the day. Later, I went home and turned to 1 Samuel 16:7 which reads, "... **For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.**" This is what God tells Samuel when Samuel goes to anoint the next king after Saul. I felt like what God had spoken to Samuel He was also speaking to me. So I would like to challenge all of you to look at the people in your life and try to put your prejudice towards them aside. And I know that it's a very cliché thing to say, but try to look and love them the way God does. We were made to grow in community with one another, and we can only do that when we choose to see what God sees and not what our feeble human eyes see.

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OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

BAPTISM

8 GEM Youth students got baptized on Sunday, Oct 13th. Congratulations! These students were presented with a certificate and gift on the following Sunday, and were also blessed by their peers with their prayers.



SHINE FESTIVAL

Close to 100 Grace Youth and ABLE young adults volunteered their time on Saturday, Oct 19th to serve the children at the Shine Family Fall Festival. Despite the rain, it was a fun-filled afternoon for both volunteers and participants. Various carnival games, food, and activities - including a bouncy castle and photobooth - were set up around the church for families to enjoy. The event wrapped up with a time of family worship, with a message shared by Pastor Josh and Pastor Sarang.



For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," **made his light shine in our hearts** to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.
2 Corinthians 4:6

OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS cont'd

CORN MAZE

The grade 9 boys in GEM Youth spent an afternoon together in a corn maze on Sunday, October 13th. We encourage every small group to spend time together on an outing!



LUNAR FALL FESTIVAL

On Friday, Oct 25th, GEM Youth had their own fall festival themed, "Lunar Festival" or 달맞이 축제. It was a fellowship event with opportunities to explore the Korean culture through the snacks, games, and activities. Students and leaders were encouraged to dress up for the night. There were multiple prizes for the costume catwalk!



Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for an eventful SHINE Family Fall Festival! Close to 190 families came out to spend the time together in fellowship and a time of worship. Please **pray** that the children will shine the light of Jesus Christ, and that families will find joy in worshipping together.
- **Praise** God for the 8 students who got baptized this fall. **Pray** that they will deepen in their personal relationship with God and persevere even through difficult seasons of their faith journey,

NEW!

CITY CENTER 2

Grace Youth has a new space available for extended small group time on Fridays and Sundays. The availability for the **Regent Christian Academy at City Center 2** will be announced each month during our Sunday service.



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Friday, Nov 1** Friday Youth Night
(GEM) Newcomers Welcome Event
- Friday, Nov 8** (CLAY) One Night Retreat
(GEM) Friday Youth Night
- Friday, Nov 15** (CLAY) Friday Youth Night
(GEM) Praise & Prayer Night
- Friday, Nov 22** (CLAY) Praise & Prayer Night
(GEM) Friday Youth Night for Grade 7-9s
- Friday, Nov 29** (CLAY) Friday Youth Night
(GEM) Friday Youth Night for Grade 10-12s

Events are subject to change. Make sure to keep up with our latest updates on our **website** or join our **Kakaotalk open chatroom**.