

NOVEMBER 2022

# GRACE MONTHLY

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

*Galatians 2:20*



## Living By Faith

by Kiun Lee

A passage I've been meditating on recently is Galatians 2:20. In this passage, it talks about the transformation that occurs within us when we accept Christ into our lives. Looking at this message, another story in the Bible came to mind, one found in John 21:6-12. In this story, Jesus meets the disciples following His resurrection. When He meets them, Jesus is on the shore, while the disciples are on the water. When Jesus calls to them, however, they recognize Him and rush to meet Him. Simon Peter, notably, jumps into the water without hesitation and swims on ahead to Jesus. This was interesting to me because Peter was the same man who in Matthew 14:25-31 tried to walk to Jesus on the raging lake but sank due to his fear and lack of faith. In this transformation, or what you could call a leap of faith, I saw God really working in Peter, and I realised this applies to us as well.

A lot of the time, as Christians, we follow Jesus but struggle to really commit to serving Him and leading a righteous life. I, personally, allow my fears for the future and perfectionist attitude to make me lose sight of God and try to keep myself afloat in the midst of all my troubles and sin. Yet as I write this devotional, I realise that what I've been lacking is Christ. As Peter looked to Jesus and began swimming, as he took that leap of faith and aimed only for Christ, I too needed to let go of all my worries and just run to Christ. I needed to remember that "I have been crucified with Christ and. . . The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God" (Galatians 2:20). Not faith in my own abilities, but in God's. And so, Grace Youth, I pray that as we all head into this new month, that we will all be able to really let go of our fears and allow God to transform and work in us, calming the storm around us as we live by faith in Him. Amen and have a blessed November!

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# NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

## BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Two grade 11 students got baptized or confirmed this Thanksgiving Sunday, October 9th. Congratulations!



## PRAISE & PRAYER NIGHT

CLAY and GEM Youth had their first joint Praise & Prayer Night on Friday, Oct 28th! They started with pizza for snacks, then for an ice breaker they did a bingo where students needed to find a person that matches the description in a box from someone in the other ministry. After that Pastor Bessie and Pastor Alex led the worship with some time of prayer. The chapter that they focused on for this Praise & Prayer Night was Psalm 46. Pastor Bessie and Pastor Alex shared their thoughts and takeaways of Psalm 46 and little bit about their experience and the reason why we can trust God not only in the good things in life but also in hardships as well. God is our refuge and strength, the one we can trust in even the most stormy seasons of our life.



*"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD"  
PSALM 46:10*



# Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for the students who got baptized/confirmed this Thanksgiving Sunday, committing their lives to Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. **Pray** that, no matter the life circumstances, they will always depend on the Lord. **Pray** that they will be able to continue their walk with God faithfully, and surround themselves with good people to keep them accountable in their faith.
- **Pray** that during the upcoming season of Advent we will give many thanks to the Lord and spend intentional time with Him in prayer and meditation. **Pray** that we will prepare our hearts and minds to receive what He will speak to us.
- **Praise** God for letting us have Friday Youth Nights again!
- **Pray** that no matter how busy we are during this school year, we will make time for God and include Him in our daily lives. **Pray** that Jesus will be our foundation and center of our lives.
- **Praise** God for allowing us to have a nice building where we could regularly gather on Sundays and Fridays to connect and grow closer to God together.
- **Praise** God for keeping us safe and always watching over us.

RECRUITING FOR

*Christmas Skit Team!*

SIGN-UP BY NOV 20TH



**PRACTICES:**

SATURDAYS NOV 26, DEC 3, 10, 17 @ 7-9PM

**PERFORMANCE DAY:**

FRIDAY, DEC 23RD

# UPCOMING EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

- Friday, Nov 4th** Discover Seminar
- Friday, Nov 11th** (GEM) Friday Youth Night  
(CLAY) One-Night Retreat
- Friday, Nov 18th** Friday Youth Night
- Friday, Nov 25th** Christmas Performance Practice (No FYN)

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



# Season of Advent

*preparing the way for Jesus*

The word "advent" is derived from its Latin word "aventus", which simply means "the arriving or coming of." As Christians, Advent is a time of celebration where we remember the birth of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour who is our everlasting hope, peace, joy, and love.

This year's season of Advent is from **November 27 - December 24**. Our **daily devotionals** consist of a passage from the Bible, a devotional thought to help our understanding of the passage, reflection questions and a prayer item. You can find the devotional posted on our website or you can pick up a printed copies at the Welcome Booth.

*"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times."*

*Micah 5:2*

