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GRACE MONTHLY

"Give thanks to God in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

1 Thessalonians 5:18



Giving Thanks in the Midst of a Storm

by Hannah Byun

This past month, my Buddhist family members from Korea came for a visit. Knowing that they do not know Christ, I thought that this was my opportunity to show them His love. Two weeks flew by, and I mustered up the courage and talked to them about Christianity. Their response was "Hmm... Are there any temples here?" At that moment, I broke down, hurt that my family was not interested in God.

For a while, I felt hopeless that my family will never get to meet God. I couldn't see beyond the sadness. I decided that I couldn't deal with it on my own, so I sought answers in the Bible. I flipped through the passages and I came to a stop at 1 Thessalonians 5:18, "Give thanks in all circumstances, for all this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." I cried out to God, not being able to understand. I cried, "Can you not see how hard this is for me?" And His response was, "I know. It'll all be okay."

In our lives, we tend to forget that God is in control. When we are in the midst of a storm, we often only see the storm. It isn't easy for us to always be thankful to God during difficult times because we forget how much He has done for us and get caught up in our struggles. We must remember that we cannot avoid the storms in our lives, but that beyond the sadness, there is always hope. So, whatever storm we face, we must remember to hold onto our faith and thank the Lord because He never fails us and will always lead us out of the storm.

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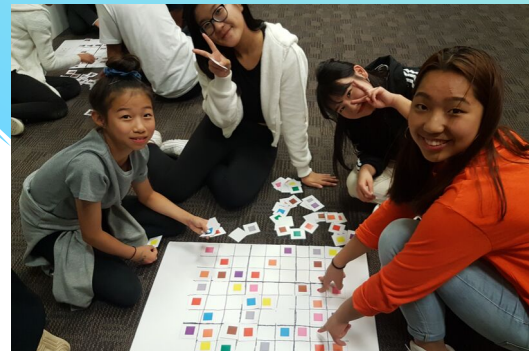
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SEPTEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

On Friday, September 27th Grace Youth held their annual Friday Youth Night launch, "Back to School Bash". It's an evening where students and leaders get the opportunity to meet one another and have fellowship, breaking the ice for the grade 7s as well. It began with a time of snacks, then proceeded with playing some team games. The night ended with a time of worship and prayer.



Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for the new education year! We are excited to see the things that God has planned for Grace Youth unfold throughout this new year. As the Friday Youth Nights have now begun, **pray** that leaders and students will develop meaningful relationships with one another, and that they will draw closer to God through their times of sharing, discussion, and prayer.
- Several students from Grace Youth will be baptized this fall. **Pray** that these students will continue to grow and be transformed into Christ's likeness.
- **Pray** for the "SHINE" Family Fall Festival that will take place on October 19th. **Pray** that the parents and children will make valuable memories together as they come to fellowship and worship as a family. Also **pray** for the volunteers who will be preparing for and helping out at the event, that God would strengthen them and fill them with joy as they serve.

Introducing...

the leaders of Grace Youth

Each year, God blesses Grace Youth with leaders who are willing to faithfully teach and serve the youth students, walking with them in their Christian faith journey as an older brother, sister, and mentor. Here are the leaders who are serving at CLAY and GEM Youth this year:

CLAY

02/03 - 엄현주 박승원 강창엽 윤영희 박상우 엄다혜 이승원

04/05 - 이준규 신유나 정상훈 문예지

06/07 - 남주형 조가영 김지우 정지윤 박종혁

Admin - 김영재 **Discipleship** - 권민서 이상윤 **Praise** - 류시원
Ministry Leader - 이준규 부장님

GEM

Hayley Yoon, Dami Kim, James Ahn - **Gr 7s**

Michelle Moon, Esther Kang, Eugene Kwon - **Gr 8s**

Alice Kim, Joyce Oh, Jon Kim, Sean Jeong - **Gr 9s**

Leah Hong, Esther Choi, Joseph Kim, Brian Seo - **Gr 10s**

Grace Choi, Julia Bae, Charles Bae, Jim Ko - **Gr 11s**

Laeya Park, Sylvia Cho, Stephen Lee, John Lim - **Gr 12s**

Admin - Bessie Lee **Fellowship** - Chris Yun **Praise** - Josh Han, Joyce Oh
Media - JD Kim **Care** - Miso Lim **Finance** - Jamie Lee
Parent Liaison - Jessica Kim **Ministry Leader** - Jay Choi

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR OCTOBER

Friday, Oct 4th Praise & Prayer Night

Friday, Oct 11th Friday Youth Night

Sunday, Oct 13th Baptism

Saturday, Oct 19th SHINE Family Fall Festival

Friday, Oct 25th (CLAY) Board Game Night
(GEM) Fall Festival

There is no Friday Youth Night on Friday, October 18th.



Is It Worth My Time?



At Grace Youth, we value **community**. We believe that it is in and through a community of believers that we grow in our faith, and get a glimpse of what it is like to live in God's eternal kingdom.



Friday Youth Night (FYN) is our weekly gathering on Fridays from **7:30 - 9:30pm**. What we do at these gatherings varies from small group discussions to game nights, outreach activities, and praise & prayer nights. As small group times on Sundays provide a limited time and space to fellowship meaningfully, we strongly encourage all students to come out to FYN. It is during these gatherings where students get the opportunity to **build deeper relationships** with their peers and leaders, as well as **spend quality time** in sharing and discussion in God's Word.

CLAY and GEM Youth generally have their FYN events separately, but come together several times throughout the year for special events.

If you find yourself asking, "Is it worth my time to go to church on Fridays?" we hope you will join us first before giving an answer to that question!

