

SEPTEMBER 2018

# GRACE MONTHLY

*"Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."*

*John 15:4*



## Trust in the Lord

by Nara Hahn

As the new school year is upon us, with our busy schedules and studies, many of us won't find it easy to take time out of our lives to spend it with God. However, as Christians, we have to keep up with our faith in every season of life.

I've spent nearly my entire summer involved with church activities so I've been able to deepen my relationship with God and keep it somewhat stable. But knowing that the school season has started, I know it'll be tough to keep my faith the way it is and trying to dive deeper. It's crucial to keep in mind that through every obstacle, I need to trust in the Lord. Although my burdens won't lessen, I know that it will get easier to overcome them each time. As an encouragement to all of us, I want to share two verses:

**"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."** (Philippians 4:6). When overwhelmed with any worry or doubt, don't ever try to solve it yourself. Instead, seek God's wisdom, for when we ask He will give.

**"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness."** (James 1:2-3) Experiencing a rocky road in our faith journey isn't always a bad thing; it actually often strengthens us and helps us fight our next battle. I hope that, through various trials and suffering we face, we will depend on God and remember how powerful He is.

Let's start well to finish well!

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# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

This summer we saw a record-high number of students participating in our mission trips and summer retreats. Each year we are blessed to have the opportunity to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in word and deed to the First Nations people at Lummi and Duncan, as well as to the people in our local community. In turn, at our summer retreats, God pours into us so that we are renewed by His Word and filled with His Spirit. The theme for this year's summer retreat was, "REMAIN: Fullness in Christ", where we learned that the fullness of life we gain comes from the things that we receive from Jesus Christ; He is the vine by which we, the branches, draw the sustenance of life. Our prayer is that, in whatever ways that each student has encountered God this summer, they would bear much fruit in their life as a result of abiding in Jesus, the true vine.

Here are some photos highlighting our Lummi and Duncan mission trips, and the summer retreats!

LUMMI



DUNCAN



# SUMMER RETREAT



## Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for an eventful and spirit-filled summer! It was amazing to see God open the hearts of our students, so that they can be more honest with Him and with one another, **Pray** that the students will continue to mature in Christ as they reflect on the things that God revealed to them throughout the summer months.
- **Pray** for the pastors and leaders who will be serving at Grace Youth this year. **Pray** that they will seek God's wisdom in planning for the new academic year, and that they will serve the students out of an overflow of what God pours into them.



# grace youth

## WHO WE ARE

Grace Youth is the name of our Youth Ministry here at Grace Hanin Community Church. We consist of two student ministries: **GEM** (our English-speaking youth ministry) and **CLAY** (our Korean-speaking youth ministry). Both ministries are for students between **grades 7-12**.

In addition to our weekly Sunday services, we meet regularly on Fridays throughout the year. Our **Friday Youth Night** (FYN) events vary from small group discussions to game nights, outreach and praise & prayer nights. Through these various events, our prayer is to see the youth grow to **be like Jesus** in heart, thought, word and action.



## OUR VISION

Our vision at Grace Youth comes from **Jeremiah 17:7-8**. The aim of our Youth Ministry is to help our students find their true identity and greater calling in Jesus Christ; to see that they were made to be **blessed by God**, so that they can grow in Christ, bearing the fruit of the Holy Spirit, **to become a blessing** to others all around the world.

Our hope is to see the youth grow into spiritually mature **disciples** of Jesus Christ. We believe that God has a unique purpose for each student. And so here at Grace Youth, we are striving to provide ways for the youth to grow in Christ, through the Word, in prayer, fellowship and student discipleship.

## UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- Friday, Sept 21st** Parents Meeting & Gr 7 Welcome
- Friday, Sept 28th** Back to School Bash

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