

SUMMER 2018

GRACE MONTHLY

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Build Each Other Up

by Alex Yoo

It is not easy to practice a consistent walk with God in the midst of finals and upcoming new seasons of life. However, even though life is never consistent with its endless ups and downs, we must remember that our faith is what keeps us moving forward. Struggle is not necessarily a negative thing; through these times we develop resilience and perseverance. Also, we come to understand that *it's okay to not be okay*, because we know by faith that God can give us the strength and comfort to overcome every obstacle in our lives.

In conjunction with turning to God for anchoring support, we should also turn to our friends, our brothers- and sisters-in-Christ, who walk beside us through our faith journey. In my opinion, there is nothing more comforting than hearing someone who is struggling with the exact same problems as you. The opportunity to be vulnerable with your faith in a supportive group is a great privilege and it should not be taken for granted.

Through events like Friday Youth Nights or retreats, we have the chance to build each other up and truly become one in the body of Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 says that we should *"encourage one another and build each other up"*, and we must do this in faith, trusting that God will carry us through all the ups and downs, together. We can't grow spiritually on our own, which is why we need to take the opportunities that allow us to grow together with God and others and truly cherish them.

As we finish out the year, remember that God is with you. He has gifted us with His love and grace, as well as a supportive and caring community of believers. So let's continue to *"encourage one another and build each other up"* in faith.

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MAY HIGHLIGHTS



"NEXT STEPS"

On Friday, May 18th, GEM Youth held a special seminar and sleepover for the grade 12 students. Titled, "Next Steps", the event was focused on helping them transition well into post-secondary. Pastor Kevin came to share a bit about his personal journey through post-secondary, and the grade 12 students took some time sharing with one another in small groups about some of the thoughts they have about their upcoming transition. The event included having a late-night meal together, playing games, and praying for one another. We hope to host this event annually for the grade 12s!



*"Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the Lord that will stand."
- Proverbs 19:21*

SUMMER OLYMPICS

The GEM Student Discipleship planned a special event on Friday, May 25th titled "Summer Olympics". 6 teams competed against each other in three different games: kickball, dodgeball, and "flipping tiles". These teams represented countries to which GCC missionaries were commissioned. Team Morocco won all three games and was titled as the winner of the 2018 GEM Summer Olympics!



PEER APPRECIATION NIGHT

5월 25일 금요일에서 저희 CLAY 학생부에서는 특별한 이벤트를 했습니다. 12학년 선배들이 사랑하고 아끼는 후배들을 위해 직접 떡볶이와 재밌는 게임들을 준비해서 섬겨 줍니다. 함께 웃고 즐기며 우리를 하나의 공동체로 묶어주신 하나님을 예배하는 시간도 가졌습니다.



GRADE 7 GIRLS OUTING

One of the grade 7 girls' small groups went on an outing on Saturday, May 12th for bowling and pho!

As our leaders take their small groups on various outings, please pray for their time spent together! It's a different bonding experience when they meet each other outside of the church walls.



Praise & Prayer

- **Praise** God for all of the leaders who have been faithfully serving in Grace Youth for the past year! It's a true blessing to have these older brothers and sisters in Christ who are willing to teach the Word of God and walk with the youth students in their Christian faith journey.
- **Pray** for all of the summer events that are happening from June to August. **Pray** that through these events, students will enjoy genuine fellowship with one another and also grow deeper in their personal relationship with God.
- **Pray** for the grade 12 students. As they prepare for their transition into post-secondary, **pray** that they will seek God's wisdom and discernment when making various decisions. Also **pray** that, after they leave Grace Youth, they will find a faithful community of believers with whom they can continue to grow and mature spiritually in Christ.
- The recruitment process for leaders for the 2018-19 education year will begin in July. **Pray** that God will move in the hearts of the right people to serve as leaders in Grace Youth next year.

SUMMER EVENTS: JUNE - AUGUST

Summer is here! For the months of **June - August**, Grace Youth takes a break from regular Friday Youth Night gatherings. Make sure to **join us for our Summer Hi-Five events**, listed below!


The exact time, location, and other details of the events (including possible changes) will be posted on our website.

JUN 22



SUMMER PICNIC

JUN 29



PRAISE-A-THON

JUL 7-14



LUMMI MISSION TRIP

JUL 8-14



DUNCAN MISSION TRIP

JUL 21

CHURCH CLEANING & AMENIDA OUTREACH

AUG 3

GYM NIGHT

AUG 6-9

CLAY SUMMER RETREAT

AUG 13-16

GEM SUMMER RETREAT

SUMMER RETREAT

registration opens June 18th!

EARLY-BIRD Jun 18 - Jul 8 @ \$120*

REGULAR Jul 9 - Jul 29 @ \$130*

*A \$20 discount applies for each additional sibling that registers from the same household.

Visit gccyouth.weebly.com/summer-retreat for more details.