

# SCCAC Youthletter

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## Preparing a Life of Ministry

By Daniel Mao

Join Daniel as he recalls his learnings at the Chinese Mission Convention 2019 in Maryland, Baltimore.

Late December, I had the chance to attend the Chinese Mission Convention (CMC) at Baltimore, Maryland. The event lasted 5 days long and encompassed more than 2,800 people representing 228 churches all over the globe. I joined the Youth portion of the convention where we had small groups, devotions, sermons, and many other activities.



“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.” (Philippians 1:29-30)

all my time in my school life. For weeks I would interact with God outside of church. He explained that having your life based on temporary objects

Throughout the convention, the program flowed along with a slogan; “Finishing the Task well, Unleashed together for God’s global glory.” In the sermons and bible studies, we read through Philippians and followed in Paul’s teachings on evangelism. One thing that stuck with me was when Pastor Geoff Ng ask, “What are the things that we live for?” This struck home to me because I had been investing

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in the world would provide temporary happiness. However with faith in Jesus would have eternal benefit. Jesus would act as an everlasting fuel in your life. Finding a place to start spreading the gospel can be hard. Geoff reminded us that ministry should be based on God. Evangelism is not only spreading the gospel, but also reflecting Jesus in our lives. Strengthening your relationship with Him will aid in your evangelism. If you don't know where God wants you to be, pray about it! Speaking about faith in front of others can seem daunting, especially with the growing skepticism. In Paul's writing he states that belief comes with suffering, but we can always find comfort in the fact that Jesus overcame that. Geoff explains that there is no need of fear in the face of opposition because we have God by our side.

## New Year's Resolutions

By Jeffery Su

A new year comes with many new changes, whether it be meeting new people or trying out new things. The Team at Youthletter interviewed some youth group members on what resolutions they had and what types of changes in lifestyle each one would make to accompany the new year, for the better or for the worse.



Yifan, a senior at State College Area High School, wants to grow in his faith with his family by reading through their daily devotions together. He also plans on obtaining his driver's license and becoming more independent by preparing for college.

Waverly, a sophomore at State College Area High School, says that her resolution is to cultivate her faith more. She also wants to improve on time management so that her academic and social life is more balanced.

Grace Yang, a 6th grader at Park Forest Middle School, says her goal would be to become more grateful and humble. She is also aiming to get 5th place or above in her Science Olympiad competition.

## Growing and Bonding at Grace Conference 2019

By Jonathan Lin

Nine youth members head to Chicago during Winter Break to participate in the annual Grace Conference.

Grace Conference was an enjoyable experience in Chicago, where a small group of our youth members went. These youth (Krista, Jessie, Eileen, Sam, Rena, Stephen, Grace L., Johnny, Grace S.) made the long 10-hour car ride to the Hyatt and Westin hotels, where they roomed with many other Asians. Throughout the four day conference, these youth went to main sessions with many different speakers and also meeting with small groups they were assigned in.



Finally, the youth listened in at Fireside Chats where many different topics were discussed (the topic depended on the age group that was present). The Conference was well organized and gave plenty of free time for the youth to chill and enjoy their time in Chicago.

“It was cool to interact with other Asian-American Christians and fellowship together”  
Samuel Li

"I think this year's Grace Conference was really interesting," Krista said. "Though I didn't enjoy it as much as past years, I still really liked the theme (Made Holy) and the guest speakers' engaging and energizing sermons. The Fireside Chats were also highly applicable to my life, so that was really useful. This year's Grace Conference motivated me to get to know God better." Overall, the Conference was an exciting and fun experience for all of the youth, allowing people from different places to interact and make new friends, all the while growing in their faith.



## JANUARY BIBLE TRIVIA

Directions: Test your Bible Trivia knowledge by answering the following three questions! The first four people to successfully submit their answers to [dxm20@scasd.org](mailto:dxm20@scasd.org) will receive a prize!

Q: To what city was Saul traveling when he encountered a great and blinding light?

Q: Finish this verse. "In every battle you will need faith as your \_\_\_\_\_ to stop the fiery arrows aimed at you by Satan."

Q: How does Judas signal Jesus's identity to the Roman officials?

## JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR

**Nursing Home Bingo Night 1/3/2020:** Youth Group High School went to Hearthside to take care of those in need. They got to show God's love through worshipping and playing bingo with the elderly. Great job guys!

**Middle School Hangouts 1/3/2020:** Middle schoolers got to hang out at a selected youth group member's home. Middle School Boys were at Sam Li's, and Middle School Girls at Grace Liu's home. This hangout for was a nice bonding time, where they got to invite friends in a laid

**Start of Second Semester 1/20/2020:** For many students, this marked the second half of the year, as well as the start to many new classes. Sadly, for high schoolers, the first day of the new semester was met with a long homeroom, in which HAC failed to load for everybody. Nevertheless, we wish all students well in this semester!

## January Prayer Request:

**School** - The third marking period has recently begun, and most students can agree that this marking period is usually one of the hardest. With all of these new assignments and tests being given to us, we may feel overwhelmed. Pray so that we may find balance and peace in our lives.

**Travel** - The Chen family has recently embarked on a sabbatical to Taiwan. Please pray for them to have safe travels, as well as a smooth transition into life in Taiwan!

**Recent News** - The Coronavirus is a virus that has taken China by storm. More than 18 million people have been quarantined in Wuhan city. Please pray for the health and safety of the denizens of Wuhan and nearby provinces.

**Chinese New Year** - 2020 is the year of the rat and January 25th marks the Lunar New Year! For those in China who are experiencing the Coronavirus and have had their festivities hindered by it, please pray for them to be able to find joy in the holiday celebrations.

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