



MESSAGE FROM THE NEW PRESIDENT (Dr. Christine Joy Tan)

May 13, 2020

Dear GCC Parents and Students, Teachers and Staff, Alumni, and Friends of GRACE,

I am overwhelmed and humbled by all your enthusiastic support, prayers, and kind encouragements in the Lord.

Grace Christian College (formerly Grace Christian High School) has a godly, honorable 70-year heritage. I am deeply honored and humbled to serve God, following in the “big” footsteps of Founders (Mrs. Julia Lee Tan, Dr. & Mrs. Edwin and Helen Spahr), and my respected Presidential predecessor, Dr. James L. Tan.

Grace Christian College’s Vision and Mission is **“Integrating Academic Excellence with Biblical Truth to Produce Global Christian Leaders.”**

Biblical Truth

This year (2020) is Grace Christian College’s platinum Jubilee year. For 70 years, GCC has faithfully maintained its strong and much-appreciated **Biblical**, Conservative, Evangelical-Fundamentalist educational worldview – under our beloved Founders (Mrs. Julia L. Tan, Dr. & Mrs. Edwin and Helen Spahr), and the succeeding President (Dr. James L. Tan). And these worthy Founding emphases will continue into the Future.

The Bible (God’s eternal Word) is the only sure foundation for faith & life, and provides guidance for the future (2 Timothy 3:15-17; Matthew 24:35; Psalm 19:7-9; Psalm 119:105). When young lives are rooted and anchored in God’s unchanging Word, they are able to successfully endure the storms of life (Matthew 7:24-25).

We affirm our *Biblical* GRACE Statement of Faith.

Grace Christian College will continue & strengthen our historic emphases on:

- Evangelism through Education, ● *Biblical* Values Education / Character Formation,
- Biblical Apologetics and Biblical Worldview, ● Christian Hymns of faith,
- Bible Prophecy (pretribulational, premillennial, traditional dispensational).

Academic Excellence

Grace Christian College will continue to strive for **EXCELLENCE** and **QUALITY** in **all** that we do – to glorify God.

We will continue & strengthen our historic emphases on:

- ◆ Languages: English & Mandarin Chinese, as well as Filipino and Hokkien
- ◆ STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math), including Robotics, Medicine
- ◆ History & Social Sciences
- ◆ Extracurricular (Music & the Arts, Physical Education & Sports, Others)

Member:



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Global Christian Leaders

With God's help, Grace Christian College will continue to nurture and build boys and girls, to be men and women, who will be God-honoring, wise, gracious, strong and courageous, able to successfully meet the challenges and opportunities of the 21st century.

I feel honored and blessed to serve at GCC, together with dedicated, wise, diligent Administration, Middle Management, Faculty and Staff, for whom I have much appreciation.

The Bible instructs us to "Render therefore to all their dues: ... honour to whom honour" (Romans 13:7). For over 30 years, Dr. and Mrs. James and Judith Tan have poured out their lives, faithfully, devotedly, sacrificially serving God at Grace Christian College (formerly Grace Christian High School).

Praise the Lord, Dr. James Tan has reassured us he will still be around. We greatly respect and value Dr. Tan and his continuing wise contributions at GCC. Let us all continue to show Dr. James L. Tan the great respect, honor, appreciation that he deserves, as a faithful and excellent servant of God at GCC.

In these uncertain times, our trust is in the Lord Jesus Christ, the "rock of ages," who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). The same God who marvelously led and provided for us these PAST 70 years – is the same God NOW lovingly with us – and whose Bible promises are before us, that we may claim for the FUTURE.

May we as a School be untiring to fulfill our mandate to *Bring a child to Christ – Build him up in Christ – Send him forth for Christ.*

My heart's desire and prayer is that – amidst these end times, may we at GRACE always be faithful and true to God and His precious Word (the Bible)...until Jesus Christ comes again.

Depending on God, may I be worthy of the sacred Trust entrusted to me at GRACE. May God use His lowly servant in His vineyard at GRACE. Thank you for your prayers.

May ALL glory, honor, praise be to GOD alone.

My Life Verse: "And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ." (Colossians 3:23-24)

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." (2 Corinthians 4:7)

Sincerely in Christ,

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