

HOW TO HAVE THE

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*Perfect  
Christmas*



***November 28-29, 2015***

**In the midst of busyness, how can I have the perfect Christmas?**

**1. By having a clear \_\_\_\_\_.**

*At that time there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon. He was righteous and devout and was eagerly waiting for the Messiah to come and rescue Israel.*

Luke 2:25 (NLT)

**2. By practicing the discipline of \_\_\_\_\_.**

*The Holy Spirit was upon him and had revealed to him that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Messiah. That day the Spirit led him to the Temple.*

Luke 2:25b-27a (NLT)

**3. By being fully \_\_\_\_\_.**

*So when Mary and Joseph came to present the baby Jesus to the Lord as the law required, Simeon was there. He took the child in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, now let your servant die in peace, as you have promised. I have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for all people. He is a light to reveal God to the nations, and he is the glory of your people Israel!"*

Luke 2:27b-32 (NLT)

# GRACE NEWS

**Discover Grace Church** - Find out who we are and how you can get connected in a fun and relaxed setting. Light dinner and childcare available. 6:30-8:30pm Wednesday Dec. 2. Call Kim Severin at 239.574.7161.

**Join an Advent Small Group** - Journey with others in a short-term group that will study the book "Sent: Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas." Find out more at the Sent Groups table this weekend.

**Christmas Orchestra Concert** - Grace Church is delighted to welcome back the wind ensemble and student choir from Florida Gulf Coast University as we host their beautiful celebration of the holidays. Event is open to the general public, and you don't want to miss it! 3pm Sunday Dec. 6 in the sanctuary.

**Surviving the Holidays** - Grief can make the holiday season tough. Find help and support in a safe place. 6:30-8pm Dec. 2 and 9 in Room 4, attend one or both.

**Grace Nurses** - Meet other nurses and talk about possibilities for serving our neighbors. 1pm Sunday Dec. 6 in Room 5 or call Pastor Cindy at 239.574.7161.

**The Joy of Giving** - This Christmas, bless children in need through Adopt-a-Child, Angel Tree, Giving Tree, or Oma's Heart. Learn more at the display tables or call Kim Severin at 239.574.7161.

# LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BASKETS AS YOU EXIT

Date:     /     /

Service Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ 1st time     ☐ 2nd time     ☐ 3rd time  
☐ Regular Attendee     ☐ Church Member  
☐ Male     ☐ Female

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Single     ☐ 18-23     ☐ 50's  
☐ Married     ☐ 24-29     ☐ 60+  
☐ Divorced     ☐ 30's  
☐ Widowed     ☐ 40's  
☐ Middle School     ☐ High School     ☐ College

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Ph: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Please update my contact information

## MY DECISION TODAY

- ☐ I said **YES** for the first time,  
and became a follower of Jesus.  
☐ I decided to **RENEW** my relationship with Jesus.

*We have resources to help you with your decision.*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

PRAY FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ Public Prayer List    ☐ For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

## SENT SMALL GROUP

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I'm interested in joining or  
hosting a Sent small group!

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://egracechurch.com/give)

-OR-

text any amount to: **239.443.5901**

An effective and time-saving way to  
give your tithes and offerings without  
carrying cash or writing checks.



**Fifth Sunday Children's Home Offering**  
will be taken today. Please use the  
envelopes in the chairs.

# SCHEDULE

## Worship Times:

Saturday @ 5pm | Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am,  
Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

## Grace Kidz/Youth

**Grace Place** (Infant - 5th grade): Sat. @ 5pm,  
Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am

**Planet 45** (4th & 5th): Monday from 6-730pm

**Octane** (Middle School): Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am

**Revolution** (Middle School + High School):  
Sunday from 5-6:30pm

## Recovery

Celebrate Recovery: Tuesday @ 6:25pm,  
Friday @ 6:45pm

# GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$25,003
Needed YTD	\$1,541,600
Received YTD	\$1,376,174

**CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE**  
[egracechurch.com/christmas](http://egracechurch.com/christmas)