

HOW TO HAVE THE

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*Perfect  
Christmas*



*December 5-6, 2015*

*This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, her fiancé, was a good man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.*

Matthew 1:18-19 (NLT)

### How can I be a peacemaker in the midst of a world of relational dysfunction?

#### 1. Live \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

*As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

Matthew 1:20-23 (NLT)

#### 2. Live \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.*

Matthew 1:24-25 (NLT)

# GRACE NEWS

**Christmas Concert** - The wind ensemble and choir from Florida Gulf Coast University returns to share their musical celebration of the holidays. Event is free and open to the public. 3pm Sunday Dec. 6.

**Oma's Heart Toy Store** - Help provide children's gifts to parents in need. Volunteers needed to set up, serve our guests, and tear down. Call Audrey McFalls at 239.989.6718.

**Choir Christmas Celebration** - Hear the story of Jesus' birth presented by our Sanctuary Choir in song, hymns and scripture. 4pm Sunday Dec. 13.

**Benefit Breakfast** - Enjoy a delicious meal in the Café on Sunday Dec. 13 that will support the Sarasota Campus launch team!

**Blue Christmas** - During this tender, candlelight worship experience, we give thanks for the birth of Christ in the midst of our need for healing and hope. Nursery and elementary childcare available. 6pm Sunday Dec. 20.

**Candlelight Christmas Eve** - Celebrate the birth of Jesus at Grace Church! Contemporary with children's ministry: Dec. 23 at 5pm or Dec. 24 at 5pm and 7pm. Traditional with communion (no childcare): Dec. 24 at 9pm.

# 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:

## OMA'S HEART

I want to help at Oma's Heart next weekend!

## 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.



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

# 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 6-7:30pm

**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	\$20,932
Needed YTD	\$1,574,400
Received YTD	\$1,397,107

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