

HOW TO HAVE THE

*Perfect
Christmas*



December 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

Celebrate Recovery - Join us Monday night at 6:45, this week is a Lesson on Hope by Michelle J. Childcare is provided.

Grace-Central Men's Fellowship will meet on Thursday, Dec. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Join us for an evening of fellowship, good food, and an enlightened Word. Guest Speaker is Judge Hayward.

Free Movie Night, Come join us Saturday, Dec. 12 at 6:00 p.m. The feature will be The Last Straw, Finding the Christmas Spirit One Piece at a Time.

Franklin Park Helping Hands invites you to participate in making Christmas brighter for a youngster who might not have much to celebrate. You can help by purchasing a safe gift for a boy or girl between the ages of 2 - 11, and bring it to Grace-Central by Sunday, Dec. 13. Also, we need volunteers to assist with the set-up and distribution of toys at Franklin Park. Set-up on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Distribution to the parents will be on Wed., Dec. 16 and Thurs., Dec. 17. The tentative time will be between 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. If you want to help, please contact Terry Rhodes or Bill Guyn, or sign-up outside the Sanctuary.

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): _____

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: _____

Public Prayer List For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

SMART GIVING

go to: egracechurch.com/give

-OR-

text any amount + Central

to: 239.443.5901

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



SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Wednesday @ 6:30pm

(Free Community Dinner @ 7:30pm)

Sunday @ 10

Sunday @ 8:30am (Traditional)

(Free Breakfast from 9-10:30am)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Grace Kids (Infant - 5th grade):

Wed. @ 6:30pm, Sunday @ 10

Youth Group (Middle School + High School):

Wednesday from 6:30-7:30pm

Recovery

Celebrate Recovery: Monday @ 6:45pm

(Childcare provided Infant-5th grade)

Recovery Meeting Schedule posted on

Recovery wall

Thrift Store:

Friday - Monday from 10am - 3pm

YOU COUNT

General Fund	
Last Week	\$1340
Needed YTD	\$146,255
Received YTD	\$116,532
Weekly Attendance	
333	

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