

HOW TO HAVE THE

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*Perfect  
Christmas*



***December 13, 2015***

*A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth.*

Luke 1:39-40 (NLT)

### **Why should I make the journey to engage in community?**

#### **1. In community, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God comes alive in me.**

*At the sound of Mary's greeting, Elizabeth's child leaped within her, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 1:41 (NLT)

#### **2. In community, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God comes alive in me.**

*Elizabeth gave a glad cry and exclaimed to Mary, "God has blessed you above all women, and your child is blessed. Why am I so honored, that the mother of my Lord should visit me? When I heard your greeting, the baby in my womb jumped for joy. You are blessed because you believed that the Lord would do what he said."*

Luke 1:42-45 (NLT)

#### **3. In community, the \_\_\_\_\_ of God comes alive in me.**

*Mary responded, "Oh, how my soul praises the Lord. How my spirit rejoices in God my Savior! For he took notice of his lowly servant girl, and from now on all generations will call me blessed. For the Mighty One is holy, and he has done great things for me. He shows mercy from generation to generation to all who fear him. His mighty arm has done tremendous things! He has scattered the proud and haughty ones. He has brought down princes from their thrones and exalted the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away with empty hands. He has helped his servant Israel and remembered to be merciful. For he made this promise to our ancestors, to Abraham and his children forever."*

Luke 1:46-55 (NLT)

*Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back to her own home.*

Luke 1:56 (NLT)

# GRACE NEWS

**ANGEL TREE ANGELS!** A Reminder the gifts must be returned this week!

**UGLY SWEATER POTLUCK NIGHT OF MUSIC** Wed., Dec. 16, bring a dish to share for a potluck at 6PM followed by Christmas music, and an ugly sweater contest!

**BLUE CHRISTMAS** Have you suffered a loss or are dealing with a challenge which makes the season difficult? You are not alone. Join with your Grace Shores family on Sunday, December 20 for a gathering offering hope and healing in the midst of pain. The chapel will be open for prayer at 5PM, and at 6 we will light candles for our loved ones, hear a beautiful message of hope, and receive Holy Communion. Invite your friends.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES** Candlelight services: 6PM with a contemporary feel, great for the entire family. The 8PM service is more Traditional, with hymns and communion. Nursery is provided for both services for children under 4.

**ALPHA CLASS** Who is God? How does the Holy Spirit guide my life? These questions and many more are answered in the ALPHA experience! The next class begins December 20 at 11:30, and will run for 10 weeks. All lunches and materials are provided! Write ALPHA on your Let's Connect card.

**DISCIPLE CLASSES** We will have two classes starting in January. If you are interested in joining a class, please write Disciple on your Let's Connect card.

# 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:

## GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

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

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

1. Scan **QR CODE** with any Smart Phone.
2. Set up an **ONLINE** giving plan with Grace Church.



**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING**  
Saturday night at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall for an open speaker meeting.

## SCHEDULE

### Worship Times:

Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Sunday at 10am (Contemporary)

### Grace Kidz/Youth

**Grace Place** (Infant – 5th grade): Sunday 9:45am

**PrE-Team** (3 - 4yo): Wed. 6-8pm

**E-Team** (5yo to 4th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

**TwEEN Team** (5th & 6th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

**Revolution** (7th grade - High School):

Wednesday from 6-8pm

### Recovery

**Sobriety Rocks:** AA Speaker Meeting Sat. 6:45pm

**A-Z Group:** Thursday 8pm

## ATTENDANCE

8:30am	10am	Wed.
45	140	42

## GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$5,990

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