

HOW TO HAVE THE

*Perfect
Christmas*



December 12-13, 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

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

Canned Foods Needed - Help stock the food pantry by bringing canned goods to church and dropping them off in the shopping cart.

Christmas in the Garden - Join us after the 5pm Saturday service for carols, cookies, and cocoa. New volunteers welcome, call Karen Yaeger at 239.898.3605. 6:30pm December 19 at 4151 Hancock Bridge Pkwy, next to Orange Grove Blvd.

Blue Christmas - During this tender, candlelight service, 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.

Saturday at the 5pm service, we celebrate the baptism of Logan Brooks Ramage born September 21, 2015. He is the son and Samantha Gregory and Roy Ramage.

The Red Rose is to celebrate the birth of Alexander Richard Phillips on December 7. He is the son of Joe and Allison Phillips.

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:

SARASOTA CAMPUS

I'm interested in helping Pastor Patti and the Sarasota launch team.

SMART GIVING

go to: 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.



The Red Rose is the celebrate the birth of Jaxson Michael Ryerson on November 19. He is the son of Craig Ryerson & Lena Hilley and the grandson of Bob & Cindi Ryerson.

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	\$41,406
Needed YTD	\$1,607,200
Received YTD	\$1,438,513

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
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