

HOW TO HAVE THE

*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

Celebrate Recovery - Join us Monday night at 6:45, this week is a Testimony by Paulette. Childcare is provided.

Franklin Park Helping Hands invites you to participate in making Christmas brighter for a youngster who might not have much to celebrate. We have need of toys (educational, developmental, or sports oriented) especially for ages 2 - 6, as soon as possible. We'll set-up for distribution on Tuesday, Dec. 15. Also, we need volunteers to assist with the set-up and distribution of toys at Franklin Park. 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.

Make sure to invite your friends and family to one of our Christmas Week services:

Blue Christmas, Dec. 20th at 6pm
CR December, 21st at 6:45pm
Wed night Service, Dec. 23rd at 6:30pm
Christmas Eve Service, Dec. 24th at 6pm

For the full Christmas Schedule across all campuses of Grace Church, please visit egracechurch.com/christmas

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	\$2,245
Needed YTD	n/a
Received YTD	n/a
Weekly Attendance	
323	

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