

HOW TO HAVE THE

*Perfect
Christmas*



December 13, 2015

At that time the Roman emperor, Augustus, decreed that a census should be taken throughout the Roman Empire. (This was the first census taken when Quirinius was governor of Syria.) All returned to their own ancestral towns to register for this census. And because Joseph was a descendant of King David, he had to go to Bethlehem in Judea, David's ancient home. He traveled there from the village of Nazareth in Galilee. He took with him Mary, his fiancée, who was now obviously pregnant. And while they were there, the time came for her baby to be born. She gave birth to her first child, a son. She wrapped him snugly in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no lodging available for them.

Luke 2:1-7 (NLT)

How can I have a financially stress-free Christmas?

1. _____ **wisely.**

The wise have wealth and luxury, but fools spend whatever they get.

Proverbs 21:20 (NLT)

2. _____ **liberally.**

Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another.

Romans 13:8a (NLT)

3. _____ **freely.**

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Colossians 2:13-15 (NIV)

GRACE NEWS

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 tonight, December 20 for a gathering offering hope and healing in the midst of pain. The chapel will be open for prayer at 5 PM, 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: 6 PM with a contemporary feel, great for the entire family. The 8 PM 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 class begins TODAY at 11:30, and will run for 10 weeks. Join us, lunch and materials are provided!

DISCIPLE CLASSES Sunday, January 10 at 11:30 AM or Wednesday January 13 at 9:30 AM in classroom 2. Interested in joining? Write Disciple on your Let's Connect card.

JOY GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY - If you are 55+ bring a dish to share and a gift to exchange and join us on Dec. 21 at noon in the Fellowship Hall! We will have fun, food and fellowship with friends.

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:

GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

go to: 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.



FRIENDS OF BILL WILSON - Join us for an open speaker meeting, every Saturday night at 7PM in the Fellowship Hall.

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.
41	160	71

GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$4,091

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