

HOW TO HAVE THE

*Perfect
Christmas*



December 20, 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 - At this tender, candlelight worship experience, 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

Contemporary songs and carols with a special program for elementary and preschool children, nursery open for babies and toddlers:

7pm Wednesday, December 23

5pm + 7pm Thursday, December 24

Traditional hymns and carols with communion, no childcare:

9pm Thursday December 24

Special CR Schedule - On Friday, December 25, Celebrate Recovery will meet from 6-8pm as open share groups for men and women (no childcare). Regular schedule resumes January 1.

Special Youth Schedule - On Sunday, December 27, Revolution for 6th-12th graders will meet at Cici's Pizza on Del Prado Blvd. from 5-6:30pm. Regular schedule resumes January 3.

Grace Navigator - Volunteer as a Grace Navigator in the Front Office and help answer the telephone, welcome guests, and provide clerical support. Contact Kim Severin, kseverin@egracechurch.com.

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

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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 and White Roses** are given by James and Linda Hall, Jaime Cissna, and Marie Colburn in memory of their daughter/sister, Kimberly Leonard, who passed away December 22, 2001.

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	\$40,760
Needed YTD	\$1,640,000
Received YTD	\$1,479,274

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE
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