

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

Christmas Schedule: For a full schedule of all the Christmas services and events at every campus of Grace Church, 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:

GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

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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.



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: All through this season of Advent, we have encountered Hope, Peace and Joy.

P: Today Belief and Love are the theme.

L: Today we will hear the story of surprising commitment.

P: We will learn of Mary and God's wonderful love.

L: Today we will be challenged to believe in all that God can do.

P: Open our hearts, Lord, that we may be ready for your love. AMEN.

INVOCATION

Lord, be with us this morning as we remember Mary and hear of the wondrous news that she received. Remind us that, like Mary, each one of us is a bearer of your Good News. We are called to proclaim hope, peace, joy, and love in your name. Open our hearts and our spirits today to receive with great joy the love that you have for us. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Sunday @ 11:30am (Traditional)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Children's Ministry Sunday @ 11:30am
(during service)

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