

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

**Celebrate Recovery** - Join us Monday night at 6:45, this week is a Lesson on Sanity by Scott T. Childcare is provided.

**Make sure to invite your friends and family to one of our services this week :**

*Blue Christmas Dec. 20th 6pm*

*CR December 21st 6:45pm*

*Wed night Service Dec. 23rd 6:30pm*

*Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24th 6pm*

**Coffee with God & The Girls** - Come Join Us Saturday December 26th at 9 am. As usual we will share in a time of devotional, time of fellowshiping and of course Coffee with Bagels!! Come Join Us!!!

**Join us New Year's Eve** as we welcome the New Year! Bring a favorite snack, side dish, or sweet treat to share. We'll gather at 8:00 p.m. and party through the Ball Drop. There will be music, games, food (of course!), dancing for those seeking some aerobic relief after chowing down, and maybe some clowning around. There will also be a CA Soberthon going on from 9pm-1am.

# 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): \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://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	\$2,010
Needed YTD	\$155,395
Received YTD	\$120,788
Weekly Attendance	
279	

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