



Word
AN ADVENT SERIES

December 3-4, 2016

MESSAGE NOTES

Word | Part 2

God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:6-9 (NLT)

How can I simply be a witness for Jesus?

1. Rest _____.

(John the Baptist) came right out and said, "I am not the Messiah."

John 1:20 (NLT)

2. Recognize _____.

So John's disciples came to him and said, "Rabbi, the man you met on the other side of the Jordan River, the one you identified as the Messiah, is also baptizing people. And everybody is going to him instead of coming to us." John replied, "No one can receive anything unless God gives it from heaven. You yourselves know how plainly I told you, 'I am not the Messiah. I am only here to prepare the way for him.' It is the bridegroom who marries the bride, and the bridegroom's friend is simply glad to stand with him and hear his vows. Therefore, I am filled with joy at his success."

John 3:26-29 (NLT)

3. Remain _____.

He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less. He has come from above and is greater than anyone else. We are of the earth, and we speak of earthly things, but he has come from heaven and is greater than anyone else."

John 3:30-31 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

Discover Grace - Find out who we are and where you fit at Grace. Sunday, December 11, 11:30 AM – 12:45 PM. egracechurch.com/classes.

Middle and High school students!

Revolution Christmas party Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 PM. There will be games, prizes, and food. Bring a side dish or dessert to share!

Prayer Shawl Ministry meeting Tuesday, December 6, 10-11 AM at The Grace Thrift Store.

Surviving the Holidays – Grief over the death of a loved one is difficult especially this time of year. Find help and support Wednesday, December 7, 6:30-8 PM in room 2 led by Pastor Cindy.

Lamplighters – Small Wonders Preschool presents, "Where is Baby Jesus" Wednesday, December 7 at 10:30 AM in the sanctuary. Potluck lunch to follow in Café.

Advent Studies - Thrift Store Small Group, Thursday mornings, December 1, 8, 15 and 22, from 10-11 AM and Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 8 PM. "The Names for the Messiah". No book required. Led by Pastor Cindy.

Time for Grace- Respite afternoon for families with Alzheimer's Tuesdays, December 6 and December 20 from 2-4 PM.

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

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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.



Sunday at the 11:30 service, we celebrate the baptism of Ariel Grace Abram born October 14, 2016. She is the daughter of Nick and Amber Abram.

Our sympathy is extended to Tim and Michele Panik in the passing of Michele's mother, Joan Crittenden, on November 23.

CHRISTMAS

FGCU Holiday Favorites Orchestra

December 4 | 3pm

Blue Christmas Service

December 18 | 6pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve - Contemporary

December 23 | 7pm

December 24 | 5pm, 7pm

Candlelight Christmas Eve - Traditional

December 24 | 9pm

A Star Wars Christmas Eve

December 23 | 7pm

December 24 | 5pm, 7pm

(An unforgettable experience for children ages 0-5th grade.)

Christmas Day Gathering

December 25 | 10am

(Worship Christ the newborn King, followed by a free brunch in the Connections Cafe.)

GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 19,333
Received YTD	\$ 1,484,866

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