



Word
AN ADVENT SERIES

December 4, 2016

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."

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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)

God's Vision for Grace Church:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.

GRACE NEWS

ANGEL TREE - Is a ministry intended to help incarcerated parents keep connected with their children. Please grab a few tags off the tree today and bless a child in our area this Christmas! These gifts are due back by December 18th or sooner. Thanks so much!

WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY - Today at 5:00PM is our annual Women's Christmas party! Bring a finger food to share and a wrapped ornament to exchange. Come and bring a friend!

COMMUNITY NIGHT OF MUSIC - Join us for a night of music and more on Wednesday, December 14th. We will enjoy a potluck at 6PM, and all your favorite Christmas music at 7PM!

BLUE CHRISTMAS - Dealing with loss can make the holidays bittersweet. Join us for a service of healing on Sunday, December 18th at 6:00PM.

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE - Celebrate the coming of Christ! Services are at 5:30PM for the Contemporary and 8:00PM for the Traditional.

CHRISTMAS DAY - On Christmas day we will have a combined service at 10AM. Come in your pajamas or in your three piece suit; just come as you are!

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.



BIBLE STUDY - Interested in growing deeper in your faith? Bible engagement in a small group setting is the best way! Join a group: Wednesday evenings "242" at 6:30PM in the sanctuary, Sunday morning Sojourners at 10AM in room 2, or the "Deeper Dive" group at 11:30 Sunday in room 3!

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

AA Open Discussion: Mon, Wed, Fri at noon.

Steps to Freedom: CA Meeting Tues. 7pm

A-Z Group: Thursday 8pm

Sobriety Rocks: AA Speaker Meeting Sat. 7pm

ATTENDANCE

8:30am	10am	Wed.	Total
47	137	n/a	184

GIVING

Shores General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 3,025

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