

# LADDERS

*March 5, 2017*



Jesus warned them to keep it quiet, not to breathe a word of it to anyone. He then began explaining things to them: “It is necessary that the Son of Man proceed to an ordeal of suffering, be tried and found guilty by the elders, high priests, and religion scholars, be killed, and after three days rise up alive.” He said this simply and clearly so they couldn’t miss it. But Peter grabbed him in protest. Turning and seeing his disciples wavering, wondering what to believe, Jesus confronted Peter. “Peter, get out of my way! Satan, get lost! You have no idea how God works.” Calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “Anyone who intends to come with me has to let me lead. You’re not in the driver’s seat; I am. Don’t run from suffering; embrace it. Follow me and I’ll show you how. Self-help is no help at all. Self-sacrifice is the way, my way, to saving yourself, your true self. What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?”  
Mark 8:30-37 (The Message)

How do I grow increasingly less self-absorbed?

1. Grow deeper \_\_\_\_\_.

Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate?  
Philippians 2:1 (NLT)

2. Grow deeper \_\_\_\_\_.

Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. Don’t be selfish; don’t try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Don’t look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had.  
Philippians 2:2-5 (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

**DINNER FOR 8** - Pick up your Dinner for 8 invitations today! Dinner scheduled for March 19th. RSVP’s due back March 12th. Don’t miss this great night of fellowship, fun and great food.

**DAIRY QUEEN SUNDAY** - DQ Sunday is TODAY! It’s a sweet way to support our Youth. The DQ gives a portion back to the Church.

**DUAL MEMBERSHIP!!** Northern friends, did you know you can be a member of Grace Church without giving up your membership at your church back home? Since you have two homes, you can have two home churches! Write “Membership” on your “Let’s Connect” card.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASSES** – Interested in becoming a member at Grace Church? Join with others to learn the mission, vision, and values we share and where you fit in! Mark “Membership” on your “Let’s Connect” card!

**VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED!** Love retail and want to put your love to work for God and Grace Church? The Cottage Thrift Boutique is looking for people to help run our marketplace ministry. Please contact the office at 694-2797.

**2:42** – Every Wednesday! Enjoy dinner, worship, and fellowship, Bible Study or Daniel Plan! Children’s ministries are at the same time; bring the whole family! Kids eat at 6, and adults can grab a plate to go at 6:15. Worship begins at 6:30 with groups at 6:45.

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 + "Shores" to:

**239.443.5901**

(like this: 100 Shores)

An effective and time-saving way to  
give your tithes and offerings without  
carrying cash or writing checks.



**WANT TO KAYAK?** Our next outing is March 18th! Write KAYAK on your Let's Connect card and someone will contact you.

## 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
48	143	152	343

## GIVING

Shores General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 3,550

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