# THE ENCITING CHURCH—



# **MESSAGE NOTES**

# The Exciting Church | Part 4

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Luke 18:9-14 (NIV)

### What makes prayer exciting?

Are any of you suffering hardships? You should pray. Are any of you happy? You should sing praises. Are any of you sick? You should call for the elders of the church to come and pray over you, anointing you with oil in the name of the Lord. Such a prayer offered in faith will heal the sick, and the Lord will make you well. And if you have committed any sins, you will be forgiven. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results. Elijah was as human as we are, and yet when he prayed earnestly that no rain would fall, none fell for three and a half years! Then, when he prayed again, the sky sent down rain and the earth began to yield its crops.

James 5:13-18 (NLT)

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# **GRACE NEWS**

**Global Leadership Summit** - The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event to encourage leaders and help them improve their skills. Summit dates: August 10-11. To register or for more info go to egracechurch.com/summit.

**Volunteers are needed for Eat, Pray, Love dinner church** on Thursdays and a new church launching on Tuesdays. Contact Heather hevans@egracechurch.com or 574.7161 if you are interested!

Volunteers needed to prepare dinners on Saturday nights in the fall. We are hoping to form 3-4 rotating teams to plan, prepare and serve after the Saturday night service beginning in September. If you are interested, contact Heather at 574.7161.

**Food pantry ministry** is in need of Hamburger Helper, canned fruit, and canned meat. Donations can be dropped off at the table in the foyer.

Foster and Adoption - Interested in how we can better serve children and their families through a foster and adoption ministry at Grace Church? Join us at 1PM, on July 9, in room 5, to discuss the need for more foster homes, support groups for foster and adoptive families and other related topics. To register, mark on the back of your Let's Connect card "Foster/Adopt."

**Rev Week Volunteers** – Interested in volunteering at our Youth Ministry Rev Week Event? Please join us for this informational meeting in Grace Place, at 6:30PM, Wednesday, July 12. For any questions, please contact Taylor Foley 574.7161.

# 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			
$\square$ Married $\square$ 24-29 $\square$ 60+			
☐ Divorced ☐ 30's			
☐ Widowed ☐ 40's			
☐ Middle School ☐ High School ☐ College			
Address:			
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☐ 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 INFO	ORMATION ABOUT:

# **SMART GIVING**

go to: egracechurch.com/give

-OR-

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.





One last VBS volunteer meeting! This is only for those who have signed up online to volunteer but have not yet attended the mandatory meeting at which we will complete child protection paperwork and training requirements. We will meet at 1PM on Sunday, June 25, in Grace Place. REMINDER: You will not be able to serve at VBS this year unless you have attended this meeting.

**Shoes of Hope Volunteers** - 6:30PM, Tuesday, July 18, there will be a mandatory meeting in the Sanctuary. Extremely important information will be shared and job assignments will be given. Anyone interested in volunteering at either one of our two Shoes of Hope events this summer must attend this meeting.

# **SCHEDULE**

# **Worship Times:**

Saturday @ 5pm | Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am, Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

## **Grace Kidz/Youth**

**Grace Place** (Infant - 5th grade): Sat. @ 5pm, Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am

**Planet 45** (4th & 5th): Sunday at 10am **Revolution** (Middle School + High School): Wednesday from 6:30-8:15pm

### Recovery

Friday @ 6:45pm

# **GIVING**

General Fund		
Last Week	\$ 28,452	
Received YTD	\$ 813,896	