

THE
EXCITING
= CHURCH =

July 23, 2017

“My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.”
John 10:10b (NLT)

What does it mean to be an exciting giver?

1. _____ the gifts God has given me.

“Again, the Kingdom of Heaven can be illustrated by the story of a man going on a long trip. He called together his servants and entrusted his money to them while he was gone. He gave five bags of silver to one, two bags of silver to another, and one bag of silver to the last—dividing it in proportion to their abilities. He then left on his trip.”
Matthew 25:14-15 (NLT)

2. _____ the gifts God has given me.

“The servant who received the five bags of silver began to invest the money and earned five more. The servant with two bags of silver also went to work and earned two more. But the servant who received the one bag of silver dug a hole in the ground and hid the master’s money.”
Matthew 25:16-18 (NLT)

“After a long time their master returned from his trip and called them to give an account of how they had used his money.”
Matthew 25:19 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunities, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.

Passport to Peru VBS is coming July 31 – Aug 4, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, dinner included. Kids pre-K through 5th grade can register online. Volunteers needed - call Joanna at 941-621-4224.

Short term mission trip to Ghana, West Africa is now forming! Informational meeting is August 4th at 4pm. Applications are available at the info desk in the lobby and are due back by August 27th. Interviews will be Sept. 6th, 2017 with team selection Sept. 10, 2017. The mission trip will be September 16-27, 2018 with our mission partners Lawrence Beka and Michael Mozley.

Women's Small Group meets in the Conference room on Mondays at 6pm.

Pastor's Bible Study - Tuesday mornings, 7:30am at the Vamo Starbucks (8394 S Tamiami Trail).

Prayer Hour – Wednesdays, noon – 1pm in the Worship Center. Come to a quiet place to pray, pray over requests or if you are in need of prayer.

Acts 2:42 Gathering ('They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers') – Wednesday evenings, join us for dinner at 6pm followed by Bible Study. All are welcome!

Men's Group – Saturdays at 8am at the Potter's Park Pavilion.

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date: / / 1st Time Visitor

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthday: / / Male Female

I would like to meet with the pastor.

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

-OR-

text any amount to: 941.200.1515

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



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Sprout Team! The 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. The breakfast team meets at 7:30 am to set up, cook breakfast, cleanup and build relationships with our neighbors. There is another team that meets at 9:00 am to help with food distribution and prayer for our neighbors.

Join the Sunday Morning Team! We need more people on various teams for Sunday morning – Parking, Children’s Ministry, Prayer, Band, Tech (light and sound) and Social Media. Come help us with weekly Sunday services.



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