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CHURCH

August 6, 2017

MESSAGE NOTES

Stand Alone Message

As you walk into the sanctuary today, you will notice tables set up with chairs that represent small communion tables. These tables will be used as part of an experiential communion time that will take place during the normal sermon time. These seats are reserved for that time, and we ask you to sit in the other seats until that time of the service occurs. At that time, you will be instructed to proceed to the tables where we will share in a special communion time together.

What do we mean by an experiential communion time? It is the “doing” of communion in a way that creates an experience that engages our senses. As our senses are engaged in the “doing”, we are more likely able to connect with God and others at a heart level. Not only do we have the greatest chance of connecting to God and others through experience, but research shows that when we experience something, we allow for the integration of the right and left parts of our brain to heal from emotional wounds in our lives. We are wounded in experiences and we can heal in experiences with others. A final benefit is we remember through experience when the right brain is engaged. If you only learn about God from a sermon that only engages your left brain, you will quickly forget what was taught on Sunday morning. You are more likely to remember lessons about God through experience than from just hearing about God and the Bible.

We pray that you Experience God and others in new ways today as we share in communion together.

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.

Spiritual Gifts - Have you completed a Spiritual Gift assessment? If you completed it online, please share with us what your gifts are by filling out a gift tag and leaving in the basket in the Gathering place. If you completed the paper version, please see Cathy Vogel in the Gathering Place after the service.

PUT YOUR GIFTS TO WORK! We have a variety of teams that are forming or need more members. For more information on each, see Rick in the Gathering Place after the service. Some areas for you to volunteer include: Water bottle ministry, Pet blessing, Grand Opening festivities, Office/Admin, Tech booth, Children's ministry, Hospitality, Praise & Worship and more.

Short term mission trip to Ghana, West Africa is now forming! Informational meeting is TODAY at 4:00pm. Applications are available at the info desk in the lobby and are due back by August 27. The mission trip will be September 16-27, 2018 with our mission partners Lawrence Beka and Michael Mozley.

Christian Counseling will be on campus in October! SWFL Christian Counseling 360 integrates psychology and theology to provide excellence in Christian counseling. For more information, check out their website at www.swflchristiancounseling.org.

Kayaking is this Saturday, August 12 @ 9:41am leaving from Vamo Drive Park. If you need a kayaking, just let us know! Come explore some of God's beauty with us.

LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date: / / 1st Time Visitor

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____ Zip _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Birthdate: / / 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.



Women's Small Group meets in the Conference room on Mondays at 6:00.

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

Prayer hour - Wednesdays, noon - 1 pm 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 6:00 pm followed by Bible Study. All are welcome!

Faith & Fellowship bible study - Saturdays at 8:00am at the Potter's Park Pavilion.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Join the Sprout Team! The 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month. The breakfast team meets at 8:00 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.



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