Sept. 30-Oct 1, 2017

WHAT'S THE **BIG DEAL** ABOUT **COMMUNION?**

MESSAGE NOTES

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Why do Christ-followers celebrate communion?

1. Jesus ______ it.

While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body." Matthew 26:26 (NIV)

2. The first church ______ it.

They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves...sharing in the Lord's Supper... Acts 2:42 (NLT)

> On the first day of the week, we gathered to observe the Lord's Supper. Acts 20:7 (NLT)

How should I receive communion?

1. Receive it ______.

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity... Acts 2:46 (NLT)

2. Receive it ______.

Anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Master irreverently is like part of the crowd that jeered and spit on him at his death. Is that the kind of "remembrance" you want to be part of? Examine your motives, test your heart, come to this meal in holy awe. 1 Corinthians 11:27-28 (TM)

GRACE NEWS

Help for Puerto Rico- Please be in prayer for those affected by the hurricanes in Puerto Rico. Grace Church is partnering with the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) to provide assistance. If you would like to give financially over and above your regular giving to help, please indicate "Puerto Rico" on your gift. 100% of gifts go directly to disaster relief.

Charge Conference – Everyone is invited to our annual meeting where we elect leaders and conduct church business. Sunday, October 15 at 3 PM in the Sanctuary at the Cape Coral campus.

Trunk or Treat is coming, Sunday, October 29! Tons of individually wrapped candy needed! Donations can be dropped in the bin in the foyer or at the front office Monday-Friday, 8 AM-5 PM.

Christmas vocal rehearsals begin on Sunday, October 1, at 1 PM in room 7. Join us in singing for the month of December and/or for the Christmas Eve services. Attend this rehearsal for info or call Jen Strode at 574.7161.

The holidays are coming and the REACH ministry is looking for volunteers to help with various tasks. From labeling, assembling gifts, and hosting the REACH table, to setting up breakfasts! To be a part of this exciting, lifechanging ministry, contact Heather at hevans@ egracechurch.com or note on your Let's Connect Card.

Food pantry ministry is in need of instant potatoes, shelf - stable milk, mayonnaise, and strawberry jelly. Thank you for all of your donations! They can be dropped off at the table in the foyer.

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:

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.





Upcoming Child Protection Class for any volunteers who work with children that have not attended one in the last 12 months. there will be. 1 PM on October 8 in Grace Place. For more info please contact Taylor Foley at tfoley@ egracechurch.com.

In the hospital? Please let the church office know. We are glad to visit but with HIPPA regulations we often do not know.

Time for Grace- Respite afternoon for families with Alzheimer's on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month from 2-4 PM, in the youth room.

Lee Memorial Blood Center will be here Sunday, October 8 from 9:30 AM to 1 PM to receive blood donations.

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

<u>Recovery</u>

Friday @ 6:45pm

GIVING

General Fund		
Last Week	\$ 22,626	
Received YTD	\$ 1,181,920	