

== *It Wouldn't be* ==

# CHRISTMAS

*Without...*



**November 26, 2017**

## **Why shouldn't my family dysfunction ruin my Christmas?**

**1. Jesus was born \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Abraham was the father of Isaac.*

*Isaac was the father of Jacob.*

*Jacob was the father of Judah and his brothers.*

*Judah was the father of Perez and Zerah (whose mother was Tamar).*

Matthew 1:2-3a (NLT)

**2. And yet Jesus was born \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary.*

*Mary gave birth to Jesus, who is called the Messiah.*

Matthew 1:16 (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.***

**What's up with the 9:41?** Why do the church bells chime at 9:41 every day? Why does church start at 9:41 on Sunday? Matthew 9:37-38 says 'Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." We are praying for laborers and we are praying that God would equip us to be harvesters! Set your phone alarm and join us in praying at 9:41 am every day for our community, and the (941) area code.

**YARD SALE!** December 2nd, 9-noon Come do some Christmas shopping or make some extra money for Christmas by selling some of your treasures! Indicate on your CONNECT card or call the office to reserve a free spot, or a table for \$5.00.

**Family Christmas Portraits** - December 10, 11am-2pm. Enjoy professional family portraits in time for Christmas! Donations accepted to benefit the Ghana Mission Team. Register at [egracechurch.com/Christmas/#Sarasota](http://egracechurch.com/Christmas/#Sarasota) or indicate on your Connect card, or call the office.

**December 17th 7:00 pm – Blue Christmas Service** - If you have experienced a loss and this is a hard Christmas for you, you are invited to this special service for encouragement, comfort, hope and peace.

**December 23rd – Caroling and Candlelight Trolley rides 6:30 & 8:00 pm**, \$5.00 for adults, kids 12 and under free with adult. Register online at [egracechurch.com/Christmas/#Sarasota](http://egracechurch.com/Christmas/#Sarasota) or indicate on your Connect card or call the office.

# 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

I can help with the Christmas Events.

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://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.



**December 24th – Christmas Eve Morning service at 9:41 am;** brunch to follow the service.

**December 24th - Contemporary Candlelight Christmas Eve at 9:41 pm** - Celebrate the birth of Christ with traditional carols and Holy Communion.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

**Step Up** – AA meeting Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am in the Gathering Place Meeting room.

**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.

**Wednesday 2:42 dinner and small group** is taking the holidays off and will resume January 10th.

**2nd & 4th Thursday of the month** – community breakfast and food assistance 9-11 am

**Faith & Fellowship bible study** – Saturdays at 8:00am at the Potter's Park Pavilion. Coffee and donuts served during a Bible study – Church Can Happen Anywhere! Please join us or let us know if you would like to volunteer.



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