

— *It Wouldn't be* —
CHRISTMAS
Without...



December 3, 2017

MESSAGE NOTES

It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without... | Part 2

Zechariah and Elizabeth were righteous in God's eyes, careful to obey all of the Lord's commandments and regulations. They had no children because Elizabeth was unable to conceive, and they were both very old. One day Zechariah was serving God in the Temple, for his order was on duty that week. As was the custom of the priests, he was chosen by lot to enter the sanctuary of the Lord and burn incense.
Luke 1:6-9 (NLT)

How do I remain hopeful when everything is not right?

While Zechariah was in the sanctuary, an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the incense altar. Zechariah was shaken and overwhelmed with fear when he saw him. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer. Your wife, Elizabeth, will give you a son, and you are to name him John."
Luke 1:11-13 (NLT)

1. Live _____ in God.

But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah!"
Luke 1:13a (NLT)

2. Live _____ in God.

But the angel said, "Don't be afraid, Zechariah! God has heard your prayer."
Luke 1:13b (NLT)

3. Live _____ in God.

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Luke 1:13 (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.

Grace t-shirts are now available for \$10.00 each after the service in the Gathering Place. Makes a great stocking stuffer!

Would you be willing to host a small group for 8 weeks? Pastor Patti and Barb will be leading small group facilitator training on Dec 3, Dec 20, Jan 10, Jan 31, Feb 4 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Jesus was in a small group – just saying!

Dec 9 – Christmas kayaking on Saturday, December 9th at 9:41am leaving from Vamo Road Park. Bring your own kayak or indicate on the Connect card or call the office if you need one.

TIME CHANGE! December 10 | 3 - 6pm

Enjoy professional family portraits in time for Christmas! Donations accepted to benefit the Ghana Mission Team. Register at 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 or indicate on your Connect card or call the office.

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

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:

☐ I can help with the Christmas Events.

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.



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 – TIME HAS CHANGED FROM 8:00 am TO 9:00 am, Saturdays 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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