

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



*December 9-10, 2017*

# MESSAGE NOTES

## *It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without... | Part 3*

*This is how Jesus the Messiah was born. His mother, Mary, was engaged to be married to Joseph. But before the marriage took place, while she was still a virgin, she became pregnant through the power of the Holy Spirit. Joseph, to whom she was engaged, was a righteous man and did not want to disgrace her publicly, so he decided to break the engagement quietly.*

Matthew 1:18-19 (NLT)

### **How do I follow God when facing difficult choices?**

#### **1. Remain \_\_\_\_\_.**

*As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."*

*All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

Matthew 1:20-23 (NLT)

#### **2. Respond with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*When Joseph woke up, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded and took Mary as his wife. But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus.*

Matthew 1:24-25 (NLT)

# GRACE NEWS

**The Grace Fresh Expressions Boutique** is now accepting gently used items at their 601 Del Prado Boulevard N location. Hours are Monday - Friday 9 AM-4 PM.

**Advent Devotions** - Prepare your heart for Christmas with Bible study and worship, Thursday December 14, from 10-11 AM in the Grace Church Park. Led by Pastor Cindy and Taylor King.

**The Grace Kidz Giving Tree** - Just a reminder that all Giving Tree gifts are due TODAY.

**Food pantry ministry** is in need of holiday foods: stuffing, canned cranberry sauce, green beans, canned yams, marshmallows, TURKEYS, ham, and canned meat other than tuna. Thank you for all of your donations! They can be dropped off at the table in the foyer.

**Give the gift of God's Word** to someone in need. Sponsor a user-friendly study Bible for a new believer this Christmas at the Reach table.

**The Holiday Reach Team** is collecting the following items: large Christmas bows, gift wrap supplies, groceries, candy canes, frozen turkeys, hams, and large new or gently used baskets.

**Christmas Eve Hospitality Volunteers** still needed! Call or email Kim at 574.7161 ext 233 or ksnyder@egracechurch.com.

**Congratulations** to Thomas and Danielle Hopkins on the birth of their son, Oliver Thomas, on November 29.

**Congratulations** to Byron and Elizabeth Settles on the birth of their son, Benjamin Michael, on November 29.

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

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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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## SMART GIVING

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

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text any amount to: **239.443.5901**

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# CHRISTMAS

## Blue Christmas

December 17 @ 6pm

## Christmas Eve Morning

December 24 @ 10am

## Contemporary Christmas Eve

December 23 @ 5pm

December 24 @ 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

## Traditional Christmas Eve

December 24 @ 9pm

## More times & locations:

[egracechurch.com/christmas](http://egracechurch.com/christmas)

# GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 35,410
Received YTD	\$ 1,497,530



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