

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



***December 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

***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!

**TODAY! December 10th, 3 - 6pm**

Enjoy professional family portraits in time for Christmas! Donations accepted to benefit the Ghana Mission Team.

**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.

**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.

# 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:

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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.



# WEEKLY SCHEDULE

## 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.

**2nd & 4th Thursday of the month** – Food assistance 10:00 – 11:30

**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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