

== *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)

## God's Vision for Grace Church:

To partner with God in transforming people from unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God.

# GRACE NEWS

**COMMUNITY NIGHT OF MUSIC-** This Wednesday, join us for a special night of music and more! Bring your favorite holiday dish to share for our potluck at 6 PM in the Connections Café. Music starts at 7 PM. Don't miss it!

**BLUE CHRISTMAS-** Dealing with loss can make the holidays bittersweet. Come and experience a service of healing and hope, followed by refreshments on next Sunday at 5 PM.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MORNING-** Enjoy your favorite Christmas music on this special morning service at 10 AM.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES-** Celebrate the birth of Christ with Contemporary music and something special for the kids at 5 PM., or celebrate with your favorite Traditional music at 7 PM on Christmas Eve.

**MEN'S MEETING-** The next Men's Meeting and fellowship will be on Thursday, December 21st at 6 PM at the Mix Grill. The topic will be "Where is home?" Recommended reading is Jeremiah 29 versus 1-14.

**NEW MEETING-** A Nar-Anon meeting has started on Wednesday nights at 6:30 PM. In the "Family Room." Nar-Anon is a 12 step support group for family and friends of drug addicts. The focus is to learn from other members' sharing how to take care of ourselves and live a happier life whether the addict stops using or not.

# 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:

## SMART GIVING

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

-OR-

text any amount + "Shores" to:

**239.443.5901**

(like this: 100 Shores)

An effective and time-saving way to give your tithes and offerings without carrying cash or writing checks.



**ANGEL TREE-** Don't forget to drop off your gifts by December 16th.

**JOY GROUP-** Our Annual Christmas Potluck will be held on December 18th at 12 PM. We will fellowship, play games and enjoy delicious food!

## SCHEDULE

### Worship Times:

Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Sunday at 10am (Contemporary)

### Grace Kidz/Youth

**Grace Place** (Infant – 5th grade): Sunday 9:45am

**PrE-Team** (3 - 4yo): Wed. 6-8pm

**E-Team** (5yo to 4th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

**TwEEN Team** (5th & 6th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

**Revolution** (7th grade - High School):

Wednesday from 6-8pm

### Recovery

**AA Meeting:** Mon, Wed, Fri 12pm (Office)

**OA:** Monday 7:30pm (Family Room)

**AA Women's Meeting:** Tuesday 7pm (Office)

**Nar-Anon Meeting:** Wed 6:30pm (Family Rm)

**AA Open Discussion:** Thursday 8pm (Cafe)

**AL Anon:** Friday 12pm (Family Room)

**AA Open Speaker:** Saturday 7pm (Cafe)

## ATTENDANCE

8:30am	10am	Wed.	Total
39	165	156	360

## GIVING

Shores General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 7808.