

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



***December 16-17, 2017***

# MESSAGE NOTES

## *It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without... | Part 4*

*In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a village in Galilee, to a virgin named Mary. She was engaged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of King David.*

Luke 1:26-27 (NLT)

### **How can God change me in the "land between?"**

#### **1. God can ground me in my \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Gabriel appeared to her and said, "Greetings, favored woman! The Lord is with you!"*

Luke 1:28 (NLT)

*Upon entering, Gabriel greeted her: "Good morning! You're beautiful with God's beauty, Beautiful inside and out! God be with you."*

Luke 1:28 (The Message)

#### **2. God can settle me in my \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Confused and disturbed, Mary tried to think what the angel could mean. "Don't be afraid, Mary," the angel told her, "for you have found favor with God! You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. And he will reign over Israel forever; his Kingdom will never end!"*

Luke 1:29-33 (NLT)

#### **3. God can release me for my \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Mary asked the angel, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." The angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God. What's more, your relative Elizabeth has become pregnant in her old age! People used to say she was barren, but she has conceived a son and is now in her sixth month. For the word of God will never fail." Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her.*

Luke 1:34-38 (NLT)

*They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.*

Acts 1:14 (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 - Saturday 9 AM-4 PM.

**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. Stop by the Reach table to sponsor a user-friendly study Bible for a new believer this Christmas.

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

**Time for Grace-** Respite afternoon for those with memory loss and their families. Tuesday, December 19, from 2-4 PM, in the youth room.

**Our Sympathy is extended** to Marsha Newton and Misti St. Pierre in the passing of their husband/father, James Newton, on December 7. A memorial service will be held Monday, December 18 at 3 PM at the Cape Coral campus.

**Our Sympathy is extended** to Buddy and Tonya Roberts in the passing of Buddy's stepfather, Vince Centanne, on December 9.

# 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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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	\$ 33,546
Received YTD	\$ 1,533,772



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