

== *It Wouldn't be* ==

**CHRISTMAS**

*Without...*



***December 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)

## 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

**Celebrate Recovery** - The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage fellowship and to celebrate God's healing power in our lives, working along the road to recovery. Join us Monday nights, for Celebrate Recovery. Free Dinner at 6:15pm, Large Group 6:45pm, small groups at 8pm. Childcare provided. This week we will be a Testimony by Barry.

**Monday Night Youth Group** at 6:30 we meet in the sanctuary and move to the Youth House. If you have a middle or high school student or know of any, we would love to have them join us.

**Wednesday Worship!** Everyone has had to learn to experience the Bible! So join us! We spend some time together worshipping and looking at the bible stories of Jesus. 6:30pm followed by our free community dinner after.

**The SEND Team wants YOU!** Volunteers will be needed to set-up for Christmas Helping Hands on Tuesday, Dec. 19th from 1 - 3 p.m. And volunteers to assist parents with their gift choices will be needed on Wed., Dec. 20 and Thur, Dec. 21, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Please contact Bill Guyn by calling 995-2199 or by email: wdg1949@juno.com

**Christmas Dinner** - Come out and join us Christmas Day at 5:30 for a community dinner. If you are interested in volunteering, please see Rochelle.

# 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)

-OR-

text any amount + "Central" to:

**239.443.5901**

(like this: 100 Central)

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



**Blue Christmas** - If you are missing someone this holiday season or if Christmas.

## SCHEDULE

### Worship Times:

Wednesday @ 6:30pm

*(Free Community Dinner @ 7:30pm)*

Sunday @ 8:30am Breakfast Church

Sunday @ 10am Contemporary Worship

### Grace Kids (Infant - 5th grade)

Wed. @ 6:30pm,

Sunday @ 10

### Youth (Middle and High Schoolers)

Monday @ 6:30

### Recovery

Celebrate Recovery: Monday @ 6:45pm

*(Childcare provided Infant-5th grade)*

*Recovery Meeting Schedule posted on Recovery wall*

### Church Office Hours

Office Hours:

Tuesday 10am-2pm

Wednesday 1pm-4pm

Thursday 9am-12pm

### Fresh Expressions Thrift Store

Thursday– Saturday 9:30am-2:30pm

239.671.1133

## YOU COUNT

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 7038
Received YTD	\$ 80,197
Weekly Attendance	
290	