# = It Wouldn't be == CHRISTIMAS

Without...



## **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)

LUKE 1,20-27 (NLI)
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**

If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunites, 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!

**gBay** – like eBay, but for Grace Church – therefore, gBay! The gBay team receives donations and sells them online to raise money for the church. If you have previously loved items to donate or would like to volunteer please indicate on your Let's Connect card.

**TONIGHT 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 or indicate or 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

### January 13th, Second Saturday of the month

- Grace on the Bay kayaking. Leaving from Vamo Way Park at 9:41am. Bring your own kayak, or call the office or indicate on your Let's Connect Card of you need one and we will arrange that for you.

# 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:				
☐ Public Prayer List ☐ For Pastors Only				
I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:				
I can help with the Christmas Events.				

### **SMART GIVING**

go to: 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.





**Let's Go Fishing Ministry is** now forming to start after the new year. If you would like to be part of the team please call the office or indicate on your Let's Connect Card.

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

**Pastor's Bible Study** - Tuesday mornings, 7:30am at the Vamo Starbucks (8394 S Tamiami Trail) ALL are welcome!

**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, Sprout** - Community breakfast is served at 9:00am followed by food distribution by All Faiths Food Bank from 10:00 – 11:30.

**Community Clothing Connection** - Open during Sprout hours the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00 – 11:30 am.

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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