# = 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."

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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**

**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 Lesson on Hope by Rochelle.

**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 worshiping 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 Thursday, Dec. 21, from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. (You may come for shorter periods, as your schedule allows). Please contact Bill Guyn by calling 995-2199 or by email: wdg1949@juno. com. Or see Joyce Henderson in Bryant Hall on Sundays or Wednesdays.

# 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):		
□ 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 -ORtext 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.





# 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 <u>Youth (Middle and High Schoolers)</u> 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	\$ 1,457	
Received YTD	\$ 65,417	
Weekly Attendance		
269		