

== *It Wouldn't be* ==

CHRISTMAS

Without...



December 24, 2017

MESSAGE NOTES

It Wouldn't Be Christmas Without... | Part 5

That night there were shepherds staying in the fields nearby, guarding their flocks of sheep. Suddenly, an angel of the Lord appeared among them, and the radiance of the Lord's glory surrounded them. They were terrified, but the angel reassured them. "Don't be afraid!" he said. "I bring you good news that will bring great joy to all people. The Savior—yes, the Messiah, the Lord—has been born today in Bethlehem, the city of David! And you will recognize him by this sign: You will find a baby wrapped snugly in strips of cloth, lying in a manger." Suddenly, the angel was joined by a vast host of others—the armies of heaven—praising God and saying, "Glory to God in highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased." When the angels had returned to heaven, the shepherds said to each other, "Let's go to Bethlehem! Let's see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." They hurried to the village and found Mary and Joseph. And there was the baby, lying in the manger. After seeing him, the shepherds told everyone what had happened and what the angel had said to them about this child. All who heard the shepherds' story were astonished, but Mary kept all these things in her heart and thought about them often. The shepherds went back to their flocks, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen. It was just as the angel had told them.

Luke 2:8-20 (NLT)

**Jesus brings indescribable _____ and radical _____ to
fearful and forgotten people who become God-glorifying _____.**

GRACE NEWS

The staff at Grace Church want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed time spent with family and friends this holiday.

A BIG thank you thank you for your generosity! to all that donated or volunteered their time to all of the holiday REACH ministries this season. Hundreds have been blessed by your generosity and love. To God be the Glory!

Year-End Giving - Thank you for your generosity! All gifts received at the church, given online, or postmarked by Sunday, December 31 will be included on year-end contribution statements for 2017. Beginning Monday, January 1, all gifts will be included on contribution statements at the end of 2018. Contact Sharon or Carol for assistance or questions 574.7161.

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 but will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26 for Christmas.

The church office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday, December 25 and 26 as we celebrate Christmas with our families.

Today at the 10 AM service, we celebrate the baptism of Benjamin Michael Settles born November 29, 2017. He is the son of Byron & Elizabeth Settles, grandson of Pastor Cindy Jones, and great-grandson of Rev. William & Anne Jones.

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: _____

Public Prayer List For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

SMART GIVING

go to: egracechurch.com/give

-OR-

text any amount to: **239.443.5901**

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



CHRISTMAS

Contemporary Christmas Eve

Today @ 3pm, 5pm, 7pm

Traditional Christmas Eve

Today @ 9pm

More times & locations:

egracechurch.com/christmas

SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Saturday @ 5pm | Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am,

Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Grace Place (Infant - 5th grade): Sat. @ 5pm,

Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am

Planet 45 (4th & 5th): Sunday at 10am

Revolution (Middle School + High School):

Wednesday from 6:30-8:15pm

Recovery

Friday @ 6:45pm

GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 46,286
Received YTD	\$ 1,580,058



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