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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

If you want more information or to volunteer with any of these opportunities, please make a note on the Let's Connect card.

9:41 - Why does church start at 9:41 on Sunday? Matthew 9:37-38 says 'Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." We are praying for laborers and we are praying that God would equip us to be harvesters! Set your phone alarm and join us in praying at 9:41 am every day for our community, and the (941) area code.

TONIGHT - Contemporary Candlelight Christmas Eve at 9:41 pm - Celebrate the birth of Christ with traditional carols and Holy Communion.

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.

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 if you need one and we will arrange that for you.

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.

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.

