

== *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 \_\_\_\_\_.**

## 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

**CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES TONIGHT** - Celebrate the birth of Christ with Contemporary music and something special for the kids at 5 PM, or celebrate with your favorite Traditional music at 7 PM.

**HUNGER WALK**-The Annual Harry Chapin Hunger Walk is Saturday, January 20th. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and walk starts at 9:30 AM. Each dollar donated allows us to buy \$8.00 dollars' worth of food! This fundraiser supports our food pantry for the year which includes 2nd Saturday and Wednesday nights. You can donate at [Harrychapinfb.dojiggy.com](http://Harrychapinfb.dojiggy.com). Our team name is "loving the 239."

**NEW MESSAGE SERIES** - As wonderful and important weekly worship together is, God seems to do his best work in and through us when we circle up with others. In circles we are knee - to - knee with each other, and can look each other in the eyes. In our next sermon series, titled "Circle Up" we will discover the types of spiritual friendships we need to live richly and deeply in Christ together.

**WHAT IS EMMAUS?** The Emmaus Walk is a 3 day retreat that encourages and renews commitments to Christ, and it is life changing! Ask anyone who has gone and they will affirm that the Walk played an important role in their faith journey. The Men's Walk is March 15-18, and the Women's Walk is March 22-25, at the Port Labelle Inn, in air conditioned comfort. Interested in growing in your walk with God? Contact Pastor Shari for more information, or say YES to the person who's been after you to go! Applications in the Welcome Area.

# 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](http://egracechurch.com/give)

-OR-

text any amount + "Shores" to:

**239.443.5901**

(like this: 100 Shores)

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# SCHEDULE

## Worship Times:

Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Sunday at 10am (Contemporary)

## Grace Kidz/Youth

**Grace Place** (Infant – 5th grade): Sunday 9:45am

**PrE-Team** (3 - 4yo): Wed. 6-8pm

**E-Team** (5yo to 4th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

**TwEEN Team** (5th & 6th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

**Revolution** (7th grade - High School):

Wednesday from 6-8pm

## Recovery

**AA Meeting:** Mon, Wed, Fri 12pm (Office)

**OA:** Monday & Thursday 7:30pm (Family Room)

**Daniel Plan:** Tuesday 1pm (Room 2)

**AA Women's Meeting:** Tuesday 7pm (Office)

**AA Open Discussion:** Thursday 8pm (Cafe)

**AL Anon:** Friday 12pm (Family Room)

**AA Open Speaker:** Saturday 7pm (Cafe)

# ATTENDANCE

| 8:30am | 10am | Wed. | Total |
|--------|------|------|-------|
| 58     | 133  | 217  | 408   |

# GIVING

| Shores General Fund |          |
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| Last Week           | \$ 4,996 |

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