

== *It Wouldn't be* ==

CHRISTMAS

Without...



December 30-31, 2017

How can I respond to this messy part of the Christmas story?

1. I can _____ the King or not.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him." King Herod was deeply disturbed when he heard this, as was everyone in Jerusalem.

Matthew 2:1-3 (NLT)

2. I can _____ the King or not.

Then Herod called for a private meeting with the wise men, and he learned from them the time when the star first appeared. Then he told them, "Go to Bethlehem and search carefully for the child. And when you find him, come back and tell me so that I can go and worship him, too!" After this interview the wise men went their way. And the star they had seen in the east guided them to Bethlehem. It went ahead of them and stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:7-11 (NLT)

3. I can _____ the King or not.

When it was time to leave, they returned to their own country by another route, for God had warned them in a dream not to return to Herod. After the wise men were gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up! Flee to Egypt with the child and his mother," the angel said. "Stay there until I tell you to return, because Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

Matthew 2:12-13 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

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, January 1, for New Year's day.

The church office will be closed on Monday, January 1, for New Year's day.

Help with Taxes – Grace Church partners with AARP to offer free tax preparation to our neighbors. Volunteer jobs include greeting, administrative duties, and preparing taxes (training provided). Call Cheryl Wilcox at 239.671.0087.

GED tutors needed as we reignite our program beginning with an informational dinner on Monday, January 18. Tutors are needed for Monday and/or Thursday evenings from 5:30 - 8PM. Training will be provided by experienced tutors. For more information, contact LaNelle Brown at (703) 395.2978.

Bible study at the Fresh Expressions Boutique begins Thursday, January 11, at 10 AM. Start the new year with God living in you and new friends!

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.



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	\$ 79,213
Received YTD	\$ 1,659,271

