

== *It Wouldn't be* ==

**CHRISTMAS**

*Without...*



***December 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)

## 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 testimony by Kristy S.

**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 worshipping and looking at the bible stories of Jesus. 6:30pm followed by our free community dinner.

**Men's Breakfast** - Fun, Food, and Fellowship Sat January 6th at 9:30am. All men are invited to join us. Proverbs 27:17 As irons sharpens iron so one friend sharpens another friend.

**Removal of the greens**....what goes up must come down and we need your help join us Saturday January 6th at 10:30 a.m. to help remove the Christmas decorations and pack them up for next year.

# 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): \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 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 + "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

## Youth (Middle and High Schoolers)

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	\$ 3,316
Received YTD	\$ 84,189
Weekly Attendance	
336	