

== *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

A heartfelt thank you to all for the wonderful and generous Christmas gift. I truly love being your pastor and have been blessed by you all this advent season!

Get faithful and fit in 2018! Body and Spirit will begin on Tuesday, January 16th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a time of low impact exercise followed by faith discussion and prayer to strengthen our bodies and souls in the new year. All are welcome!

Sunday, January 21st is our next family potluck after the worship service! Meat, dessert, and beverages provided. Bring a side dish to share!

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:

GIVE BACK TO GOD ONLINE!

go to: egracechurch.com/give

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

1. Scan **QR CODE** with any Smart Phone.
2. Set up an **ONLINE** giving plan with Grace Church.



SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Sunday @ 11:30am (Traditional)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Sunday School Sunday @10am

Children's Ministry Sunday @ 11:30am
(during service)

YOU COUNT

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 857
Received YTD	\$ 19,726

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