

Come Alive | Part 5

My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20 (NLT)

> The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. 1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT)

#### How can I die to isolation and come alive to God's beloved community?

1. Value the \_\_\_\_\_\_ in others in the Body of Christ.

Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit. Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part. If the foot says, "I am not a part of the body because I am not a hand," that does not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear? Or if your whole body were an ear, how would you smell anything? But our bodies have many parts, and God has put each part just where he wants it. How strange a body would be if it had only one part! 1 Corinthians 12:13-19 (NLT)

2. Learn to \_\_\_\_\_\_ on others in the Body of Christ.

Yes, there are many parts, but only one body. The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." 1 Corinthians 12:20-21 (NLT)

3. Risk \_\_\_\_\_\_ for others in the Body of Christ.

In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary. And the parts we regard as less honorable are those we clothe with the greatest care. So we carefully protect those parts that should not be seen, while the more honorable parts do not require this special care. So God has put the body together such that extra honor and care are given to those parts that have less dignity. This makes for harmony among the members, so that all the members care for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it, and if one part is honored, all the parts are glad. 1 Corinthians 12:22-26 (NLT)

> All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it. 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NLT)

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

All hands on deck needed! We have lots of volunteer opportunities to serve during Easter week! Will you serve food at the baptisms on Good Friday, help with the Easter egg hunt on Saturday, be a greeter or help in the parking lot on Easter Sunday, or be a ticket taker at the boat at Easter Sunrise service? This is a great opportunity to plug in and serve others. Please stop by the Gathering place after service to sign up!

Easter Sunrise boat Cruise – After the service today in the Gathering Place, you can register as well as pick up tickets.

Yard Sale! Saturday, March 24th 9:00 am – noon. Great time for Spring Cleaning! Reserve a spot for free, tables available for \$5.00. Or, donate your items. Proceeds go towards the Ghana Mission team. Stop by for some great finds! Contact the office or indicate on your Let's Connect card for more information.

**Partnership** – If you call Grace Church your spiritual home and are ready to partner with us as we partner with God to transform unbelievers to fully devoted disciples of Jesus to the glory of God, please indicate on your connect card. We will be receiving new partners into our church family, April 8th, the Sunday after Easter. Join us on Sunday, March 25th, after the service in the conference room for more information.

Walk to Emmaus - is a 4 day spiritual retreat for those who have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others in our homes, communities, churches and places of work. The men's walk is April 12 (in the evening) – April 15 (evening). The women's walk is April 19 (evening) – April 22 (evening). Applications are available at the info desk in the lobby or indicate on your Let's Connect Card that you would like more information.

# LET'S CONNECT

#### PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date: /	/		□ 1st Time Visitor			
How did you hear about Grace Church?						
Name:		-				
Address:						
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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.

# **PRAYER REQUESTS**

PRAY FOR:	-				
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Public Prayer List	□ For Pasto	rs Only			
I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:					

## **SMART GIVING**

#### go to: egracechurch.com/give -ORtext any amount + "Sarasota" to: 239.205.3123

(like this: 100 Sarasota)

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



**SWFL Christian Counseling** will have office hours here at the church on Wednesdays from 10 am – 6 pm. Call their office at 239-301-4464 to schedule an appointment or for more information.

Maundy Thursday Service – March 29th at 6:30pm

**Good Friday** - Beach Baptisms and cookout at Turtle Beach Pavilion - March 30th – Dinner at 6:00 pm followed by baptisms. If you are interested in being Baptized, please indicate on your 'Let's Connect' card!

**Easter Egg Hunt** Saturday, March 31st, 10:00 am – noon. Lots of fun and games too! Bring the kids and their friends!

**Easter Sunrise Service** April 1st, On board LeBarge Tropical Cruises, 2 Marina Plaza (near Marina Jacks). Boarding starts at 6:30 am, departure promptly at 7:00 am returning at 8:15 am. REGISTATION/TICKET required at no charge. Register online at www. egracechurch/events

Easter Service April 1st at 9:41 am

**Dream Big** – We invite you to join the Operations Team in praying for the top three areas of need for our church.

- High top tables and chairs for Worship Center, \$350.00 per set, 5 sets \$1750.00
- A fresh look for the Vamo Road side of the building \$5500.00
- Much needed Safety system \$3000.00 If you feel lead to give a gift towards any of these, please contact Pastor Patti.



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