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**AUGUST 5, 2018**

**SUMMER CELEBRATION**

# MESSAGE NOTES

## Summer Celebration

**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.

**Reach** - Engage and invite people to experience the love of God.

**Connect** people to God, to God's purpose for their lives, and to other Christ followers.

**Form** people to be more like Jesus and to become a follower(or disciple) of Jesus.

**Send** people into the world to serve Jesus everywhere from around the corner to around the world. (disciples make disciples!)

*Listen, it's the voice of someone shouting, "clear the way through the wilderness for the Lord! Make a straight highway through the wasteland for our God! Fill in the valleys, and level the mountains and hills. Straighten the curves, and smooth out the rough places. Then the glory of the Lord will be revealed and all people will see it together The Lord has spoken!" Isaiah 40: 3-5*

*In those days John the Baptist came to the Judean wilderness and began preaching. His message was, "Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near." The prophet Isaiah was speaking about John when he said, "He is a voice shouting in the wilderness, Prepare the way for the Lord's coming! Clear the road for him!" Matthew 3: 1-3*

# GRACE NEWS

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

**What's up with the 9:41?** Why do the church bells chime at 9:41 every day? Why does church start at 9:41 on Sunday? Matthew 9:37-38 says 'Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field." We are praying for laborers and we are praying that God would equip us to be harvesters! Set your phone alarm and join us in praying at 9:41 every day for our community, and the (941) area code. Use the enclosed prayer card to pray scripturally.

**Shoes of Hope Volunteers** – Please plan to attend the meeting on August 7th at 7:00 pm to finalize preparations.

**Kayaking** – Saturday, August 11th at 9:41 am leaving from Vamo Drive Park. If you need a kayak, just let the office know and we will have a kayak for you.

**Partnership class** – Are you curious about what it means to partner with Grace Church? Learn about what God's vision for Grace Church is, how you fit in and what the expectations of a partnership are on August 26th, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm Lunch will be provided! Please call the office or indicate on your 'Connect' card if you are interested.

**Acts 2:42 Gathering** – NEW series starting - Grace Taking Shape - What is one thing that comes naturally to you? Whether singing or drawing, leading or compassion, you are gifted. You are "SHAPED" for a vital role in God's plan for the world and for Grace Church! We are on mission and your gift is vital to the mission! Come join us on Thursday nights starting Aug 9 to discover your unique SHAPE and where you might jump in at Grace Church., potluck at 6:00 pm, class from 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

# LET'S CONNECT

PLEASE TEAR OUT AND DROP IN BOXES AS YOU EXIT

Date:     /     /      1st Time Visitor

How did you hear about Grace Church?

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 + "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.



**University of the Holy Spirit** – 8:30 am – 9:30 am, in the Starting Point room, Join us to discuss the Bible Reading of the day following the 'One Word' version of UHS. All are welcome!

**Walk to Emmaus** – A four-day spiritual retreat is coming up. More information and applications are available at the info desk.

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

**Pastor Bible study** – Tuesdays at 7:30 am, meets in the Boat House.

**Fishing Club** – 2nd Tuesday of the month from 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Boat House - Learn from a speaker and 'hook-up' with fellow fisherman. Dinner available for \$5.00.

**City Commit** – Men's group, Wednesday mornings 6:30am-8:00am in the conference room

**Step Up** – AA meeting Wednesday mornings at 7:00 am in the Gathering Place Meeting room.

**Prayer hour** – Wednesdays, noon – 1 pm in the Worship Center. Come join us in praying for our church, our neighborhoods, the 941, & the nations. Come if you are in need of prayer.

**Praise & Worship practice** – Wednesdays, 6:00 – 8:30 – Do you play an instrument or sing? Interested in behind the scene, lighting, sound, graphics? Come find out more about joining the Tech or Praise Team.

**Sprout** - 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month - Community breakfast is served at 9:00am followed by food distribution by All Faiths Food Bank from 10:00 – 11:30.

**Community Clothing Connection** - Open the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month from 10:00 – 11:30 am. Most items are only \$1.00.



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