

A photograph of a group of people in a meeting or presentation. In the foreground, a person's hands are visible holding a smartphone. To the right, another person is holding an open brochure or magazine. The background shows other people and a room with posters or charts on the wall. The entire image has a red color overlay.

B E T T E R

T O G E T H E R

September 23, 2018

MESSAGE NOTES

Better Together | Part 1

And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 (NLT)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NLT)

Why are we better together?

1. Together we reject a culture of _____.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...

2. Together we reject a culture of _____.

They devoted themselves to...fellowship...

3. Together we reject a culture of _____.

They devoted themselves to...the breaking of bread....

4. Together we reject a culture of _____.

They devoted themselves to ...prayer.

A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people.

And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:43-47 (NLT)

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. 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 prayer card available at the Info Desk to pray scripturally.

Ghana Mission Prayer Partners – Prayer is as important to a mission trip as physically going! Be part of the Ghana mission by praying over the team when they leave from the church TODAY 2:30 then each night thereafter at 6:30pm in the Worship Center. Specific prayer requests will be sent from Ghana daily.

1 Year Anniversary! Join us on October 7th at 9:41 am to celebrate, hear testimonies from the Ghana Mission team, bless the 'new' Children's Ministry Area and for World Communion Day.

Night of Worship – October 7th at 7:00 pm We will be celebrating the 1-year anniversary of our Grand Opening! Bring a friend and join us for a night of Praise & Worship.

Beatles Tribute Show and Gourmet Dinner – Friday, October 5th, In the Gathering Place. Come hear world class musicians that will take you back to the 60's and enjoy a chef prepared dinner. Tickets are \$34.00 per person. Doors open at 5:45. Advanced ticket purchase only – at egracechurch.com/events.

Small Groups – We will be starting a new 6-week small group series October 7th – November 11. There will be various dates/times/locations available!! Please check the box on your Let's Connect card if interested.

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: _____

_____ 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

PRAY FOR: _____

Public Prayer List For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

SMALL GROUPS

I want to join a small group.

SMART GIVING

go to: 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.



Nursing Home Ministry – Are you a compassionate, caring person? Then you are just the person we need to join our team taking Jesus to nursing homes! There will be an informational meeting after the service on October 7th, at 11:00 in the conference room. We especially need a computer/tech-savvy person!

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

University of the Holy Spirit Bible Study – Sundays, 8:30am – 9:30am in the back of the Gathering Place.

Pastor Bible study – Tuesdays at 7:30 am, meets in the Gathering Place.

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 in the Worship Center

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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