

A group of people in a meeting, with one person holding a smartphone and another holding a brochure. The image is overlaid with a red and teal gradient.

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T O G E T H E R

*September 30, 2018*

*May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God.*

Ephesians 3:19 (NLT)

### **How can I continually experience the love of God?**

#### **1. Cultivate my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"I am the true grapevine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch of mine that doesn't produce fruit, and he prunes the branches that do bear fruit so they will produce even more. You have already been pruned and purified by the message I have given you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you. For a branch cannot produce fruit if it is severed from the vine, and you cannot be fruitful unless you remain in me. Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.*

*Anyone who does not remain in me is thrown away like a useless branch and withers. Such branches are gathered into a pile to be burned. But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted! When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father."*

John 15:1-8 (NLT)

#### **2. Cultivate my relationship with \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"I have loved you even as the Father has loved me. Remain in my love. When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love, just as I obey my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you these things so that you will be filled with my joy. Yes, your joy will overflow! This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you slaves, because a master doesn't confide in his slaves. Now you are my friends, since I have told you everything the Father told me. You didn't choose me. I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce lasting fruit, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask for, using my name. This is my command: Love each other."*

John 15:9-17 (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](http://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?

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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

PRAY FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

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## SMALL GROUPS

I want to join a small group.

## 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.



**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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