



CHARACTER

DEVELOPMENT

November 25, 2018

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

Esther 4:12-17 (NIV)

How do I as a Christ follower courageously respond to "Kingdom opportunities?"

1. Rely on my _____.
2. Die to _____.
3. Embrace _____.

Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far, to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month when their sorrow was turned into joy and their mourning into a day of celebration. He wrote them to observe the days as days of feasting and joy and giving presents of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

Esther 9:20-22 (NIV)

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

Celebrate Recovery –The purpose of Celebrate Recovery is to encourage fellowship and to celebrate God's healing power in our lives, working along the road to recovery from addictions and afflictions. Join us on Monday nights, Free Dinner at 6:00pm, Large Group 6:45pm, small groups at 8pm. Childcare provided. Join us this week for a lesson by Pastor Arlene on Step 1.

Wednesday Worship - Join us! We will spend some time together for a worship and this week is music night at 6:30pm followed by our free community dinner after.

Christmas Dinner - We are in need of donations for the kitchen for Christmas Dinner. We are looking for canned green beans, packaged stuffing, and cranberry sauce or financial contributions. Please see Shari in the kitchen if this is something you are able to assist with.

Men's Breakfast - Fun, Food, and Fellowship. Sat December 1 at 9:30am. All men are invited to join us. Proverbs 27:17 As irons sharpens iron so one friend sharpens another friend.

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:

SMART GIVING

go to: egracechurch.com/give

-OR-

text any amount + "Central" to:

239.205.3123

(like this: 100 Central)

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



SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Wednesday @ 6:30pm

(Free Community Dinner @ 7:30pm)

Sunday @ 8:30am Breakfast Church

Sunday @ 10am Contemporary Worship

Grace Kids (Infant - 5th grade)

Wed. @ 6:30pm,

Sunday @ 10

Youth (Middle and High Schoolers)

Monday @ 6:30

Recovery

Celebrate Recovery: Monday @ 6:45pm

(Childcare provided Infant-5th grade)

Recovery Meeting Schedule posted on

Recovery wall

Church Office Hours

Office Hours:

Tuesday 10am-2pm

Wednesday 1pm-4pm

Thursday 9am-12pm

Fresh Expressions Thrift Store

Thursday– Saturday 9:30am–2:30pm

239.671.1133

YOU COUNT

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 2,266
Received YTD	\$ 80,476
Weekly Attendance	
342	