

A manger filled with hay and a white cloth, set against a starry night sky. The manger is made of dark wood and is supported by two legs. The hay is piled high around the white cloth. The background is a dark, starry night sky with a gradient of colors from dark blue to green. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

December 2, 2018

MESSAGE NOTES

What's in a Name? | Part 1

Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. The land of Zebulun and Naphtali will be humbled, but there will be a time in the future when Galilee of the Gentiles, which lies along the road that runs between the Jordan and the sea, will be filled with glory.

Isaiah 9:1 (NLT)

How can I have hope this Christmas?

1. I can let Jesus be my _____ in the midst of _____.

The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine.

Isaiah 9:2 (NLT)

2. I can let Jesus be my _____ in the midst of _____.

You will enlarge the nation of Israel, and its people will rejoice. They will rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest and like warriors dividing the plunder.

Isaiah 9:3 (NLT)

3. I can let Jesus be my _____ in the midst of _____.

For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders. You will break the oppressor's rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian. The boots of the warrior and the uniforms bloodstained by war will all be burned. They will be fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 9:4-5 (NLT)

4. I can let Jesus be my _____ in the midst of _____.

For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His government and its peace will never end. He will rule with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will make this happen!

Isaiah 9:6-7 (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. 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 prayer card available at the Info Desk to pray scripturally.

Christmas Crafts with Kidz – Saturday, December 8th, 10:00 am – noon Join us for crafts, decorating cookies and the Christmas story.

Grace on the Bay Kayaking - Saturday, December 8th, 9:41 am. We are kayaking from Vamo Drive park, bring your own or call the office at 941-966-3306 and we will bring one for you.

Night of Christmas Classics – Sunday, December 9th, 7:00 pm Come enjoy a night of favorite holiday carols.

Fishing Club Meeting – Tuesday, December 11th, Join us for dinner at 6:30pm, meeting 7:00 – 8:30
Parent's Night Out – Friday, December 14th, 5:00 – 8:00 pm, Drop of the kids and do some Christmas shopping or have a date night! Pizza and snacks provided.

Blue Christmas – Sunday, December 16, 7:00 pm A service of healing and hope.

Trolley Time – Friday, December 21, 6:00 pm – Sing Christmas carols, tour lighted neighborhoods, enjoy hot chocolate and make new friends.

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.



A Time for Grace, Brookdale now forming to take the Grace Church service to an Assisted Living facility. We are looking for all kinds of help, from greeters, to tech, to worship, no experience required. For more information, indicate on your connect card.

Caring Meals - We are looking to provide meals for folks a couple of times a week. Are you willing to cook? Deliver? Stay and visit or have dinner with a hurting soul? Indicate on your connect card or call the office for more information.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Explore the Bible – Sundays, 8:30am – 9:30am in 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 Gathering Place - 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

Grace on the Bay Kayaking – 2nd Saturday of the month, leaving from Vamo Drive Park at 9:41am. Bring your own kayak or call the office and we will bring one for you!



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