

A photograph of a manger filled with hay and a white cloth, set against a dark, starry night sky. The manger is supported by two wooden legs and sits on a rocky, uneven ground. The sky is filled with numerous small, bright stars, creating a sense of a clear, dark night. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

December 9, 2018

MESSAGE NOTES

What's in a Name? | Part 2

As he considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream. "Joseph, son of David," the angel said, "do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife. For the child within her was conceived by the Holy Spirit. And she will have a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." All of this occurred to fulfill the Lord's message through his prophet: "Look! The virgin will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

Matthew 1:20-23 (NLT)

How can I experience the guaranteed presence of Jesus?

1. When I _____.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Matthew 18:20 (NIV)

2. When I _____.

"Then these righteous ones will reply, 'Lord, when did we ever see you hungry and feed you? Or thirsty and give you something to drink? Or a stranger and show you hospitality? Or naked and give you clothing? When did we ever see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!'"

Matthew 25:37-40 (NLT)

3. When I _____.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Matthew 28:19-20 (NLT)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39 (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.

Trolley Elves – We need SEVERAL volunteers to help the night of the trolley tours. If you can help for an hour or so on the 21st at some time between 6 – 10pm, please plan to attend an informational meeting next Sunday, the 16th from 11:00am – noon.

Fishing Club Meeting – Tuesday, December 11th, Join us for a special Christmas meeting this month. Dinner at 6:30pm, meeting 7:00 – 8:30.

A Hunger for Healing for Women – January 16th, 6:30 – 8:00pm Join Pastor Patti on Wednesdays from 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Learn how to apply the Twelve Steps to alleviate emotional pain and stress for practical spiritual growth in Christ. Indicate on your connect card or call the office to register.

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. Infants through 5th grade.

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

Trolley Time – Friday, December 21, 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm Sing Christmas carols, enjoy hot chocolate and make new friends. Trolleys will leave the church every half hour to Enander's Winter Wonderland, where you can walk through their glittering display, then catch a trolley back to Grace Church.

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.



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 - 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 9:41 am. Bring your own kayak or call the office and we will bring one for you!



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