

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 dark legs. The ground is dark and rocky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

December 15-16, 2018

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him."

John 3:16-17 (NIV)

Where will the love of God in Jesus go to reach and redeem me?

1. Jesus goes _____ to reach and redeem me.

But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel, whose origins are in the distant past, will come from you on my behalf.

Micah 5:2 (NLT)

Philip went to look for Nathanael and told him, "We have found the very person Moses and the prophets wrote about! His name is Jesus, the son of Joseph from Nazareth." "Nazareth!" exclaimed Nathanael. "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" "Come and see for yourself," Philip replied.

John 1:45-46 (NLT)

2. Jesus goes _____ to reach and redeem me.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the reign of King Herod. About that time some wise men from eastern lands arrived in Jerusalem, asking, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star as it rose, and we have come to worship him."

Matthew 2:1-2 (NLT)

When they saw the star, they were filled with joy! They entered the house and saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasure chests and gave him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

Matthew 2:10-11 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

Hospitality volunteers needed for Christmas Eve services. If your gift is hospitality and you would like to help, please call or email Sherry Nisbet at 574.7161 or snisbet@gracechurch.com. Areas to serve are greeters, ushers, parking lot, refreshments, and more.

Christmas cookies needed for J. Colin English Elementary School for their 5th grade music program. Please drop cookies off at the church office by 10 AM on Thursday, December 20. Thank you.

A Time for Grace (respite for those with memory loss) – Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 18 from 2-4 PM in the Youth Room.

Prayer Shawl Small Group – will meet Tuesday, December 18 at 10:15 AM at the home of Pastor Cindy. Please call or email Pastor Cindy for directions.

Ortiz Avenue Flea Market Fresh Expression Team is looking to add more team members on Sunday mornings. For more information, contact Sandra Martinez at 878.3694.

The Gathering Table Café & Consignment – Help us decorate our tree! If you donate an ornament for our tree, you will receive a \$5 off coupon that you can use the same day. We also have perfect last-minute Christmas presents from our friends at Exceptional Entrepreneurs and local consignment artists. Our store is open Monday through Saturday 8 AM-4 PM, and we are located at 601 Del Prado Blvd N. in the North Cape Crossing Plaza.

Food Pantry Ministry - The current needs are shelf-stable milk, jelly, and cereal. We are running low on these staple items so any help would be appreciated. We take all non-perishable food donations. Food can be dropped off at the table in the foyer. Thank you for your donations!

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

How did you hear about Grace Church?

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 to: 239.205.3123

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



Lee Memorial Bloodmobile – The Bloodmobile will be at the Cape Coral campus on Sunday, December 23 from 9:30 to 1 PM to receive blood donations.

The Walk to Emmaus is a 3-day spiritual retreat where many people at Grace Church have grown closer to God. If you are looking for the “next step” in your spiritual growth, consider this experience. The Walk for men is February 7-10, and The Walk for women is February 14-17. Details and application in the lobby at the Starting Point.

SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Saturday @ 5pm | Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am,
Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Grace Place (Infant - 5th grade): Sat. @ 5pm,
Sunday @ 10 & 11:30am

Planet 45 (4th & 5th): Sunday at 10am

Revolution (Middle School + High School):
Wednesday from 6:30-8:30pm

Recovery

Friday @ 6:45pm

GIVING

General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 38,438
Received YTD	\$ 1,523,265