

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.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

December 22-23, 2018

In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

Luke 1:26-27 (NLT)

What does it mean for us to carry the name "Christian?"

1. God has given me a new _____.

The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you."

Luke 1:28 (NIV)

2. God has given me a new _____.

Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:29-33 (NIV)

*Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true."
And then the angel left her.*

Luke 1:38 (NLT)

They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

Acts 1:14 (NLT)

GRACE NEWS

The staff at Grace Church want to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a blessed time spent with family and friends this holiday.

The church office will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday, December 25 and 26 as we celebrate Christmas with our families.

Year-End Giving – Thank you for your generosity! All gifts received online or postmarked by Monday, December 31 will be included on year-end contribution statements for 2018. Checks or money dropped off at the church will need to be here by noon Monday, December 31. Beginning Tuesday, January 1, all gifts will be included on contribution statements at the end of 2019. Questions, contact Sharon or Carol at 574.7161.

Healing from Divorce – a 7 week study beginning Monday, January 14 from 6:45-8 PM at The Gathering Table. This group is for anyone struggling through divorce or separation. Contact Carol at cmusselman@gracechurch.com or 574.7161.

Grace Cancer Support Group – Thursday, January 3 from 7-8 PM at The Gathering Table. Come to an informal gathering for family and friends dealing with a cancer diagnosis and treatments.

Loss of Spouse Seminar – Saturday, January 5 from 1:30-3 PM at The Gathering Table. Please register to receive a book. Contact Pastor Cindy with questions at 574.7161.

The Gathering Table Café & Consignment – We will be open 8 AM to noon on Christmas Eve, and we are closed Christmas Day and December 26. We will be open normal hours and accepting donations for the remainder of the week. We are located at 601 Del Prado N. in the North Cape Crossing Plaza.

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.



Grandparents Parenting Grandchildren Support Group – Sunday, January 6 at 11:30 AM in Room 4. This is a support group for grandparents who parent their grandchildren in some sort of capacity.

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.

Food Pantry Ministry - The current needs are shelf-stable milk, jelly, and cereal. We take all non-perishable food donations. Food can be dropped off at the table in the foyer.

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.

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	\$ 40,712
Received YTD	\$ 1,563,977