

A night scene with a starry sky and a table of straw. The sky is dark with many small, bright stars. In the foreground, a table made of dark wood or stone stands on a rocky, uneven ground. The table is covered with a thick layer of straw and sticks, and a white cloth is draped over the center. The overall mood is mysterious and contemplative.

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

December 30, 2018

In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it.

John 1:1-5 (NLT)

What do I do with the gift?

1. I _____ with everyone...

God sent a man, John the Baptist, to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

John 1:6-9 (NLT)

2. ...because the gift _____ ...

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

John 1:12-13 (NLT)

3. ... and because the gift _____ .

From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

John 1:16-18 (NLT)

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

YEAR-END GIVING– Thank you for your generosity! All gifts received at the church, given online, or postmarked by Monday, December 31, will be included on year-end contribution statements for 2018. Beginning Tuesday, January 1, all gifts will be included on contribution statements at the end of 2019. Contact Sharon or Carol for assistance or questions at 239-574- 7161.

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUP- We are starting a new study called Boundaries: When to Say Yes, How to Say No, to Take Control of Your Life by Henry Cloud & John Townsend. Starting Tuesday, January 8th from 1-2:30 PM in Classroom 2. For more information contact Jen Bunt at 239-789-9350.

DISCIPLE III- Next Sunday, January 6th we will begin the second part of the Disciple III: Remember Who You Are course, which covers "The Letters of Paul." All are welcome! If you're interested, please contact Donna Visness at 239-415-1538.

HUNGER WALK-The Annual Harry Chapin Hunger Walk is Saturday, January 19th. Registration begins at 8:30 AM and walk starts at 9:30 AM. Each dollar donated allows us to buy \$8.00 dollars' worth of food! This fundraiser supports our food pantry for the year which includes 2nd Saturday and Wednesday nights. You can donate at harrychapinfb.dojiggy.com. Our team name is "loving the 239." Contact Lillian Faber at 239-339-7362.

SPAGHETTI DINNER- Boy Scout Troop 80 is having their Annual Spaghetti Dinner Saturday, January 19th, from 4:30 PM-6:30 PM in the Connections Café. Tickets are on sale now! Adults \$6.00 Children under 10 for \$3.50. Contact Stan Wise at 239-826-5906.

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 Partner
 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 + "Shores" to:

239.205.3123

(like this: 100 Shores)

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



SCHEDULE

Worship Times:

Sunday at 8:30am (Traditional)

Sunday at 10am (Contemporary)

Grace Kidz/Youth

Grace Place (Infant – 5th grade): Sunday 9:45am

PrE-Team (3 - 4yo): Wed. 6-8pm

E-Team (5yo to 4th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

TwEEN Team (5th & 6th grade): Wed. 6-8pm

Revolution (7th grade - High School):

Wednesday from 6-8pm

Recovery

AA Meeting: Mon, Wed, Fri 12pm (Office)

AA Men's Meeting: Monday 7 PM (Office)

AA Women's Meeting: Tuesday 7pm (Office)

NAR-Anon Meeting: Wed. 6:30pm (Family Rm)

AA Open Discussion: Thursday 8pm (Cafe)

AL Anon: Friday 12pm (Family Room)

AA Open Speaker: Saturday 7pm (Cafe)

ATTENDANCE

8:30am	10am	Wed.	Total
64	157	94	315

GIVING

Shores General Fund	
Last Week	\$ 3,716