

A manger filled with hay and a white cloth, set against a starry night sky. The manger is made of dark wood and stands on a rocky, uneven ground. The sky is dark with many small, bright stars. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

# WHAT'S IN A NAME?

***December 29-30, 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)

# GRACE NEWS

**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 needs to be here by noon on 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.

**The church office will be closed** Tuesday, January 1, for New Year's Day.

**The Gathering Table Café & Consignment** – We are closed Tuesday, January 1. We are located at 601 Del Prado N. in the North Cape Crossing Plaza.

**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.

**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@egracechurch.com](mailto:cmusselman@egracechurch.com) or 574.7161.

**Open Bible Study** – Thursdays from 10-11 AM at The Gathering Table. Join Pastor Cindy as she goes deeper into the lesson from the sermon.

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

**New Grief Support Groups**, led by Pastor Cindy, begin Wednesday, January 9 from 1:30-3 PM at The Gathering Table and 6:30-8 PM at the Cape Coral campus in Room 3.

**Mommy and Me**, a time for play and conversation, Friday, January 5 from 1-3 PM at The Gathering Table.

# 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?

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Public Prayer List     For Pastors Only

I WOULD LIKE INFORMATION ABOUT:

## SMART GIVING

go to: [egracechurch.com/give](http://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.

**Junior/Senior High School Trip** – All 11th and 12th graders are invited to join us February 2-3 at Rock the Universe at Universal Studios for the day to enjoy rides, Christian concerts, and time talking about faith beyond high school. Cost is \$200, includes ticket to the park, transportation, and night in hotel. Register online at [egracechurch.com/events](http://egracechurch.com/events).

**Enough Conference 2019** – January 25-26, Grace Youth (middle and high school) will partner with other youth ministries in Cape Coral and Fort Myers to host Enough Conference 2019 at Island Coast High School. Enough Conference is games, worship, messages, and discussion times. Cost is \$40. Register online at [egracechurch.com/events](http://egracechurch.com/events).

## 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	\$ 45,587
Received YTD	\$ 1,609,565